



One Tree Art Prize

Artist: Claire Bosman

Title: Reaching for the Sun

GPS: -22.353194,118.285139

In 2006, my family was on holiday in Karijini, and my dad took a photo of this tree. He loved how, in the depths of a gorge, a tree had managed to grow tall enough to reach the more consistent sunlight at the top of the rocky walls. This photo was printed, framed, and displayed in my family's home for my entire childhood. It's still there today.

In 2022, I returned to Karijini with my husband, and on a walk through Weano Gorge, I saw this tree and instantly recognised it as the one my dad had noticed and photographed so many years ago. I was so stunned to recognise it, and hadn't even been looking for it, and managed to recreate my dad's photo from memory.

When I heard of this tree portrait competition, this was the tree that instantly came to mind. I hope I've done it justice.