

DORIS BUSH NUNGARRAYI

Birth date: c. 1942
Birth Place: Haast Bluff
Language: Luritja
Community: Papunya
Dreaming: Kintore Dreaming

Biography

Doris Bush Nungarrayi was born in about 1942 at Haasts Bluff. Her father, who was Warlpiri, came in to the ration depot from his country west of Nyrripi and around Kintore after the birth of Doris's eldest brother Wirri Tjungurrayi. Her mother Yalkutjari Nakamarra was a Pintupi woman from the Kintore region whose father was 'boss' for the Kintore region and is buried there. Doris is a contraction of Dorothy - she is also known by her "bush name" Darinji. She had a younger sister also called Dorothy (b1952) whose "bush name" was Danisa.

Doris grew up at Haasts Bluff where she met and married George Bush Tjangala, a Luritja/Amnatyerre speaking man whose family came from just west of Alice Springs. Together they had three sons, Kenny, Christopher and Simon. Doris has six grandchildren; granddaughters Stephanie, Benita, Verina and Chelsea-Anne and grandsons Gavin and Joshua. George Bush was one of Papunya Tula Artists' original shareholders, though he did not paint much for the company apart from a brief period in the early 1980s. In the mid 1980's the family went to live on an outstation at Nulyumanu in Doris's mother's country out towards the WA/NT border. Later the couple divided their time between Papunya and Alice Springs, where George painted for the 'government gallery' (Centre for Aboriginal Artists and Craftsmen) in Alice Springs.

Doris's only surviving sibling, her brother Willy Nakanbala, lives in Papunya. After her husband's death in 1997, Doris spent increasing amounts of time in Papunya. Doris was a familiar figure in some of the Aboriginal art galleries of Alice Springs, asking for canvas and paints, although she received no encouragement.

After Papunya Tjupi Arts was established in Papunya in late 2007, Doris quickly became one of the most prolific and enthusiastic painters in the community and is usually the first to arrive each morning when - or even before - the doors open. In March/April 2012 she had her own solo exhibition at Damien Minton Gallery in Redfern Sydney, the first artist to do so under the auspices of Papunya Tjupi.

Solo Exhibition

2016 Doris Bush Nungarrayi: Papa Tjukurrpa : RAFT South, Tasmania
2013 Beyula Puntungka Napanangka and Doris Bush Nungarrayi : Two Person Show, Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2012 Doris Bush Nungarrayi: This is a Love Story : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney

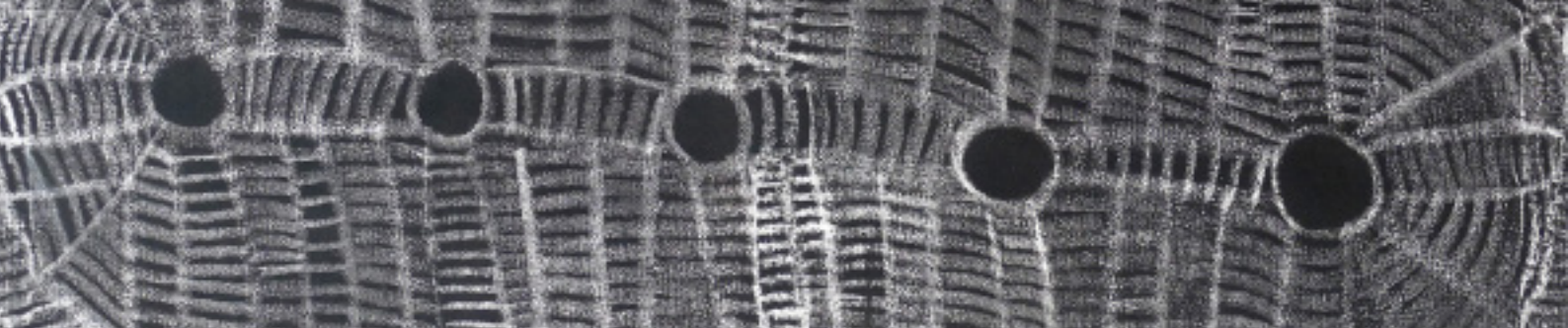
Group Exhibitions

2022 Travelling Through Country, JGM Gallery, London, UK
2017 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2017 : Darwin, NT
2017 Tjupi Taanu (When the Honey Ant Bursts) : Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
2017 Puri: New Shade : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2017 ArtKelch presents Papunya Tjupi at Art Karlsruhe : Karlsruhe Trade Fair Centre, Germany 2017 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016 The Power of Naivety : Art Kelch, Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, Germany 2016 Dont you tell me... : Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2016 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2016 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
2016 Keepers of Place: New Works from Papunya Tjupi : McCulloch & McCulloch, 45Downstairs, Melbourne 2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
2016 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016 Remember Me. Stories in Print. : AAMU, Museum of Contemporary Aboriginal Art, The Netherlands 2015

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Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries, Sydney
2015 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2015 Desert Dreaming : Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
2015 New Narratives: Papunya Tjupi Prints with Cicada Press 2006-2014 : Kluge-Ruhe Museum – UVa Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
2014 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2014 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre
2014 Seoul – Sydney: Contemporary Korean and Australian Prints : UNSW Galleries, Sydney
2014 Kungka Tjutaku Witiitjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries
2014 Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
2013 Papunya Tjupi: New Work : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
2013 New Paintings from Papunya Tjupi Arts : JGM Art Ltd, London
2013 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2013 Salon des Refuses : The Old Bank, Darwin
2013 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2013 Papunya Tjupi : Chapman Gallery Canberra
2013 Seoul Korean Art Fair : Seoul, Korea
2013 Kapingka punganyinka Tjupi tjutarringanyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
2013 ArtStage Singapore : ArtStage Singapore, Mossenson Galleries
2013 Artstage Singapore - Mossenson Galleries
2012 The Keating Speech - Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
2012 Desert Rhythm - Artists of Papunya Tjupi - Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2012 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2012 Papunya Tjupi - Marshall Arts, Adelaide
2011 Papunya Power - Art Mob Gallery, Hobart
2011 Papunya Tjupi - Mina Mina Gallery, Queensland
2011 Papunya Tjupi - Harvison Gallery, Perth
2011 Papunya Tjupi Artists - Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
2011 UNSW International Showcase - UNSW Kensington, Sydney
2011 Kuwarritja Tjutaku Papunya Tjupinya - Chapman Gallery Canberra
2011 Papunya Tjupi: Generations - Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2011 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2011 Papunya Tjupi Arts - Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide
2011 Papunya Tjupi Arts - ARTKelch Gallery, Germany
2011 New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts - Nomad Arts, Canberra and Darwin
2010 Art of Women - Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
2010 Papunya Power - ArtMob, Hobart
2010 Desert Stories Papunya Tjupi Now - Gecko Gallery, Broome
2010 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2010 Tjukurrpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts - Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2010 Papunya Tjupi Arts Group Exhibition - Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
2009 Papunya Tjupi - Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
2009 Kalipinyapa - Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2009 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2009 Introducing Papunya Tjupi and Ampilatawatja - Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
2009 Papunya Tjupi Group Show - Gecko Gallery, Broome
2008 Building Papunya Tjupi - Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
2009 We're talking about Papunya again - Art Mob, Hobart

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