



Short St. Gallery

BRUCE WANGUNDIN DINGAN

Born c1954
Language Group Gija/Ngarinyin
Region West Kimberley

BIOGRAPHY

Bruce 'Dingan' Wangundin grew up with his family at Imintji Community on the Gibb River Road 220km's from Derby in the north west Kimberley region of Western Australia. Imintji is a small community however it has been the home of a number of outstanding artists including; Paddy Bedford, Jack Dale and Mick Jawalji.

Imintji Community is on Ngarinyin country that borders with Gija country. The artists father 'Right Hand Spider' was a Gija man married to a Ngarinyin women. 'Right Hand Spider' was instrumental in the establishment of Imintji Community in the 1950's.

Bruce began working at Mt House pastoral station in his early teens. It was whilst traveling over country and working with other stockman that he learnt about his Gija country and language.

From 2007 to 2009 Bruce worked alongside fellow Gija artists and former station workers at Jirrawun Arts. His work depicts the country that he travelled as a stock men. Embedded in this country are Gija and Ngarinyin dreaming stories. The Ngarinyin ancestral 'Wandjina' beings are represented in many of his works in the form of hills.

Today, Bruce continues to live in the far east Kimberley town of Wyndham.