



Short St. Gallery

Graham Tipungwuti

Born	1962
Language	Tiwi
Skin Group	Waranga (Stone)
Dance	Jarrangi (Buffalo)



Biography

Graham Tipungwuti creates Tiwi-style still life paintings of familiar items found in the Wurrumiyanga community – drink cans, soft drink bottles, powdered milk and biscuits. Working primarily on stringybark, these works explore the complexities of contemporary Tiwi life.

Graham has also produced ironwood carvings of birds, heads and faces, and the occasional ancestral figure of Purrukupali. His sculptures and other art works have been shown at several pivotal Ngaruwanajirri shows since joining the centre.

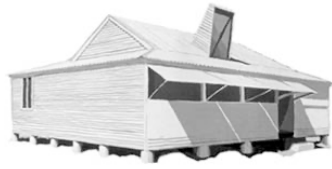
Significant exhibitions where his work appeared include 'Works on Paper' touring exhibition with Art Back Nets 1996-2000; "Tayikuwapi" Ngaruwanajirri Group Exhibition in Batchelor NT, 2002; Supreme Court Darwin. N.T., Ngaruwanajirri Group Exhibition, Darwin Festival, 2006 and Ngaruwanajirri: helping one another` CDU art gallery 2011. This latter show was a historic retrospective exhibition of works by all of the Ngaruwanajirri artists.

In 2022 Graham (as part of a collaborative group of carvings) with Gordon Pupangamirri, Barry Kantilla, and David Tipuamantumirri, "First Death on the Tiwi Islands", was selected for the Wynne Prize in 2022.

Graham was a finalist in the 2025 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Art Awards with a stringybark painting Yinkiti Jilamara [Food Design].

Group Exhibitions

2026 Ngawa Ngirramini, Our Story – Short St Gallery, Broome, WA



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- 2026 Graham Tipungwuti was a finalist in the bark category. MAGNT purchased his work, NATSIAA 2025, MAGNT, Darwin 2026, June, Pupuni ngirramini amintiya jirti ngirramini [Good news and bad news], Outstation Gallery, 7 Anchorage Court, Darwin
- 2026 Offcuts 2026, Qubit, 6 Harriet Place, Darwin NT 0800
- 2025 An exhibition of recent small bark paintings from Ngaruwanajirri with Alfonso Puautjimi, Jane M Tipuamantumirri, Alexandrina Kantilla, Marie Y. Tipumantumirri, Ken Wayne Kantilla, Gordon Pupangamirri, Ngaruwanajirri mintawunga jilamara aningani [Ngaruwanajirri bark
- 2025 An exhibition by men artists from Ngaruwanajirri - Harold Munkara, David Tipuamantumirri, Barry Kantilla, Thomas Munkanome, Gordon Pupangamirri, Graham Tipungwuti., Tiwi Ningani (Tiwi Today), Outstation Gallery at Tactile Arts, Darwin.
- 2022 Gordon Pupangamirri, David Tipuamantumirri, Barry Kantilla, and Graham Tipungwuti, Wynne Prize finalist in 2022. Collaborative sculptures, "First death on the Tiwi Islands"