



# Jimmy Mawukura Nerrimah

Born around 1924, Wayampajarti, Great Sandy Desert, Western Australia, Australia.

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## BIOGRAPHY

Mawukura was a Walmajarri man. He was born in a Jiwari (small billabong). In the hot weather time his mother went there to Punanangu from Wili (just to the north). His country surrounds Wayampajarti jila (permanent waterhole) in the north western area of the Great Sandy Desert. Mawukura grew up in the desert moving between the main waterholes in his country including Tapu, Kurralpartu, Kayalijarti, Kurraly Kurraly, Walypa, Wayampajarti, Kumpujarti and Witikarriarti.

Mawukura was 'nearly a man' when his father took him to the station to escape a very large fire that was burning in his country around Tapu. A lot of people moved into the stations around this time due to droughts and bushfires. He went through law at Lumpu Lumpu and then went back to the desert with his father-in-law where he lived for approximately five years. The police came around there once he says but they did not pick him up, they gave him food. The police continued to visit but they were frightened by *kalpurtu* (snake) so they kept going straight back into town. Not long after that, the same police picked up Huey Bent and took him to Cherrabun Station. Mawukura eventually left the bush possibly in the early 1960s and spent most of his time working on Nerrimah Station.

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 *Mawukura Jimmy Nerrimah 2005-2011 Survey*, Seva Frangos Art, Subiaco, Western Australia, Australia
  - 2011 *Mawukura Jimmy Nerrimah*, Brigitte Braun Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
  - 2009 *Jila Ngurrara* [Waterhole Country], Brigitte Braun Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
  - 2007 *Una palu kipunngani ngurrala* [Whole lot, all, walking country], ReDot Gallery, Singapore
  - 2005 *Mawukura*, Artplace, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
  - 2005 *Recent works by Mawukura Jimmy Nerrimah*, Raft Artspace, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
  - 2004 *Ngurrala Marna Kitpungani*, Brigitte Braun, 45 Downstairs Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
  - 2003 *Jilawarnti*, Artplace, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
  - 2003 *Mawukura Jimmy Nerrimah*, Cooe Gallery, Paddington, New South Wales, Australia
  - 1999 *Kumpujarti*, Artplace, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
  - 1994 *Mawukura Jimmy Nerrimah Reflections of the Kimberley Gallery*, Derby, Western Australia, Australia
  - 1994 *Reflections of the Kimberley*, Gallery, Derby Artplace, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
  - 1993 *Mawukura Jimmy Nerrimah*, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Colour Power 22*, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 *Entre deux eaux with the Mangkaja & Erub Art centres*, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2014 *Country to Coast: Colours of the Kimberley*, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 2014 *Mangkaja Arts 21 Year Anniversary*, Tandanya, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
- 2012 *Wirrinyiya ngaragnarag birra ngamoo ngamoo*, Tandanya, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
- 2009 *Mangkaja Artists 60x60*, Randell Lane Fine Art, Western Australia, Australia
- 2009 *Sharing Difference on Common Ground*, Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
- 2009 *Senior Artists from Fitzroy Crossing*, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- 2009 *Mangkaja Survey Show*, Short Street Gallery, Broome, Western Australia, Australia
- 2008 *Bendi Lango*, The Indigenous Scholarship Fund, Sydney and Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- 2008 *Wet n' Wild*, Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany
- 2008 *Mangkaja Arts*, A P Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, Australia

- 2008 *More Than A Few Good Men*, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- 2008 *Mangkaja Artists*, Randell Lane Fine Arts, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
- 2008 *Shalom Gamarada*, Caspary Conference Centre, University of NSW, Australia
- 2007 *Elysees de l'Art*, Galerie Arts d'Australie, Paris, France
- 2007 *Bendi Lango*, The Indigenous Scholarship Fund, Sydney and Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- 2007 *X Marks the Spot*, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- 2007 *Jila, Jilji and Miyi*, Cool-Art, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia
- 2007 *Colour Power*, National Gallery of Victoria, Australia
- 2005 *Too Much Good Work*, Raft Artplace, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
- 2005 *Mangkaja Group Show*, Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
- 2004 *Ngurrara Canvas*, Perth Concert Hall, Perth International Arts Festival, Western Australia, Australia
- 2004 *Colour Power: Aboriginal Art Post 1984*, National Gallery of Victoria, Australia
- 2002 *Melbourne Art Fair*, Artplace stand, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 2001 *Group Show with Peter Skipper*, Cooee Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
- 2001 *Mangkaja Group Exhibition*, Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
- 2001 *Ngurrara Canvas*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
- 2001 *jila wanti, jumu wanti & pirntiri*, Artplace, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
- 2001 *Jimmy Nerrimah and Abie Jangala*, Coe-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, Paddington, New South Wales, Australia
- 2000 *Short on Size*, Short St Gallery, Broome, Western Australia, Australia
- 1999 *Ngurrara*, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia
- 1999 *Aboriginal Kunst aus West-Australian*, Gallery Gaswerk, Germany
- 1999 *16th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery, Northern Territory, Australia
- 1999 *Peter Skipper and Jimmy Nerrimah*, Coe-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, Paddington, New South Wales, Australia
- 1994 *Art Award*, Art Prize, City of Gosnells, Western Australia, Australia
- 1994 *ACAF 4*, Artplace stand, Art Fair Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 1994 *Eight Western Australian Artists*, The Blaxland Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales Australia
- 1994 *ACAF-4*, 4th Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

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## RESIDENCIES / ART PRIZES / PUBLIC ART

- 1994 *Aboriginal Art Prize*, City of Gosnells Art Award
- 2008 Fitzroy Crossing Hospital - paintings on canvas, glass film design
- 2009 Broome Prison

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## COLLECTIONS

Levy Kaplan Collection, Seattle USA National Gallery of Australia  
 National Gallery of Victoria  
 Thomas Vroom Collection, Amsterdam Art Gallery of Western Australia Gabrielle Pizzi  
 Sir James & Lady Cruthers Collection and Sue Berndt Collections  
 Royal Perth Hospital Hyphema Collection Wesfarmers Ltd Berndt Museum Artbank  
 Fitzroy Crossing Hospital  
 Private Collections US, Europe, Asia & Australia

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