



# Short St. Gallery



## **MICHELLE PAULINE MAWELL BUSH**

Born: 14/04/1978  
Skin name: Miyartuwi (Pandanus)  
Birth Place: Milikapiti  
Language Group: Tiwi  
Region: Tiwi Islands

### **Biography**

DANCE: Jilarti (Brolga)

Michelle Bush was born in Milikapiti and has raised a family of four children. She worked at the Milikapiti Primary School as an assistant teacher as her children attended school. With all of her children now fully grown, Michelle has more time to focus on her artistic practice.

Michelle paints 'parlini jilamara', which is old Tiwi design that was painted onto the body during pukumani, kulama and smoking ceremonies. The red, yellow and white are all natural ochres mined from the local area around Milikapiti.

Michelle has been painting at Jilamara since the beginning of 2016.

### **Exhibitions**

2019 Tumuwa Amintiya Kirijipuni, Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2018 Nginingawula Awirankiniwaki, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin NT  
2017 Yiringinkiri Pwoja, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin  
2017 Maminiikiwi Jilamara, Short Street Gallery, Broome