

# Short St. Gallery



## Barrupu Yunupingu (Rita)

<b>Born</b>	1948
<b>Deceased</b>	2012
<b>Language Group</b>	Yolgnu
<b>Region</b>	Arnhemland

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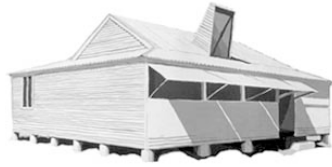
Barrupu was a daughter of Munggurrawuy. Her siblings included Australians of the Year, Galarwuy and Mandawuy and Gulumbu Telstra First Prize Winner. Her mother from the Marrakulu clan was Bunay Wanambi, who was a cow herd for the mission at Yirkala.

Barrupu always lived at Yirkala. As a child and with her father and family she went to the Yirkala Mission School, taught by Mr Ron Croxford. With the school, she travelled to Darwin with Yirkala netball team recalling also her athletic talent as a high jumper. At the Yirkala Clinic/hospital (now from where Buku-Larrnggay Mulka operates) Barrupu trained and worked as a nurse for many years till its closure in 1975.

Her closest sister was Nyapanyapa with whom she has worked as a print artist through Buku-Larrnggay since 1996. Barrupu's output of bark paintings increased in 2007. The rise in prominence of Nyapanyapa's bark painting and subsequent successes in 2008 was catalyst in developing her own painting style that gained signature and firm interest from her art centre. From 2008 – 2012 Barrupu 'worked' at her painting almost daily at the art centre, the same place she worked as a nurse in the 60's and 70's.

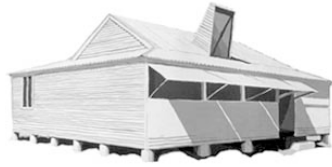
### Exhibitions

2010	The White Show, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2009	Barrupu Yunupingu Gallery Two Buku-larrnggay MULka Centre, Yirkala. (inaugural Buku-Larrnggay in-house exhibition, Gama 2009)



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- 2009 Flames, Floods and Honey, Bark paintings by Barrupu Yunupingu & Mulkun Wirrpanda, Cross Arts Projecy, Kings Cross, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 26th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, MAGNT, Darwin NT
- 2009 Rough Diamonds, Debut Painting Exhibition, Raft Artspace, Darwin, NT
- 2008 Etched in the Sun Prints made by Indigenous Artists in collaboration with Basil Hall & Printers 1997-2007 ANU, Canberra, ACT
- 2008 Yirrkala Prints, Galuku Gallery, Darwin, Botanical Gardens, NT
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- 2003 Marwat, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2003 ARCO, Madrid, Spain
- 2003 Miami Art Fair, Florida, USA
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- 2001 Yirrkala Screenprints, NTU, Darwin, NT
- 1999 Yirrkala Printmakers Touring Exhibition:  
Hogarth Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Boomali Artists, Sydney, NSW, Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra ACT (1999—2000)
- 1999 August, Yirrkala Printmakers, The Original Dreamtime Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 1999 July, Yirrkala Printmakers and Dhalwangu Bark Paintings, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London UK
- 1999 April, Yirrkala Printmakers and Carvings by Djambawa Marawili, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 1998 November, Japingka Gallery, Collaborative printmakers/selected artists' works on bark and carving.
- 1998 September, Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Printmakers First Exhibition, NTU, Darwin, NT
- 1998 March, Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Printmakers First Exhibition, Yirrkala, NT



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## **Collections**

Berndt Museum - Centre for Anthropology - Perth, WA

## **Bibliography**

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