



Short St. Gallery

Alan Munkara

Born	1981
Community	Wurrumiyanga - NT
Country	Jikarruwu (Cape Fourcroy) Bathurst Island
Language	Tiwi
Skin Group	March Fly
Dance	Jarrakarlani / Loggerhead turtle

Biography

Alan has a Certificate 1 in Visual Arts from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education where he learnt about painting, drawing, screen-printing and portraiture.

Alan started learning to carve at Ngaruwanajirri in early 2025 where he has been learning the traditional Tiwi way of carving Ironwood and painting using local ochres.

Alan wants to carve and paint Tiwi animals and keep Tiwi culture and jilamara strong. His focus has been on birds, which are so central to Tiwi stories. Alan usually carves jijjinyi, a small bird that is his totem. He comes from a strong culture family and wants to keep the culture, the stores and knowledge alive.

Group Exhibitions

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