Artist Statement, Nancy McPhee

Nexus (2023)

Six paintings, acrylic, mark making with ink, pencil, pen, collage on heavy water colour paper, 10x10 inches.

In this series of paintings, I continue my exploration of using the elements of design to share my journey of art through expression of life. Nexus means connection and relationship, which reflects my intention in this series of paintings. We are all interconnected and in relationship with every sentient being. There is no me or my, it is us. We and together. Breathing and living in a symbiotic relationship to the cosmos. This forms the substance of my art. It represents a connection to the mystery of life, the complexities of what we see and can’t see, what we know and don’t know.

In this series, Nexus, I ventured further in this exploration of what we know and don’t know and how these are connected. Experimental marks formed the foundation for these connections as they develop relationship with each other. A lot of conversation ensued on each of the papers. Using a colour palette which holds connection, the lines, marks, repetition of shapes and collage created rich dialogues. Creating quiet spaces on each allows the whispers of the dialogue on the paintings to be seen, and if one listens closely, perhaps the whispers can be heard.