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Cecily Yates

Born c. 1963
Region Warakurna, WA

Biography

Cecily is an artist belonging to the Ngaanyatjarra language and cultural group and lives in the remote community of Warakurna, Western Australia.

Cecily began weaving Tjanpi in 2018 and quickly took to the art, creating strong, well-sewn animal sculptures made of wool and minarri grass. She remains in Warakurna where she is happily surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

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 (NPYWOC). 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.