



# Short St. Gallery

## Wawiriya Burton

**Born** 1925  
**Language** Pitjantjatjara  
**Region** APY Lands



## Biography

Wawiriya Burton was a senior woman and Ngangkari (traditional healer) from the Amata community. She began painting at Tjala Arts in 2008, before which she specialised in baskets and punu (wood carvings). Wawiriya was an important cultural leader, passing on strong traditional cultural knowledge as demonstrated in her expressive paintings of her country. In these paintings, Wawiriya tells the story of her father's country near Pipalyatjara, west of Amata in South Australia. A natural talent, her work gained fast recognition, and Wawiriya was selected seven times as a finalist in the National Indigenous Art Awards at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and four times as a finalist in the Wynne Prize at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. In 2018 Wawiriya received the Roberts Family Prize at the Wynne Prize. Her works are held in numerous institutional collections both nationally and internationally.

"A long time ago, when we were little children, we ran around Puta Puta and Iitjata, our grandfather's and father's ground, and because of this we grew up strong. Why? Because it's Anangu country – Aboriginal people's country – of their spirit.

## Solo Exhibitions

2021 Kunmanara (Wawiriya) Burton: Palumpa Ngura Munu Tjukurpa: Her Country and Stories, Olsen Gallery, Sydney

## Group Exhibitions

2022 Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2020 Tjungungku Walkatjunanyu – Painting Together, Aboriginal Signiture, Estrangin Gallery  
2020 Kulata Tjuta, Musée des Beaus-Arts de Rennes, France  
2020 Tarmanthi 2020: Open Hands, Art Gallery South Australia  
2020 Tjala Arts- Tjukurpa nganampa kunpu kanyintjaku: Stories that keep culture Strong, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney  
2020 37<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin,



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- 2020 Tjala 2020, Outstation Gallery, Darwin  
2020 Nganampa Tjukurpa Pulkatjara- Stories from our Land, Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
2020 Amata Women, Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2019 Ngangkari, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs  
2019 36<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin  
2019 Nganampa Waltja Tjukurpa – Our Family Tjukurpa, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney  
2019 APY Lands, Olsen Gruin Gallery, New York  
2018 Nganampa Ngura Kurunjara – The Place of Our Spirit, Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
2018 Desert Mob, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs  
2018 35th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin  
2018 Tjala Arts: New work by senior artists, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney  
2018 Art of the APY Art Centre Collective, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
- 2018 Wynne Prize Finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW  
2018 Amata Imagined, Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2017 Tarnanthi Festival, Art Gallery of South Australia Indigenous Art Salon  
Art Gallery of South Australia  
2017 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 34th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist  
2017 Outstation Gallery, Tjala Tjukurpa  
2017 NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT  
2017 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW  
2016 Short St Gallery, Broome WA, Ngayuku Mgura – My Country  
2016 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels-Gems from the desert by Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery  
2016 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Art Centre, Sydney - Nganampa Killipil: Our Stars  
2016 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - 2016 Seven Sisters  
2016 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels - Rachines by Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery  
2016 Ngayuku ngura - My Country, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA  
2015 Kwarila Tjunguringanyi - All Together Now, Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2015 Paul Johnston Gallery in association with Darwin Festival - Salon des Refuse  
2015 Art Gallery of Western Australian, Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2015  
2015 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - Tjintu Wiru - Beautiful Day  
2015 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels - Paysages incarnes by Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery



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- 2015 Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels - Ligne de vie nomade at Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery.
- 2014 Short Street Gallery, In Memory of Kunmanara Williamson: These are the Stories we teach our Children
- 2014 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2014 Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory - 31st TEIstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist
- 2014 Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery - Paintings from the Heart of Amata Country
- 2014 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Tjala-nga - It's all about Tjala
- 2014 Red Dot Gallery Singapore - Tjintu Kuwaritja Wiru Mulapa
- 2013 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert mob
- 2013 Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney- 2013 Tjukurpa Nganampa Kunpu Kanyintjaka: Stories that keep culture strong
- 2013 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Kunpu Pulka - Strong and Important
- 2012 Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts New Works
- 2012 Short St Gallery, Perth - Tjala Arts New Works
- 2012 RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs - Punu ngura - From the Trees
- 2012 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Jgura Ngura Munu Malaku Ngura Kutu - From home and returning home
- 2012 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Kunpu munu ninti pilulka - Ngangatja anangu tjuta ku minyma ku way. Strong and Wise - This is the way of Anangu Women
- 2011 Artkelsch, Germany - Western APY Lands
- 2011 Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney - Ngura Wiru Mulapa - Our Beautiful Country
- 2011 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Nganampa Kambatjanka Uungutja - Behind our Canvas
- 2011 Raft Artspace Alice Springs - I hold my mothers story. I hold my fathers story.
- 2011 Araluen, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2011 Tjala Artists 2011, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2010 Desert Country, Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2010 Tjala Arts Ala Patintjaku, Tjala Arts Closing the Gap, Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2010 Desert Mob 2010, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2010 Tjukurpa Kunpu Nganana Kanyini Pulka. Our Stories We Hold Strong, Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2010 Tjala Women, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 2010 Raft Launch APY NPY Survey Exhibition, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs
- 2010 Nganampa Tjukurpa Kunpu. Our Strong Stories, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 APY NPY Exhibition, Marshall Arts
- 2010 Tjukurpa Pulkatjara, South Australia Museum, Adelaide
- 2009 Our Mob, Adelaide Festival Centre
- 2009 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs



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2009	Tjala Arts, Randell Lane, Perth
2009	Tjala Women, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
2009	Tjala Arts, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2009	Tjala Arts, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2008	Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs
2008	Tjala Arts, Randell Lane, Perth
2000	Iritja munu kuwaitja tjukurpa. Stories from past and present, Tandanya, Adelaide

## Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Art Gallery of South Australia  
Artbank  
Corrigan Collection  
Harriett & Richard England Collection  
International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands  
Lavery Collection  
Marshall Collection  
Merenda Collection  
National Collection of Victoria  
Queensland Art Gallery - Gallery of Modern Art

## Awards

2021	Wynne Prize Finalist
2020	Telstra Prize Finalist
2019	Telstra Prize Finalise
2018	Telstra Prize Finalist
2018	Wynne Prize - Winner Roberts Family Prize
2018	Wynne Prize Finalist
2017	Finalist, Wynne Prize
2016	Telstra Prize Finalist
2014	Telstra Prize Finalist
2010	Telstra Prize Finalist

## Bibliography

2018	Artkelch, Robyn Kelch: Don't forget to sing!, Exhibition catalogue, Freiburg, Germany
2017	Artkelch, Robyn Kelch: Tjala Arts, Exhibition catalogue, Freiburg, Germany 2017



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- 2011 'Visions of a changing topography, Nicholas Rothwell, the Australian, 13  
September
- 2011 Artkelch. Robyn Kelch: Western APY lands, Exhibition catalogue Pro  
Community 2011, Freiburg, Germany 2011
- 2010 Desert Country, Nici Cumpston & Barry Patton, Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2009 'Fifty things collectors need to know 2009, Tjala Arts, Amata' Art Collector  
Magazine, issue 47, Jan-Mar
- 2008 Tjukurpa Pulkatjara: The Power of Law, Wakefield Press