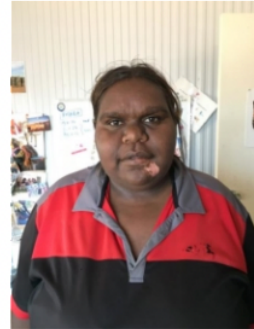




Short St. Gallery

Vanessa Robertson

Born c. 1990
Language Ngaanyatjarra
Region Warakurna, WA



Biography

Vanessa Robertson is an artist belonging to the Ngaanyatjarra language and cultural group and lives in the remote community of Warakurna, WA.

Vanessa began making Tjanpi in 2019, and shows a natural skill for making strong, colourful, grassy sculptures, in the style she is learning from her mother in law, Winifred Reid. Vanessa demonstrates an astute skill for weaving, with an encouraging artistic future ahead.

Tjanpi Desert Weavers (Tjanpi meaning 'wild grass') is an award-winning, Indigenous governed and directed social enterprise of the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC). Tjanpi empowers over 400 women across a 350 000 square km area of the tri-state region of NT, SA and WA to earn an income and remain in their communities on Country.