



*Talking to Country by *Nancy*

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30 x 50 centimetres.

Acrylic on canvas.

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Nancy's story:

This is a picture of Nikki sitting down with me talking about country and stories from my life. The first time I met Nikki I was very shy but a little bit happy. Talking about my stories makes me feel proud of myself and my families. I talk about my problems. Talking to Nikki helped me stay out of prison. I'm still free and sober. Many of my families went straight back drinking and fighting and straight back to prison but I didn't. Now I look after my families, they come to me, they trust me! I am strong inside.

Nikki's story:

I met Nancy about three years ago and now we are working together on a book about her life, her struggles and her amazing achievements in recovery. This painting really is how we are together. I love sitting down in the bush to work, it feels so healing to be connecting to each other and nature. We both draw our strengths from the rocks, and hills and wildflowers (which are out right now!). It's a privilege to be part of Nancy's recovery.