

## **NINGURA NAPURRULA - PINTUPI c. 1938 - 2013**

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Ningura Napurrula was born c. 1938 near present day Kiwirrkura in the Gibson Desert, WA. She went to Papunya with her husband Yala Yala Gibbs Tjungurrayi in 1963, with their sons Morris Gibbs Tjapaltjarri and Adam Gibbs Tjapaltjarri. In the early 1980s the family moved to Kintore. Ningura commenced painting in 1995 and completed her first paintings for Papunya Tula Artists in 1996. She has since exhibited regularly, including a survey exhibition of her work at Utopia Art Sydney in 2009. In 2003 Ningura was chosen along with four other Papunya Tula Artists to have one of her paintings represented on an Australia Post International Stamp. In 2004 Ningura was one of eight artists selected to have an example of their work incorporated into the architecture of the Musee du quai Branly in Paris. Her work can also be found in the collections of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the National Gallery of Australia and the Griffith University Art Collection. Ningura passed away in 2013.

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

2009 Ningura Napurrula: A survey 2005 to 2009, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

2000 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2021 'Papunya Tula: 50 years', SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
'Martupura Tjukurrpa - Important Business', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT.
- 2013 'The Salon', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2012 'Community IV: Celebrating Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Classic Works from Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Unique Perspectives: Papunya Tula Artists and the Alice Springs Community,' Araluen Arts Centre, NT
- 2011 'Papunya Tula Women's Art', Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
'Papunya Tula Artists: Paintings from the Western Desert', Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, VIC  
'Freemantle Arts Centre Print Award 2011', Freemantle, WA  
'Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2010 'Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, ACT  
'Nyakula Kanyini Piintapalyalpayi Kamu Walytja Tjanampa Lurtju – Caring For Artists and Their Families', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
'Ngurrakutu – Going Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', ReDot Gallery, Singapore  
'Wilinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT  
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT  
'Tradition & Innovation – Papunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
'Small Paintings', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
'Summer Show 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
'Emerging Elders', National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
- 2009 Wynne Landscape Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW  
'Stockroom Show', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
'5th Annual Shalom Gamarada Aboriginal Art Exhibition', Shalom College UNSW, NSW  
Nganana Tjungurrayi Tjukurrpa Nintintjakitja: We are Here Sharing our Dreaming, East Galleries, New York, USA  
'TogArt Contemporary Art Award', Darwin, NT  
'Painting the Country', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT, Australia  
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, Australia  
'Papunya 2009, Senior Pintupi Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC, Australia  
'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

- 'Tjukurpa Palurukutu, Kutjupawana Palyantjanya – Same Stories, A New Way', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Nganampatju Kanpatja Winjki, Nganampatju Yara Winkii – All Our Paintings, All Our Stories', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 'Ngurra Yurru Kulintjaku – Always Remembering Country', CCAE, Darwin, NT  
 'New Paintings from Papunya Tula Artists', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT  
 'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Papunya Tula – Recent Works', Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA  
 'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', Darwin Convention Centre, NT  
 'Aboriginal Art 2008', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 '20 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'The Other Thing – a survey show', Charles Darwin University Art Collection, Darwin, NT  
 'Kintore to Kiwirrkura – Papunya Tula Artists', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore  
 'Markangku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka – Making Strong Paintings at Home, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 'Big Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 TogArt Contemporary Art Award, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT  
 'Papunya Tula 2007', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Group Show', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
 'Aboriginal Art 2007', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Recent Paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange  
 'The Black and White Show', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore  
 'Wonderful World', Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, University of South Australia, SA  
 'Pintupi Art 2007', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'across the board', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
 'PTA', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Papunya Tula Artists 2006', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Land Marks', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria  
 'Dreaming Their Way', National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, DC, USA  
 'Pintupi', Hamiltons Gallery, London, UK  
 'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore  
 'Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
 'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Papunya Tula Artists – Recent Paintings', Harriet Place, Darwin, NT  
 'Pintupi Art 2006', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Aboriginal Art 2006', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2005 'Pintupi Show', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Papunya Tula Artists - new work for a new space', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Museum II', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Pintupi Women', Indigenart, Perth, WA  
 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Translation', Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France  
 'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 'The Desert Mob Art Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Pintupi Art 2005', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 2004 'Depth of Field – Anamorphosis', artists explore 'Absolute Matte' a new paint from Chroma Australia, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'The Women's Show', Vivien Anderson Gallery, VIC  
 'Papunya Tula – Selected paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Art 2004', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Works from Kintore & Kiwirrkura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Ma Yungu/ Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT  
 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT

- 'Mythology & reality', Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, VIC
- 2003 'Australian Contemporary Aboriginal Art in Prague', Toskansky Place, Czech Republic  
 'Australian Contemporary Aboriginal Art in Prague', Toskansky Palace, Praha 1 Czech Republic  
 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA  
 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK  
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2002 'Redlands Westpac Art Prize', Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
 'Solstice', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'A Way Through' the Sue and Ian Bernadt Collection, Aboriginal paintings by Women artists, Central Tafe Art Gallery, Northbridge, WA  
 'Next Generation – Aboriginal Art 2002' Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
 'Paintings From Our Country' Tony bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Aboriginal Art 2002', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories' Indigenart Subiaco, WA  
 'Art Born of the Western Desert' Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT  
 'Saluting Papunya' Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT  
 'The Redlands Westpac Art Prize' Mosman Gallery, NSW  
 'Pintupi Artists' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 32<sup>nd</sup> Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2001 '2001', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Six Painters from Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Museum', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 Musee de Beaux Arts et d'Archeologie de Vienne, France  
 Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
 'Papunya Tula 2001', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Papunya Tula Women', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Papunya Tula 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT  
 'Aboriginal Art 2001' Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 Indigenart, Subiaco, WA  
 'The Desert mob Art Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'The White Snow 2' William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Exhibition' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Contemporary Australian and Aboriginal Art' Thornquest Gallery, Southport, QLD  
 18<sup>th</sup> Exhibition National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT  
 'Kintore and Kiwirkura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 Thornquest Gallery, Southport, QLD  
 'Size Doesn't Matter' William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Aborigena' Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy  
 'Beyond Wings' Flinders University Art Museum, Flinders University, Bedford Park, SA
- 2000 'Aboriginal Art 2000', Scott Livesey Art Gallery, 1120 High Street, Armadale, VIC  
 'Encore', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Papunya Tula' Genesis and Genius', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW  
 'Spring Exhibition', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 17<sup>th</sup> Exhibition National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT  
 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT  
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Women', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 1999 Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, New Horizons 2000, Melbourne, VIC  
 Raintree Aboriginal Art Gallery, Darwin, NT  
 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 1996 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd. Alice Springs, NT

## Commissions

Musée du quai Branly, Rue de l'Université building, Paris, France

## Collections

Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies  
Artbank  
Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Griffith University Art Collection  
Kunst Der Aborigines  
Moree Plains Gallery  
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory  
National Gallery of Australia

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Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2003', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC  
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Papunya Tula Artists, 'Nganana Tjungurringanyi Tjukurrpa Nintintjakita – We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming', exhibition catalogue, New York, USA, 2009  
Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', exhi cat., Darwin, NT, 2010  
ReDot Gallery, 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', exhibition catalogue, Singapore, 2010.  
Rumley, Katrina, 'Widening Horizons: The Moree Plains Gallery Collection', Moree Plains Gallery, 2013