

# Rising indigenous talent

Robert Wilson is a talented indigenous artist who is beginning to make a name for himself in Nambucca Valley art circles.

The 36-year-old Nambucca Heads resident realised his passion and talent for art 10 years ago and has been dabbling with his paints, leather, pottery and mosaics in his spare time ever since.

But it's through the work he has done recently on the Macksville Riverbank Project (to be officially launched this Saturday) that has given his art a financial kick-start.

"I've been selling my work on and off at home for a while but a bloke came into the youth centre a few weeks ago and asked me to do one of my paintings for him," Robert said.

Robert said there was no method to his artistic talent, he simply painted whatever came into his head.

"This painting is a spiritual piece entitled *Sunset Dreamers*," he said.

The talented indigenous artist is currently undertaking an Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Practices TAFE course through Murrumbidgee Aboriginal Language Centre.



Nambucca's best kept Aboriginal art secret is Robert Wilson, he is pictured here with his *Sunset Dreaming* painting he recently sold to an interested art enthusiast.