



Short St. Gallery

Nancy Nodea

Born 1944 - 2022
Language Group Kija
Region East Kimberley



Nancy Nodea grew up and worked most of her early life on Texas Downs Cattle station in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia. On the station Nancy worked in a wide range of roles including checking bores, roadbuilding, milking the goats, making butter and general housework. Nancy began painting in 1994, guided by Rover Thomas and Queenie McKenzie. Nancy has explored contemporary stories that occurred in the East Kimberley over the past 200 years since white settlement. She has told the stories of the white cameleers and massacre sites not far from Warmun in her paintings; she is one of the strongest historical painters at Warmun but also paints her beloved Texas Downs Station country. Nancy and other artists who grew up on this station take an active role in taking young people out to country to hunt, fish and return to traditional ways of living with the land.

Medium

Natural ochre and pigments on canvas

Themes

Historical events post-white settlement
Ngarrangkami (Dreaming) stories from Texas Downs Station country
Life as a station worker at Texas Downs Station
Joowari
Nine Mile

Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Connection to Country, Fundraiser Exhibition – Form Gallery, Perth WA – Environmental Defender’s Office of WA Exhibition
- 2019 Desert River Sea – Art Gallery of Western Australia – A landmark exhibition of Kimberley Aboriginal Art held at The Art Gallery of WA
- 2018 Art for Wellbeing – Boab Health Services, Kununurra, WA



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- 2018 Dream Time Mine – FORM Gallery, Perth, curated by Kate Alida Mullen
- 2017 For The Women – Tandanya, Adelaide
- 2016 Women Artists From Warmun – Nancy Sever Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2010 Ochres of the Kimberley – Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River, WA
- 2010 Framed Gallery – Darwin, NT
- 2010 Rising Landscapes – Gallery Tjukurrpa, Manly NSW
- 2010 Warmun – Our Earth, Our Story – Art Images Gallery, Norwood, SA
- 2010 Surface of Our Dreaming – Paintings by Gija Women – Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2009 Sharing Differences on Common Ground: Mangkaja, Mowanjum, Waringari, Warmun – Holes a Court Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2009 Best of the Best 2 – Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2009 Warnarran Gelengen: Old Times, New Times – Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 Warmun Ochres: Rich Earth – Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2008 Star Crossed Lovers of the Kimberley – Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2008 Mungowum Ngarraknaari Yaaron (Strong Stories, Strong Culture) – Short Street Gallery, Broome
- 2008 Warmun at Ten – Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT
- 2008 East of East Kimberley: Warmun in Asia – ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2008 The Women of Warmun: Ten years on – Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2007 Ochre, Brushes, Canvas: new work from Warmun – Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2007 Warmun Snapshot – Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT
- 2007 Greetings from Turkey Creek – Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2006 Warmun Arts – Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2006 What Bird is That? – Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
- 2006 Women from Texas Downs – Gadfly Gallery, Dalkeith, Perth
- 2006 Warmun Art Centre Presents – Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2005 Warmun Group Show – Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2005 Gija: across the border – Raft Artspace, Darwin, NT
- 2005 New Work from Warmun – Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2005 Waterhole Country – Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2004 Big Country Show – Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 Women's Figurative Show – Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2002 All that Gija Country – Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA
- 2002 Thornquest Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
- 2002 Coolmalie Culture Centre, Batchelor, NT
- 2002 Recent Works from the Warmun Community (Turkey Creek) – Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2002 Women of the East Kimberley – Tandanya, National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide, SA



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- 2001 Grande Opening Exhibition – Thornquest Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
- 2001 Guildford Grammar School Art Exhibition – Perth, WA
- 2001 Ochres – Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2001 New Paintings from Warmun Art Centre – Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2000 Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW

Collections

- Artbank
- Private collections