**Rowella Bio**

My name is Rowella Franks I identify as a Wakka Wakka / Juru women from the Burnett region of Queensland Australia having grown up in Murgon with close familial ties to Cherbourg Aboriginal Community through my paternal Grandfather, a Wakka Wakka man and traditional owner and my Paternal Grandmother, a Juru woman from the Birri-Gubba language group of Ayr in North Queensland. I have been working in Child Protection for 20+ years working with our vulnerable First Nation children and young people, in my spare time I play softball and enjoying painting contemporary aboriginal art works. I didn’t have a connection to Benarrawa, I was asked by my Cousin Deb Dowsett to come on board as they needed more First Nations people on the board. So far I am really enjoying being a part of the organisation and looking forward to working with everyone at Benarrawa.