



Short St. Gallery



Nyunmiti Burton

Born 1960
Language Group Pitjantjara
Region APY Lands

Biography

Nyunmiti Susan Burton was born in Alice Springs in 1960. She grew up in Pukatja (Ernabella) with her parents where she attended school. After completing her final school years at Yirara College in Alice Springs, Nyunmiti moved back to Ernabella and began her first job at the arts and crafts centre working with batik.

In 1980, Nyunmiti married and moved to Amata where she began a career as an Aboriginal Education Worker. Nyunmiti trained to become a teacher, completing her degree in 1997. Nyunmiti is the Vice Chairperson of NPY Women's council and has many years of experience in community governance. She has previously been a member of Amata Community Council and Director and Chairperson of Tjala Arts and holds a very respected and senior position within her community.

In between working for Women's Council and teaching Pitjantjatjarra in Adelaide at the University of South Australia, Nyunmiti is also a practicing artist. Nyunmiti paints her country and is remembering stories passed down to her from her father, mother and grandfather when she paints. She is thinking about how a long time ago they used to look after the country, there was plenty of food and families were happy travelling around from place to place.

"I heard these stories from my father, mother and grandfathers. I think about the future of the country for the next generation." Nyunmiti Burton.

Group Exhibitions

2019 Nganampa Waltja Tjurkpa – Our Family Tjukurpa, Aboriginal and Pacific Art



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- 2019 Stories from our Spirit Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2018 Desert Mob, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs
2018 Tjala Arts: New work by senior artists, Aboriginal and Pacific, Sydney
2017 TARNANTHI FESTIVAL - Art Gallery of South Australia, Indigenous Art Salon
Art Gallery of South Australia
2017 34th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of
the Northern Territory, Darwin
- 2017 Tjala Arts Winter USA 2017, Harvey Art Projects
2016 2016 Seven Sisters, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2015 32nd Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of
Northern Territory
2014 In memory of Kunmanara Williamson: These are the stories we teach our
children, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2014 Desert Mob, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs
2014 31st Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of
Northern Territory
2014 Paintings from the Heart of Amata Country Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery,
Sydney
2014 Tjala-nga Tjara - Its all about Tjala, Out Station Gallery Darwin
2013 NGAYUKU NGURA my country - group exhibition in association with Tjala Arts,
Gabriella Pizzi, Melbourne

Awards

- 2015 Telstra Prize Finalist
2014 Telstra Prize Finalist

Collections

ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Bibliography

- 2014 A grand tradition flourishes in a tumult of desert colours, Nicholas Rothwell, The
Australian, 18 September