

Short St. Gallery



Edna Dale

Born Language Group Region

1983 Ngarinyin West Kimberlev

Edna Dale is a Ngarinyin woman and chairperson of Imintji Community, where she lives with her husband Lance Bedford and their seven daughters. Edna is the daughter of famous Kimberley artist Jack Dale Mengenen (dec 1920-2013). Growing up she spent much of her time by her father's side traveling their country, watching him paint and tell stories.

Edna has her own distinct style however her elongated Wandjina figures and minimalist aesthetic are a clear departure from the imagery of her father.

Edna's father also taught her the Law and showed her the many cave sites that are sacred to Ngarinyin people, especially around lmintji, on the Gibb River Road.

Edna's husband Lance Bedford is the son of famous Gija painter Paddy Bedford and their oldest daughter, Petrina Bedford is also a talented emerging artist.

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 Mowanjum Wandjina's, Hobart, Tasmania
- 2019 Dungog Contemporary
- 2019 Moonie's Art Studio/Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2017 Sydney Opera House Sydney Homeground Markets
- 2016 Darwin Art Fair Darwin, NT
- 2016 Kimberley Art Prize Derby, WA
- 2016 Mowanjum Festival Mowanjum Art and Cultural Centre, Derby, WA
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- 2015 Shinju Art Prize
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- 2014 Feature artist, Ashurst Legal Reconciliation Policy, Ashurst Legal
- 2013 Darwin Art Fair Darwin, NT
- 2013 Kimberley Art Prize Derby, WA
- 2013 Mowanjum Festival Mowanjum Art and Cultural Centre, Derby, WA
- 2013 Revealed, Emerging Western Australian Aboriginal Artists, Gallery Central, Central Institute, Perth, WA
- 2012 Darwin Art Fair Darwin, NT
- 2012 Kimberley Art Prize Derby, WA
- 2012 Mowanjum Festival Mowanjum Art and Cultural Centre, Derby, WA

Bibliography

2013 Dale's Daughter To Show Own Art, Broome Advertiser, Therese Phillips

Commissions

2000 Sydney Olympics Opening Ceremony – Large Scale Sculpture