



Short St. Gallery

Miriam Atkins

Born 1947
Language Putijarra
Region Bulloo Downs Station: WA



Biography

Miriam Atkins was born in 1947 on Bulloo Downs Station, located south-east of Newman. She is the sister of highly acclaimed Martumili Artist Yunkurra Billy Atkins. Today Miriam lives between Newman and Jigalong Aboriginal community.

Miriam was one of the pioneering painters at Martumili Artists. She paints her family's *ngurra* (home Country, camp), spanning from the southern end of the Canning Stock Route through to Kumpupintily (Kumpupintily, Lake Disappointment). Miriam has developed a unique painting style, oscillating between naive realist landscapes and more highly abstracted depictions of her Country, blending traditional symbology with beautifully patterned motifs. Her paintings have been exhibited across Australia as part of several group exhibitions.

Group Exhibitions

2021	Pukurlpa (happy inside), Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2020	Ngurra Means Home, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2019	Martumili Kuulkaja (Martu Schools), Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2019	Martu Wangka, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2016	Hedland Art Award
2012	We Don't Need A Map: a Martu experience of the Western Desert
2011	Revealed – Emerging Aboriginal Artists from Western Australia, Gallery Central, Perth
2009	Wangka-Lampaju (Our Story), Randell Lane Gallery, Perth
2009	Punta Kurnu (Belongs to the People), Newman Visitors Centre, Newman
2008	Martumili Artists, Port Hedland Courthouse Arts Centre and Gallery, Port Hedland
2008	Jitirangu (Rainbow), Randell Lane Gallery, Perth