



# Short St. Gallery

## Rhonda Sharpe



<b>Birth Year</b>	1977
<b>Birth Place</b>	Alice Springs
<b>Language Group</b>	Luritja
<b>Region</b>	Western/ Central Desert

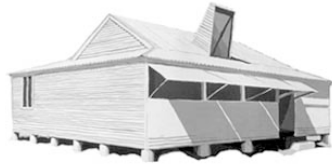
### Biography

Rhonda was born and grew up in Alice Springs. She lived at Trucking Yards Town Camp and went to Yipirinya School. Rhonda discovered an interest and passion for making soft sculptures and print making when she followed her aunty into the art room one day. Rhonda says that her work is inspired by what she experiences in her daily life, by watching the other artists in the art room and by remembering stories from when she was young. Rhonda has found that the art room gives her a place to be safe and to make a better future for herself. Rhonda says that sewing makes her feel happy and that she is proud of the work she creates.

As Rhonda's confidence as an artist grows so too does her subject matter. From her beautiful delicate stitched birds to her thoughtful whimsical alien figures embellished not only with wool and cotton, but also with feathers, metal and beads, Rhonda's sculptures tell stories that weave together the here and now, the past and the ever-hopeful future.

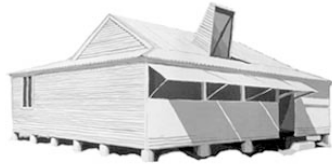
### Exhibitions:

2018	Women Telling Stories Arelhe Altyerre lleme, Short St Gallery Broome
2018	Sydney Biennale Museum of Contemporary Art Sydney
2017	Artbank Neon Light Sculpture commission, Sydney
2017	Tjukurrpa Exhibition Kiri Kiri Gallery SA
2017	Mpamtwe & Ntaria itweke-itwe Mob –Alice Springs and Hermannsburg Neighbours. Tangentyere Artists Gallery
2017	Wynscreen moving picture project Wynyard Station Sydney: in collaboration with Cultural Capital, NSW Transport and Leonardo Ortega
2017	National Gallery of Victoria Design Triennial: in collaboration with Estudio Campana, Elbowrkshp and NGV
2017	Tamanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, Art Gallery of South Australia



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- 2017 Desert Mob Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs  
2017 Arrweketye Mape Awethe Akine Tangentyere Artists Gallery (Women Back Together Again)  
2017 Together ourstories are stronger Merricks General Store Victoria  
2017 Creature Collection Hugo Michell Gallery Adelaide  
2017 Where worlds come together Nomad Darwin  
2016 Etchings Rebecca Hossack New York  
2016 Deck the walls, Tangentyere Artists Gallery Alice Springs  
2016 Drawing from the Inside Aboriginal and Pacific Art Sydney  
2016 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs  
2016 Salon Des Refuses Darwin  
2016 Arrweketye Mob: Women Mob Tangentyere Artists Gallery Alice Springs  
2016 Avatar RAFT Art space Alice Springs  
2016 From our heads and our hands: stories told with colour Red Dot Fine Art Gallery Singapore  
2016 Outsider Art Fair Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery New York  
2015 Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, Art Gallery of South Australia  
2015 Selfies Exhibition Tangentyere Artists Gallery Alice Springs  
2015 Desert Mob Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs  
2015 Beautiful days making art, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Sydney  
2015 We are in Wonder LAND Gallery UNSW new experimental art from Central Australia  
2015 Tjulpu Talapi Gallery Alice Springs  
2014 Figuratively speaking: stories from Aboriginal and Pacific Art Sydney Town Camp artists  
2014 We just keep on travelling further Red Dot Gallery Singapore  
2014 Desert Mob Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs  
2014 This belongs to us, but we Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi Melbourne did it for you  
2013 Desert Mob Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs  
2013 With our healing hands Aboriginal and Pacific Art Sydney  
2013 Our way, their way, RAFT Gallery Alice Springs  
2013 Good people, strong people, Gallery Nomad Darwin made this art.  
2012 Small works Outstation Gallery Darwin  
2012 With our hands we tell our stories Aboriginal and Pacific Art Sydney our way  
2012 Desert Mob Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs  
2012 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Darwin  
2012 Arrenyty Arterre Open Night Yarrenyty Arterre Learning Centre  
2012 Melbourne Affordable Art Fair Tapir Studio Hobart  
2012 Bush animals Gallery Nomad Canberra  
2012 Owl exhibition, Tali Gallery Sydney  
2012 Creatures Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi Melbourne



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- 2012 "Listen: Tangentyere and Merenda Gallery Perth Yarrenyty Arterre Stories."
- 2012 Healing Larapinta Mossenson Gallery Perth
- 2011 Soft sculptures Tali Gallery Sydney
- 2011 Desert Mob Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs 2011 Yarrenyty Arterre Open Night  
Yarrenyty Arterre Learning Centre
- 2011 Soft sculptures Chapman Gallery Canberra
- 2011 Outback Prints Handmark Gallery Hobart
- 2011 Yarrenyty Arterre Birds Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi Melbourne
- 2011 Faces of Larapinta Araluen Art Centre Alice Springs
- 2011 Melbourne Affordable Art Fair Tapir Studio Hobart
- 2010 Imprints from our Centre Aboriginal and Pacific Art Sydney
- 2010 Art from the Heart of Town Camps Outstation Gallery Darwin
- 2010 Yarrenyty Arterre Open Night Yarrenyty Arterre Learning Centre
- 2010 Desert Links Chapman Gallery Canberra
- 2009 Flinders University City Gallery Adelaide  
Collections
- 2016 Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2015 Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 2015 Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory
- 2013 Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs
- 2013 Maitland Regional Gallery
- 2013 Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory
- 2010 Flinders University City Gallery Art Museum Adelaide  
Awards
- 2017 Finalist Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
- 2015 Winner 3D award Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
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- 2013 Winner 3D award Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
- 2013 Finalist Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
- 2012 Highly Commended Finalist Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin