CAIRNS multimedia artist Jenny Fraser has directed a new documentary about the power of healing called Good Medicine.

"It's a 21st century story about a Gold Coast Aboriginal artist Madeline Hodge, who appears in one of five documentaries about the nature of healing," Jenny Fraser says.

"I tried to choose artists from different areas who were using creative projects towards healing," Jenny says. Madeline had a hard life and was moved to institutional care in Brisbane as part of an assimilation process. "Madeline Hodge has been very brave in sharing her personal story of grief, loss and healing through creative arts, which will resonate with audiences," Jenny says.

Other artists in the series use assemblage, digital storytelling, dance and writing. Jenny showed the short film at the Understory Film Festival at the Botanic Gardens in July last year and the films will also be shown at this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

Jenny returned to Cairns in December and has taken up the role of research fellow at James Cook University's Cairns Institute.

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