



Short St. Gallery

Ruth Bates

Born c.1961
Language Group Ngaanyatjarra
Region Warakurna, WA



Biography

Ruth Bates is an artist belonging to the Ngaanyatjarra language and cultural group and lives in Warakurna, WA.

Ruth was born in the bush in between Patjarr and Wanarn in Western Australia. She grew up near Wiluna then moved to Warburton where she attended school. Ruth then went to high school in Perth before returning to the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. Ruth now lives in Warakurna Community in WA with her family and makes lovely large baskets and wonderful character-filled sculptures. Ruth enjoys making Tjanpi because it is a nice thing to do for relaxing.

Tjanpi Desert Weavers (Tjanpi meaning 'wild grass') is an award-winning, Indigenous governed and directed social enterprise of the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC). Tjanpi empowers over 400 women across a 350,000 square kilometre area of the tri-state region of NT, SA and WA to earn an income and remain in their communities on Country.