



# Short St. Gallery

## NGUPULYA PUMANI

**Born** 1948  
**Language Group** Pitjantjatjara/Uakunytojara  
**Region** APY Lands



### Biography

Ngupulya Pulmani is a senior Anangu woman committed to fostering traditional law and culture through her painting and preserving the Yankunytjatjara language. Ngupulya was born in Mimili. Her mother is Kunmanara (Milatjari) Pumani and her country is Antara, west of Mimili.

Ngupulya's father is Sam Pumani (dec) and his country is near Watarru on the APY Lands. Ngupulya's grandparents on Milatjari's side are King Everard or Nyapi and her grandmother was Mantjangka Everard. Ngupulya is the eldest of five children. She has three brothers, Ken, Luey and Apada, and a sister, Betty Kuntiwa Pumani (also a celebrated painter), who all live in Mimili. Ngupulya has four daughters and a son, Janita, Sandra, Uni, Josina and Bradley (dec). Ngupulya is married to Shannon Kantji and they have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ngupulya began painting in 2009. She has been inspired by her mother to portray her country with broad brush strokes and intense luminous palettes. Strongly anchored to country and the wapar it holds, Ngupulya weaves the stories from her country across her canvas. Her paintings portray a truth, a unique rawness, but also a joy of culture and tradition.

### Group Exhibitions

- 2017 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
- 2017 Malatja-malatja Tjutaku Kulu: For the Future Generations, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2016 Nganampa Kililpil: Our Stars, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, Gympie, NSW
- 2016 Living Waters: the Sordello & Missana Collection, Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, Monaco
- 2016 Desert Mob 2016, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2016 Salon des Refuse, CDU Art Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2016 Kantilya ngaranytjaku. Kuranyukutu nyakunytojaku, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT



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- 2016 Tjilpi munu Pampaku Tjukurpa Kunpu Kanyintjaku, RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
- 2015 Tjukurpa Kunpu - Strong Culture, Harvey Art Projects, Idaho, USA
- 2015 APY Survey, RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
- 2015 Tjintu Kuli - Summer Day, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, NSW
- 2015 Putinguru Urukuta - Desert to the Sea, Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2015 Ngunyntju Kurunpa - Mother Spirit, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2015 Desert Salon, Tarnanthi, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
- 2015 Desert Mob 2015, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2015 Finalist NAATSIA 2015, MAGNT, Darwin
- 2014 Uwankara Nganana Mimili Maku Arts, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2014 Tjina Kuwaritja, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2014 Mimili Maku- Nganampa Wangka (our voice), Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2014 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2013 Antara, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, NSW
- 2013 Pira Mimi, Outstation, Darwin, NT
- 2013 APY Survey Show, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2013 Kinara Pulkapakani, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, NT
- 2012 Tjukurpa Kunpu, A.P. Bond Gallery, Adelaide SA
- 2012 Kapi Warku, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2012 Mimili Maku Alinytjara, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2012 Desert Mob, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 2012 Wapar, Yankunytjatjara Dreaming, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2012 Ngura Puti (Bush Home) Redot Gallery, Singapore
- 2011 Mimili Maku Arts, A.P. Bond Gallery, Adelaide SA
- 2011 Tjukuritja Kunpu Kanyitjaku, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney NSW
- 2011 Nganampa Paintingku Nyuwana, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2011 Desert Mob, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 2011 Mimili Maku Mirinpa exhibition, Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2011 Waltjapiti Mimili Maku Exhibition, RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
- 2010 Mimili Maku, Bond Aboriginal Art, Adelaide, SA
- 2010 Desert Mob, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 2010 Piiny- Piinyapa Tjukurpa Exhibition, RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs NT
- 2010 Melbourne Art Fair - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2010 Mimili Maku – Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2009 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2009 Anangu Backyard - Adelaide Festival Centre, SA



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## **Awards**

2017 Finalist, Wynne Prize

## **Bibliography**

2011 Living Water Exhibition Catalogue, National Gallery of Victoria, VIC

## **Collections**

Art Gallery of South Australia

Western Desert Collection, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney (2012 and 2014)

Art Bank Collection, Australian Government Art Rental

W & V McGeoch Collection, Melbourne

Art international institution, Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht Kelch Collection, Freiburg, Germany

Sordello Missana Collection, France

Kelch Collection, Freiburg, Germany