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Pamela Hogan

Born 1981
Language Pitjantjatjara
Region Western Desert

My name is Pamela Hogan and I was born in 1981 in Kalgoorlie with my mother, father, brothers and sisters. We lived at Cundalee Mission when I was just a little baby and then in 1982 we moved to Coonana - a place that's gone now. We stayed there for a little while and then moved to Yakadunya. After this, we moved to Tjuntjuntjara. I grew up in Tjuntjuntjara but then went to Kalka, in the APY Lands, and stayed there a little while. The next move was to Blackstone, where I lived a long time. I spent many years working at the Arts Centre there until finally moving back to Tjuntjuntjara in 2019. This is where a lot of my family live. It's really nice going out on Country with the old ladies now, it helps me feel connected and strong.

It's good at Tjuntjuntjara, with the old people. Happy and safe.

Pamela is from the Spinifex Lands in the Great Victoria Desert. Her family were moved off their traditional homelands in the 1960's due to the atomic testing at Maralinga and sent to the mission at Cundeelle. It took her people over 20 years to finally get back home.