



Short St. Gallery



Barbara Arndie Bear

Born 1959
Language Ngarinyin
Region Fitzroy / West Kimberley

Barbara is the fourth child of nine children, and has lived in Derby and Mowanjum most of her life. Her mother is Winyangardie clan and her father is from the Warrngarlingorngor clan and they are of the Ngarinyin language group. Barbara is related to the Morlumbun and Charles families from her mother's side, and the Nenowatt and Ngerdus families from her father's side. Further, Barbara has extended family in Mowanjum through marriage.

Barbara's work is unique within the Art Centre. Her colour palette, defined shapes and decorative detailing, sees her work reveal a distinctive graphic look. Though contemporary in her approach her work is always informed by the traditional stories learnt from her elders as a child.

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