



# Short St. Gallery

## Ned Grant

**Born** 1941  
**Language** Pitjantjatjara  
**Region** Tjuntjuntjara : WA



## Biography

Ned Grant was born near Papatjatjara in the north-east quadrant of Spinifex Country in the Great Victoria Desert, WA. During the Aboriginal Evangelical Mission (AEM) sweep through Spinifex in the late 1950's Ned was taken into Cundeelee Mission with older brother, Ted (dec) and younger brother Fred. Ned was a nyiingka (segregated bush boy) when he came in and was inducted into Men's Law in the ranges country north-west of Laverton.

Ned, a senior man by the early 1980's, helped drive the return to Spinifex country. Today Ned is the main ceremonial leader of the Tjintu (sun side) of Spinifex society.

Ned has been painting with the Spinifex Art Project since its beginning in 1997. His works have been included in major exhibitions nationally and internationally. Ned was one of 17 men who collaboratively painted their particular estates, which merged together, formed the Men's Native Title painting. Ned continues to paint his "run" - the area around where he was born and subsequently lost his umbilical cord.

Over the life of the project Ned has not been a prolific individual painter. He has, however, been an integral contributor to various men's collaborative works. It is the quantum of collaborative works produced which has been a distinguishing feature of the Spinifex Art Project since its beginning.

## Solo Exhibitions

2018 The Art of Fred and Ned Grant, Raft Art Space, Alice Springs. N.T.

## Group Exhibitions

2022 Short Street Gallery Broome  
2022 Aluni - Resonance - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
2021 Spinifex Wati Tjuta, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney  
2021 DesertMob 2021, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs N.T.



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2021	38th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, Museum and Art Gallery of NT. Darwin. NT
2020	Spinifex Artists - On Our Country, Japingka Gallery Fremantle. W.A.
2019	"Wati: Men from Spinifex" Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW.
2019	36th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, Museum and Art Gallery of NT. Darwin. NT
2019	Explosion, Aboriginal Signature • Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
2018	Convoking the Genesis - Eurantica - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery – Brussels
2017	Wüste - Meer - Schöpfmythen ArtKelch Gallery presented at The Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum Cologne, Germany
2017	Spinifex Arts 20th Anniversary, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle. WA.
2017	'Gems from the remote Deserts' Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, at the Parcours des Mondes, Paris
2017	Spinifex Ascendent Short Street Gallery, Broome, Western Australia.
2017	Farben der Wüste, ARTKELCH at Teppichhaus Jordan, Waldshut-Tiengen, Germany
2016	Pila Nguratja - In Spinifex Country Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
2016	33rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Art Award (Mens Collaborative). Museums and Art Gallery NT. Darwin
2016	Rawa Nyinanyi- Unbroken. Outstation Gallery, Darwin. N.T.
2016	Exposition Spinifex Arts Project, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Fine Art, Belgium
2016	Tjungutja – Art of the Spinifex Collaborative, Redot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
2016	Purungu und Narrupa, ARTKELCH at KUNSTWERK, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany
2016	Geisterstunde bei ARTKELCH, ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2015	Spinifex Arts Project 2015, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, N.S.W.
2015	Tamanthi - Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide. SA.
2015	Kulunypa- selected small works from the Spinifex Arts Project, Outstation Gallery, Darwin. N.T.
2015	Ausblick – Einblick, ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2015	Wo das Stachelkopfgas wächst, ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2014	Spinifex Artists, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle W.A
2014	Tjuntjuntjara Nguratja- Tjuntjuntjara is home Harvey Art Projects, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
2014	Tjuntjuntjara - recent works from Spinifex Country Shorts Street Gallery, Broome, Western Australia



