

BIO – VICKI KINAI

Vicki Kinai is from PNG, originally Mt. Hagen and now lives in Melbourne. She is highly recognized for Practicing her Cultural Art, the traditional 'Bilum Weaving' an integral culture of women in PNG. She has won 3 prestigious AWARDS for sharing this unique culture and connecting with people in communities across Australia, mainly Victoria. She received 2 Emerge Ambassadors Awards from Multicultural Arts Victoria (MAV) in 2014 & 2017, and in 2015, she received the Aunty Sana Arts Award from the Pacific Contemporary Arts Festival.

For Vicki, living overseas has not replaced nor devalued this unique art practice but instead, inspired and deepened her awareness of the importance to practice and preserve this traditional craft. She has adapted the weaving technique to create wearable art and installations with other local and international artists. Every piece she creates tells a story, that connects her to people, place and land of Australia or her birthplace of PNG. Every creation has relevance and connection.