

# **Donald Moko**



| Birth Year     | c.1938 - 2022 |
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| Language Group | Yulparitja    |
| Reaion         | Bidvadanga    |

## Biography

Donald Moko is a senior law man from the Mindi Mindi clan of the Yulparija. He was born at Kalajadu near Wangkatjungka, west of Well 33 on the Canning Stock Route in the Great Sandy Desert. He grew up travelling all around his traditional country with his parents. He went through law and trained as a traditional Maparn (medicine man). This took him travelling all around. He came to Bidyadanga in the late 1960's with his wife Mary Meribida and their children.

## Exhibitions

| 2014 | Saltwater Soul Desert Heart, Short St Gallery Broome, WA   |
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| 2012 | Deserts and Rivers, Aboriginal Art from Western Australia's North, Form Gallery, Perth                                   |
| 2012 | Crossing Cultures: The Owen and Wagner Collection of Contemporary<br>Aboriginal Australian Art at the Hood Museum of Art |
| 2012 | Luminescences: The Colour of Bidyadanga, Harvey Art Projects, Idaho,<br>USA  |
| 2011 | Australian Aboriginal Art: Painting from the Deserts, ININTI in collaboration with IDAIA, Madrid, Spain                  |
| 2011 | 'Shalom Gamarada Ngiyani Yana Art Fair 2011', Sydney, NSW  |
| 2011 | 'Summer Haze', JGM Galleries, London, UK   |
| 2011 | 'Pearls, Paint & Ilma', Aratong Galleries, Australian High Commission,   |



# Short St. Gallery

Singapore

- 'Bidyadanga Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT 2011 2010 Yiwarra Kuju, Canning Stock Route exhibition, National Museum of Australia, Canberra ACT 2010 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building. - Short St Gallery & William Mora Galleries present the Yulparija artists 2009 Short on Size, Short St Gallery, Broome WA 26th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, 2009 MAGNT, Darwin 2008 From Desert to Saltwater, Booker-Lowe Gallery, Houston Texas, USA 2008 Bidvadanga Artists 2008, AP Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA Winpa, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT 2007
- 2007 Desert Heart, Nevill Keating Gallery, London, England
- 2007 From the Bungalow I: Yulparija Artists, Johnston Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2006 Northern Journey, The Priory at Bingie, Bingie, NSW
- 2005 The return of our land, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Weaver Jack, Donald Moko, Spider Kalbybidi: Recent Works from Bidyadnaga, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2004 Desert Ocean, Short st. Gallery @ Kidogo Gallery, Fremantle, WA
- 2004 Divas of the Desert, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 Bidyadanga Artists, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2004 Bidyadanga Art, Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2004 2004 Australian Visual Culture Now, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, NSW
- 2004 National Telstra Art Awards, Northern Territory Art Gallery, Darwin
- 2004 Kirriwirri, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT
- 2004 Saltwater to Desert Images, Short st. Gallery @ Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2004 Colour Power, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
- Manyiljara, Short st. Gallery, Broome, WA 2003

# Collections

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