



Short St. Gallery



Rachel Puruntatameri

Born: 01/07/1949
Skin name: Miyartuwi (Pandanus)
Birth Place: Jurrupi (Jessie River)
Language Group: Tiwi
Region: Tiwi Islands

Biography

Rachel was born in Milikapiti. Her husband was Murrungumirri (Paddy Freddy Puruntatameri) a senior Tiwi carver and culture man. Together with Murrungumirri Rachel raised 5 children. She now has many grandchildren and some great grandchildren that she teaches Tiwi culture to.

She was a sewer at the women's centre before starting her career as an artist at Jilamara. Rachel is a well respected senior woman in the Milikapiti community, and one of the few who still weaves pandanus and can still sing the old songs required for yoi (dancing).

Exhibitions

2019 tumuwa amintiya kirijipuni, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2015 Jilamara group print exhibition, Nomad Art Gallery, Darwin NT