



Short St. Gallery



Noreen Heffernan

Born 1970
Language Pitjantjatjara
Region Ernabella, SA

Noreen Heffernan is a fibre artist belonging to the Pitjantjatjara language and cultural group. She is based in the remote community of Pukatja (Ernabella) in South Australia.

Noreen is part of a prolific lineage of Tjanpi weavers from the Pukatja community including artists like Yuminia Kenta, Yaratji Heffernan and the brilliant Loria Jaylene Heffernan.

Noreen is a weaver with a particular interest in sculptural pieces. Her work features in Tangki - a collaborative animation project which resulted in a short film and accompanying children's book. Noreen enjoys working with bright colours and naive shapes in her sculptural fibre work.

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.

Group Exhibitions

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