

ANNANDALE GALLERIES

RALWURRANDJI WANAMBI (b. 1959)

Father is Mithili, deceased leader of the Marrakulu clan and documented artist. Ralwurrandji married Madarrpa artist Nuwandjali with whom she resides at his country at Baniyala, now known as Yilpara. She worked for many years at the Yirrkala art centre Buku-Larrnggay during the 1980's and early 90's.

Again in the late nineties and onward she and her sister Boliny and brother Wukun became some of the most prolific and popular artists at Yirrkala. She works consistently and divides her time between Yirrkala, while working for the local hospital, and her husband's homeland of Yilpara.

She is a very devoted mother and grandmother and an important source of community strength in ceremony and daily life. She has been a stalwart of all of Buku's projects over the last two decades and figured in important solo and group shows of her own.

Despite struggling with illness in 2011 she entered a brand new phase of energised activity and recast her style, which had always been evolving, into a contemporary textured pared back imagery. It is speculated that this was partially a result of Gunybi Ganambarr's close presence during the extended illness and subsequent death of her dear sister Boliny.

EXHIBITIONS

- 1999 *Dhalwangu* Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London
- 1999-2001 *Saltwater Country* various venues
- 2003 *Sydney Aboriginal & Oceanic Art Fair*
- 2005 *Concord- one exhibition eight communities Framed*, Darwin
- 2003 *Sydney Aboriginal & Oceanic Art Fair*
- 2006 *Two Sisters - Boliny and Ralwurrandji Wanambi Framed*, Darwin
Walking Together to Aid Aboriginal Health Shalom College, UNSW
Bulayi- Small Gems Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane
Great Women I Have Met - Boliny and Ralwurrandji Wanambi, Mogo Raw Art and Blues, Mogo, NSW
- 2007 Galuku Gallery, Festival of Darwin, NT
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards Museum and Art Gallery of the NT
Wanambi Sisters - Boliny and Ralwurrandji, Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2008 *Outside Inside - bark and hollow logs from Yirrkala* Bett Gallery Hobart, TAS
Yarpany - Honey, The Art of Marrakulu Framed, Darwin
SAME ONLY DIFFERENT Mogo raw Art and Blues, Mogo, NSW
A Few Real Gems I Have Come Across, Mogo Raw Art and Blues, Mogo, NSW
New Generations Yirrkala Artists, Creative Economy, Brisbane
- 2011 *Miyalk- Feminine Art from Yirrkala* Framed Gallery Darwin
Barrku Harvey Art Projects. Idaho USA
- 2012 *Ralwurrandji Wanambi - New Work* Annandale Galleries, Sydney (in conjunction with Gunybi Ganambarr's *From My Mind*)

COLLECTIONS

Bernt Museum of Anthropology, University of WA, Perth
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery

AWARDS

NAIDOC Regional artist of the year 2011