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I am a Graphic Designer. I love designing to help represent and express my journey of embracing my Pasifika identity. I hope to inspire other Pasifika youth and those who want to express their identity in a creative way.

I hope you enjoy learning about my artwork and hope you enjoy learning about ways to make your future more sustainable for our Pasifika generations to come!

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Whale/fish tail

Groundwater
This representation shows the symbols of circle patterns representing pools of water and essentially a ripple effect extending from each one. The circles have symbols of shark teeth or shells (Polynesian symbols), in the ripples there are depictions of whale tails (Māori pattern), turtle shell (Polynesian pattern) and sea and waves (Polynesian pattern).

Turtle shell

waves/sea

Pool of groundwater

Pool of groundwater

Shark teeth

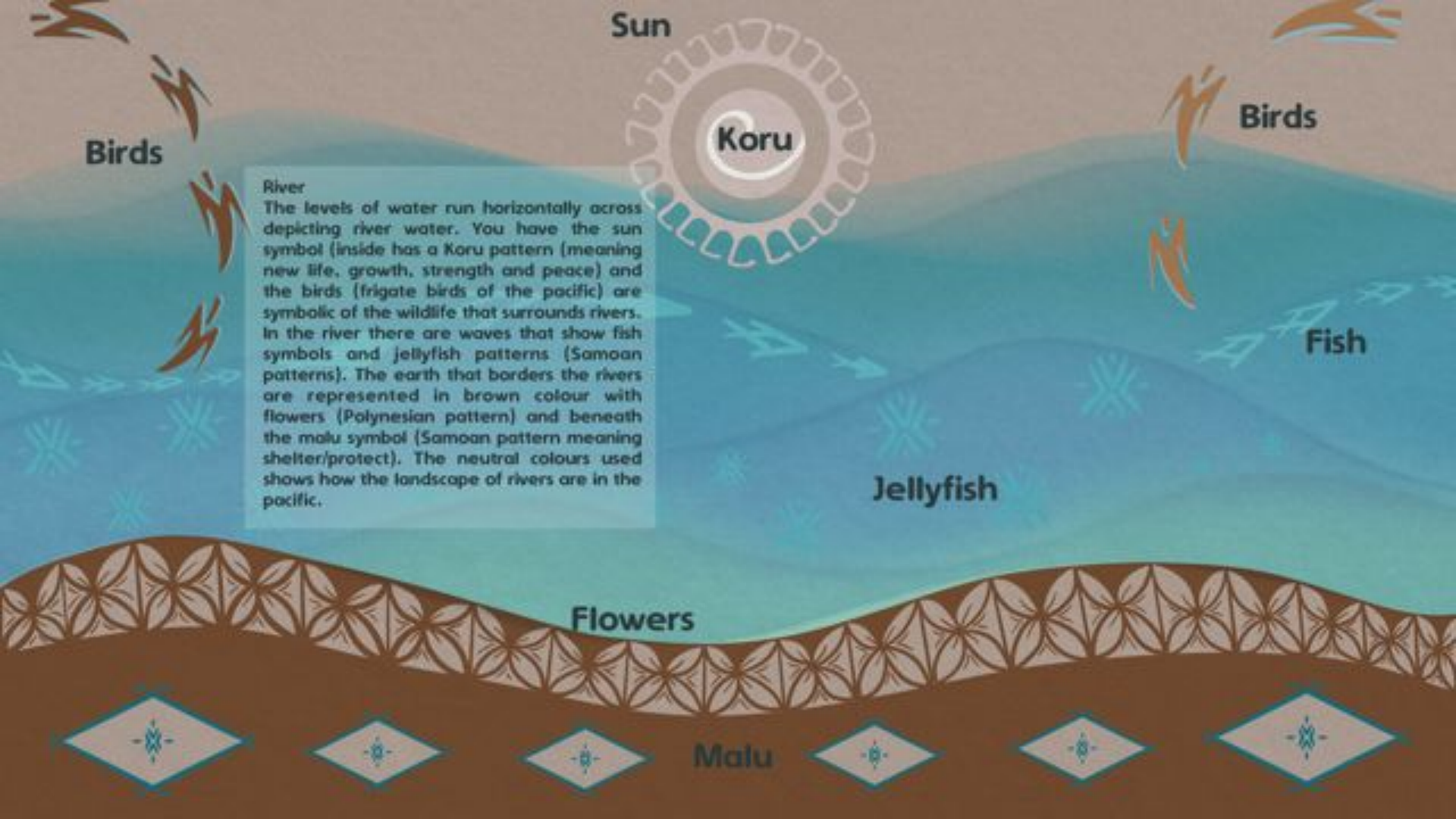
waves/sea

Shark teeth

Pool of groundwater

Turtle shell

Whale/fish tail



Sun

Koru

Birds

Birds

River


The levels of water run horizontally across depicting river water. You have the sun symbol (inside has a Koru pattern (meaning new life, growth, strength and peace) and the birds (frigate birds of the pacific) are symbolic of the wildlife that surrounds rivers. In the river there are waves that show fish symbols and jellyfish patterns (Samoan patterns). The earth that borders the rivers are represented in brown colour with flowers (Polynesian pattern) and beneath the malu symbol (Samoan pattern meaning shelter/protect). The neutral colours used shows how the landscape of rivers are in the pacific.

Fish

Jellyfish

Flowers

Malu



Gogo
Frigate Bird

Clouds

Rain-

The concept started with the deeper colours used to embrace the changes with rain. Clouds were incorporated (Māori style) and the birds (Gogo- Samoan symbol for frigate bird) are depicted flying away. The bigger waves at sea shows how the tides change when it rains. You have pandanus leaves (Tongan, Samoan symbol) which represents growth bordering the sea. This is symbolic and a result of rain. The deep sea also has depiction of sea/waves (Hawaiian symbol, flipped upside down is Koru pattern from Māori patterns which can mean harmony and eternal movement also represents the NZ fern), there are waves that show sharks teeth (Samoan and Polynesian symbol that represents shelter and strength), spear head (Samoan and Polynesian to show warrior nature) and fish (Samoan and polynesian symbol of the sea).

Clouds

Sea

Sharks teeth

Spearhead

Pandanus leaves

Fish

Sea



Sun

Sun Rays

Birds

Land/mountain

Ocean

The Ocean shows how it represented in its natural landscape. There is the sun (Hawaiian symbol) the rays underneath the sun show the birds and sun rays (Tongan, Samoan, Fijian and Polynesian symbol) the larger triangles depict the land and mountain with the body of sea at the bottom waves representing the ocean with symbols of fish (Polynesian pattern) throughout the sea.

Birds

Ocean

Fish

Koru