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2014	Spinifex Tjukurpa ReDot Gallery, Singapore.
2014	Spinifex Arts Project 2014, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2014	Pila- Spinifex Land Outstation Gallery, Parap, Darwin. NT
2014	Australian Contemporary Indigenous Art 111 Chiaroscuro Contemporary Art in association with Vivien Anderson Gallery, Santa Fe, USA
2013	Spinifex Arts Project, ARTKELCH at art Karlsruhe 2013, Karlsruhe, Germany
2013	A Lesson in Pitjantjatjara, ARTKELCH Collectors Lounge at kptec, Schorndorf, Germany
2013	The Wild Ones Raft Artplace, Alice Springs, N.T.
2013	Spinifex Arts Project ArtKelch, Freiburg, Munich, Hamburg, Bodensee, Lake Constance, Germany
2013	Kuwaritja - New Works of the Spinifex People Outstation Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory
2013	DesertMob Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, N.T
2013	30th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Art Award (Mens Collaborative). Museums and Art Gallery NT. Darwin
2012	Tupun Nguranguru – People of the Sandhill Country 45 Downstairs Gallery, Vivien Anderson, Melbourne
2012	Spinifex - People of the Sun and Shadow John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia
2011	Spinifex Artists, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA
2011	Living Water- Contemporary Art of the Far Western Desert, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
2010	Spinifex Arts Project 2010, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2010	Spinifex Artists, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA
2010	Desert Mob, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs, NT.
2010	Desert Country Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, S.A. and National Tour
2010	Australian Contemporary Indigenous Art Now, Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe USA in association with Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2009	Tracking the Wati Kutjara Coo-ee Gallery, Sydney, N.S.W
2009	Spinifex Artists Ab-Original Gallery, Austria
2009	Spinifex Artists 2009 Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, W.A
2009	Desert Mob Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T
2008	Spinifex Artists Recent Work Short St Gallery, Broome, W.A.
2008	Kapi Ninti: Knowing Water Knowing Country, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
2008	Desert Mob Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2007	Ten Years On Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, W.A.



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2007	Seattle Arts Museum, Seattle
2007	New Spinifex Works Short St Gallery, Broome, W.A.
2007	Desert Mob Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T
2007	Best of the Best Framed Gallery Darwin, N.T.
2006	Spinifex - New Works Marshall Arts, Adelaide, S.A.
2006	Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
2006	Desert Mob Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T.
2006	Art of the Spinifex People Japingka Gallery, Perth, W.A.
2005	Spinifex Mob Coo-ee Arts, Sydney, N.S.W.
2005	Spinifex Artists Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London, England.
2005	Law and Land Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands
2005	Desert Mob Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T
2004	Spinifex Arts Project Harbour House Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland.
2004	Colour Power - Aboriginal Art post 1984 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Vic
2003	Spinifex Paintings Raintree Gallery, Darwin, N.T
2003	Spinifex Arts Project 2003 Span Galleries, Melbourne, Vic
2002	Putitja Nguru - Art of the Spinifex People Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, W.A
2002	Native Title Business – Contemporary Indigenous Art, Australian national tour
2001	Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, Darwin, N.T
2001	Spiral Arm Gallery, Canberra. A.C.T.
2001	Flinders Arts Museum, Adelaide, S.A.
2001	Broken Hill City Regional Art Gallery, Broken Hill, N.S.W.
2001	All About Art Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic.
2000	Pila Nguru - Art and Song of the Spinifex People Western Australian Museum, Perth, W.A and national tour

## Awards

2019	Finalist 36th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, N.T
2016	Finalist (Mens Collaborative) 33rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, N.T
2013	Finalist (Mens Collaborative) 30th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, N.T

## Collections



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MUSEUM FÜNF KONTINENTE, MUNICH, GERMANY  
NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA, ACT (MENS COLLABORATIVE)  
SAMMLUNG ALISON UND PETER W. KLEIN, NUSSDORF, GERMANY  
SEATTLE ART MUSEUM, SEATTLE, USA. (MENS COLLABORATIVE)  
THE ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, NSW (MENS COLLABORATIVE)  
THE BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON, ENGLAND. (MENS COLLABORATIVE)  
THE CORRIGAN COLLECTION, AUSTRALIA (MENS COLLABORATIVE)  
W. & V. MCGEOCH COLLECTION, MELBOURNE, VIC.

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