

# Short St. Gallery

Rosie Goodjie



Born	c. 1930
Language Group	Wangkajunga
Region	Fitzroy/West Kimberley

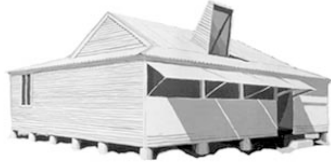
## Biography

Rosie was born on the other side of Niila near the waterhole (pily). As a child Rosie walked all over the Niila country. Her animal spirit is Mingajuru (Bandicoot). Her paintings often depict bushfoods found around this country and include mingajuru and tjirilpatja. Rosie is one of the Wangkajunga artists and is represented by Magkaja Arts Resource Aboriginal Corporation.

"We paint to keep em strong you know"

George tuckerbox is one of the key artists from a group of around twenty artists who paint at the Wangajunga annexe of the Karrayili Adult Education centre. As a response to community requests, the centre was established in 1994 to assist the elders with literacy and numeracy skills. As with the education centre in town, painting has been a core component of these classes. Concurrent with this development, the establishment through Mangkaja Arts of a wider profile for Fitzroy Crossing art in part paved the way for these painters to emerge as a distinct group of Kimberley artists who now exhibit nationally and internationally. It is characteristic for the artists to exhibit as a group.

Although they are not all from the same country, they share Wangkajunga as their common language, and they have very similar histories. Most were born in the desert to the east of the Canning Stock Route and then they shifted into the stations with their grandparents and parents. The first paintings the artists remember producing were done at the old mission before many of them moved back to Wangkajunga or Jitapuru as it is known to them. The artists who exhibit in this group are George Tuckerbox, Myapu Elsie Thomas, Luuru Willie



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Kew, Bidy Baadjo, Nora Tjookaja, Bidy Bonney, Rosie Goodjie, Peter Kurtiji, Penny K-Lyon, Jewess James, Myran Julia Lawford, Gracie Green, Mildre Benny, Dora Kwilla and more recently Janie Lee, Andrea Pindan, Edgar Pike and Walter Rose.

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2016 Gimme Shelter - A Survey Show from the Artists of Fitzroy Valley, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA

2002 Wangkutjungka, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA

2005 Wangkutjungka, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA