Boral has commisioned a new indigenous art installation at Greystanes House

"The mural follows a timeline and tells the story of the indigenous people of the area, the convicts who were given the first land grants, the early farmers who toiled hard on productive land, the frontier warfare between the Aboriginal groups and Settlers as well as their subsequent peace meeting. And then up until today where the site was a very important one, firstly for the CSIRO, and now Boral and its diverse workforce."

Danny Eastwood, Artist

Located on the western side of Prospect Hill, Boral's Greystanes House office building proudly displays a new indigenous art installation depicting the rich indigenous heritage and history of white settlement in the area. Renowned Indigenous artists, Danny Eastwood and Jamie Eastwood, have worked together to powerfully capture the historical significance of the site.

The Artists

Danny Eastwood is a descendant of the Ngemba Tribe of Western New South Wales on his mother's side. Danny was born in Sydney and lived in the Eora Tribal area until he was thirteen. He now lives in the Dahrug Tribal area of Western Sydney. Danny was New South Wales Aboriginal Artist of the year in 1992 and in 1993 and won the National Aboriginal Artist of the year award. Danny's art can be found in major collections such as the Australian Maritime Museum in Sydney and Heritage Centre in Parramatta.

Jamie Eastwood is also a descendant of the Ngemba people of far North-Western New South Wales. Although Jamie lives and works in urban Western Sydney, his paintings and designs are far from this. His work reflects his ancestry, the Dreamtime, and Dreaming stories that have been passed on by ancestors to young Aboriginal generations. Jamie merges the cross-culturalism of today's Aboriginal Heritage, in traditional and non-traditional images and colours. Jamie was the New South Wales Artist of the year in 2000 and received the Centenary of Federation Medal for contribution made to Australian society through community art.

Prospect Hill

The Prospect Hill site is listed on the New South Wales Heritage Register as a site of State Significance Prospect Hill is significant as a rare geological and topographic feature of Sydney's landscape, providing expansive views across the Cumberland Plain. It marks the highest point between Sydney Harbour and the Blue Mountains and in the early days was used as a navigation landmark. Prospect Hill was the first settlement area for explorers in their quest to cross the Blue Mountains. The site also contained a number of the earliest land grants and subsequent farms in NSW with organised agriculture being established as early as 1791. The site is significant for Aboriginal people, originally being a site rich in natural resources needed for survival of life and culture, then as a site of frontier warfare between Aboriginal and European settler groups in the early settlement days. Significantly, Prospect Hill was also the site of the first ever recorded 'reconciliation meeting', with a peace meeting of Aboriginal people and settlers taking place in 1805 organised by the Reverend Samuel Marsden.

Celebrating 60 Years

With over 15,000 employees and 650 operating sites worldwide, Boral is proudly Australian and is also proud of its growing presence in the USA and Asia. In 2006, Boral is celebrating its 60th Birthday. Boral is marking this important anniversary by continuing to strengthen and build on its community partnership and support programs with a number of diverse arts and community groups, which focus on Our Products, Our Places and Our People. In recent years, Boral also has established an indigenous workplace program, which builds on initiatives that were already underway in parts of Boral's operations. Working with Aboriginal communities around Australia on various employment programs, community relations strategies, training of indigenous people in skill shortage areas, career development programs, work experience programs, and shared business opportunities, Boral is continuing to broaden and gain benefits from its indigenous workplace activities.

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