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Artwork pays homage to organ and tissue donors

Susan Grant dipped her paintbrush, swirled the colours on canvas and created a wonderful memorial for organ and tissue donors.

The Aboriginal artist's piece, which pays homage to deceased donors, will be unveiled on Thursday 21 November as part of a NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service initiative at Liverpool Hospital.

Meet the self-taught artist, hear from donors and their families and see the winning artwork that will remain a constant reminder of the importance of organ and tissue donation for those visiting Liverpool Hospital.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager, Karen McMenammin, said being able to capture the multicultural aspect of south west Sydney was important for the donor memorial.

"In our community, 51 per cent of the population speak a language other than English at home. We want to celebrate that," she said.

Aboriginal artist, Susan Grant, was the local artist whose piece was chosen to hang proudly in the Intensive Care Unit's waiting room.

Her artwork, named "Finding Hope for Life" uses symbols to represent organ and tissue donation. The tree depicts families coming together and branching out even through difference.

"The blue veins in the piece are one's blood flowing through their body and the yellow dot work is our diverse and multicultural community," the artist said.

Luke Russell, whose family member was a donor at Liverpool Hospital, said it was a beautiful piece of artwork.

"It is a magnificent tribute to the selflessness and altruism of those incredible people like my Mum, who are no longer with us in person, but who continue to leave an indelible legacy on this world through the gift of organ donation," he said.