



Short St. Gallery



Maimie Nginytja Butler

Born	1956
Language	Ngaanyatjarra
Region	Alice Springs

Maimie was born just outside of Mantamaru (Jameson) and grew up in Papulankuta (Blackstone). She is the eldest of seven siblings. She spent much of her childhood in the Benson camp with Kantjupayi Benson. Later she went with the Benson family to Warburton.

Maimie is a member of the Mitchell family who are custodians of the country that lies north of Papulankutja along the Walu road. It is a place of many stories and important cultural places.

Maimie married Mark Butler from Tjukurla and spends time travelling extensively throughout the Ngaanyatjarra Lands to visit family, for cultural events and bush trips.

Maimie has fulfilled many leadership roles including as Papulankutja Artists Chairperson, Chairperson and member of the Board of Directors for NPY Women's Council and Deputy Chairperson, Blackstone Community Council. She has worked with Utikulintja at NPY Womens Council Mental Health.

Over the years she has worked in education, health, the community store and the art centre. She is responsible for maintaining many songlines and has a number of Tjukurpa (dreaming stories) she depicts in her paintings including the perentie and echidna Tjukurpa.

Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Nganana rawangku altaja warkaripai - we have been doing this (painting) for a long time: Art Mob, Hobart
- 2018 Desert Mob 2018, Araluen Centre Alice Springs NT
- 2017 Desert Mob 2017: Araluen Centre, Alice Springs NT
- 2016 Pro Community - Ngaanyatjarra Lands: Touring exhibition, ARTKELCH, Germany - ARTKELCH, Freiburg; Museum Fünf Kontinente, München; ARTKELCH, Collectors Lounge Schorndorf, Germany



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- 2015 Tjirntu Tjarrpanguru Tjirntu Pakalakuta-From Sunset to sunrise (from us to you):
Purple Noon Gallery, NSW
- 2015 Papulankutja Artists: Artitja Fine Art, Freemantle, WA
- 2014 Ngaaykulam-Patju Tjamuku Kapiliku Jurkurpa: Wooloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2013 Marks in the Sand: Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide - An
exhibition of prints and canvases showing how the stories start from those those
- 2013 Marks in the Sand Desert Mob 2013: Araluen Centre Alice Springs NT
- 2013 Art from The Heart: Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach, NSW
- 2012 Desert Mob 2012, Araluen Centre Alice Springs, NT
- 2012 Family Paintings: Art Mob Hobart
- 2011 Papulankutja Artists: Merenda Gallery Freemantle
- 2011 Desert Mob 2011: Araluen Centre Alice Springs
- 2010 Papulankutja Artists: Wooloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2010 Papulankutja Artists: Tunbridge Art Gallery, Margaret River, WA -
- 2010 Desert Mob: Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT -
- 2010 Paint Right-Way: Chapman Art Gallery, Canberra, ACT - Papulankutja Artists Group
Exhibition
- 2010 Papulankutja Artists: Birrung Gallery, Sydney, NSW -
- 2008 We are Celebrating: Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide, SA -
- 2008 Revealed: Freemantle Art Centre, Perth, WA -