



**Artwork Title:** Wild Carrot **Artist Name:** Shaun Edwards

**Totems Name:** Ma Wanjibung (Sour Yam) Pukun (bush grass) **Language Group:** Kokoberrin

**Area:** Staaten River, Cape York Peninsula, QLD

I saw the carrot dangling in my great grandmothers' fingers. She plucked it out bush near old mission at Kowanyama.

I saw nothing but dead grass, she saw a crop of Wild Carrot, thin blades of grass which looked like any other dead blade of grass. She saw the land through her trained eyes. She saw what her people had taught her, showed her. One simple resource plucked from the ground by experience, by knowledge and understanding, by memory of how it tasted so good, led her back to this place time and time again.

That taste and desire is in all of us and sometimes we drift too much to follow the desire, forgetting about the consequences of our actions. If we value and respect our lives, we are stronger. If we follow the same unhealthy path we are sure to remain sick and unwell.

Loving the life, you lead and share with others is key to a healthy and happy life. If we invest in that we are surely on the way to memories of how it tasted so good.

**Good Health, *Path Wudur, Kokoberrin language.***