

Wajina Paji Honeychild Yankarr

Born	1912 - 2004
Language Group	Walmajarri
Region	Fitzroy / West Kimberley

I was born near marsh country along the Canning Stock Route. While I was still young, I moved to Cherrabun station. I was already a widow when I first came from the desert. I was married very young and my first husband died in the desert.

Paji said "Jimmy Pike is my nephew. He had been to see the station and he came to take us back there. We were frightened of the kartiya (whiteman) so we camped away from the station for a while. I worked on the station washing clothes, cooking at the stock camp. Jupurr is the name of the waterhole in my mother's, father's and grandfather's country. "

Paji passed away in 2004.

Exhibitions

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1991	Karrayili Tandanya, Adelaide
1992	Group Show Hogarth Gallery, Sydney
1993	Mangkaja Women Tandanya, Adelaide
1993	Images of Power: Aboriginal Art from the Kimberley, National Gallery Victoria
1994	Bush Women, Fremantle Art Centre, Perth
1994	Ngajakurra Ngurrara Minyarti, this is my country, Festival of Perth, Artplace
	Gallery, Perth
1995	Kimberley Art, Melbourne
1995	Group show, Australian Perspectives Gallery, Brisbane
1995	Paji Honeychild and Nyuju Stumpy Brown, Fremantle Art Centre
1996	Heritage Commission Art Award, Old Parliment House, Canberra
1996	Group Show, Hogarth Gallery, Sydney
1997	Group Show, Hogarth Gallery, Sydney
1998	Group Show, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London
1999	Ngurrara, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle
1999	Story Boards, Ceramic tiles from the Kimberley, Fremantle Art Centre
1999	Short On Size, Short St Gallery Broome
2000	Women's work, Hogarth Gallery, Sydney
2000	Short on Size, Short St Gallery, Broome
2001	Past Modern, Short st. Gallery, Australia Square, Sydney
2001	Ngurrara Canvas, National Gallery of Australia

2001 Mangkaja ten year Anniversary Exhibition, Tandanya, Adelaide



Short St. Gallery

- 2001 Short on Size, Short st. Gallery, Broome
- 2001 Fitzroy Women, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2002 Group Show, Flinders Land Gallery, Melbourne
- 2002 Strength of line, drypoints and etchings from the NYU collection, NTU, Darwin
- 2002 Recent works from Mangkaja, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2002 Short on Size, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2003 Waterhole, Raft artspace, Darwin
- 2003 Mangkaja Marniwarnti, Raft artspace, Darwin
- 2003 Jila Jumu Jiwari & Wirrkuia, Cullity Gallery, UWA, Perth
- 2003 Jaja and Jaja, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2003 National Aboriginal Torres Strait islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT
- 2003 Jilla, Jumu, Jiwan & Wirrkuja, University of Western Australia, Wa
- 2004 This is Still My Country 10 Years On, Perth International Arts Festival, Artplace, Perth

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia National Gallery of Victoria Berndt Museum of Anthropology, University of Western Australia Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory Northern Territory University Holmes a Court Collection Edith Cowan University

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- 1993 Mangkaja Women's Exhibition Catalogue, Fremantle Art Centre
- 1993 Images of Power: Aboriginal Art from the Kimberley, Exhibition Catalogue
- 1994 Bush Women exhibition Catalogue
- 1994 Ngajakurra Ngurrara Minyarti, This is my Country Exhibition Catalogue
- 1998 Jila Painted Waters of the Great Sandy Desert, Video Documentary / SBS Television
- 2000 Ngurrara Entry / Oxford Companion to Aboriginal Art Oxford University Press and ANU
- 2000 Kaltja Now, Indigenous Arts Australia, Wakefield Press and Tandanya Aboriginal Cultural Institute
- 2003 Martuwarra and Jila, Jumu, Jiwari and Wirrkuja, Exhibition catalogue culity Gallery



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The Painted Desert: The Fate on an Aboriginal Masterpiece, New Yorker Magazine, July 28, 2003.