



The Red Centre never ceases to inspire or amaze, whether you're a resident or here for the first time. From the moment you arrive in this vast and unique landscape, an abundance of exciting fun-filled adventures awaits.

The Red Centre has a rich connection with art, culture, land and Australian pioneering history. Many who live in Central Australia have a strong link to the land: it is their home, their business, their history and their future. Art is an amazing opportunity to experience the diversity of the landscape, which we see every day. You can explore the region's ancient and beautiful landscape by foot or on wheels to discover the amazing waterholes, hiking tracks and all the attractions, events and experiences that we have on offer.

Our strong connection to land and to people is present in our rich art history and culture. The country throughout Central Australia has close ties with the first Australians, who are the Traditional Owners of this land. Their ancient living history can still be seen today in the form of rock carvings at sacred sites, along with paintings, jewellery made with traditional beads, basket weaving and a plethora of other art practices.

We have collated all the region's amazing art galleries, experiences and events into one practical Art Guide, to help you discover the full richness of art in the Red Centre. Once you immerse yourself in the magic of Central Australia and connect with the land, people, culture and history – the experience will never leave you.

What are you waiting for? Your art adventure awaits you!

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## RED CENTRE ROADTRIP PLAYLIST

3+ hours of road trip music selected by the staff at Tourism Central Australia





#### **PERMITS**

To visit some of our Art Centres, transit and/or entry permits may be required. Aboriginal land is private land requiring permission to visit. Permits are free and rarely refused, however applications must be made to Central Land Council before travelling. Travelling without the right permit can result in a fine.

To get to Ikuntji Artists and Papunya Tjupi Art Centre a transit permit for "Glen Helen to Papunya" is required. You can apply for this online through the Central Land Council.

Central Land Council (CLC) 27 Stuart Highway, Alice Springs (08) 8951 6211 | permits@clc.org.au | www.clc.org.au/permits

Entry Permits are required if staying overnight in a community listed below:

- Papunya
- Haasts Bluff
- Ntaria (Hermannsburg)

**The Mereenie Loop** (Larapinta Drive to Luritja Road)

If you are travelling in the region between Art Centres, you may choose to go between the West MacDonnell Ranges and Kings Canyon via the unsealed Mereenie Loop. Mereenie Tour Passes cost \$5 and are valid for 3 days from purchase. You can get a Mereenie Tour Pass from:

- Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre
- Ntaria / Hermannsburg Store
- Discovery Parks Glen Helen
- Kings Creek Station
- Kings Canyon Resort
- Central Land Council Reception, Alice Springs
  - Santa Teresa
  - Alparra
  - Ampilatwatja
  - Yuendumu
  - Alekarenge (Ali Curung)

Most of the outback Art Centres welcome visitors, however it is essential to make contact first to notify them of your intended arrival and for them to give you necessary and relevant up-to-date information you may need before you travel.

































#### **INDIGENOUS ART CODE**



The Code maintains standards for dealings between Dealers of Indigenous Art and Artists. It ensures fair and ethical trade in Artwork and transparency in the process of promotion and sale of Indigenous Artwork.

For more information see: www.indigenousartcode.org

#### ABORIGINAL ART ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (AAAA)



The AAAA serves and represents artists, individuals and organisations that produce, promote, protect or support Indigenous art and the cultures that create and nurture that art.

For more information see: www.aboriginalart.org.au

Members of the respective art codes will be signified by their logos, throughout this guide.

All Desart art centre members are Aboriginal owned and controlled.

When you buy artwork from Desart art centre members, you are investing in the careers of Aboriginal artists and art workers and putting culture first. You are also supporting Aboriginal art centres to achieve autonomy, sustained growth and stability and support the next generations of artists on their country and in their communities.

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Culture First.

Supporting Aboriginal Art Centres of Central Australia

## Choose Culture first. Purchase from community art centres.

Tips to buy art ethically:

- Buy direct from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander owned art centres
- If buying from an art dealer or gallery, confirm that they are a member of the Indigenous Art Code
   See www.indigenousartcode.org
- Always ask for a Certificate of Authenticity. This should include the name of the artist, the title of the artwork, the artist's biographical details and the story of the artwork.

For more information about Desart member Art Centres in Central Australia see www.desart.com.au

Pictured: Kintore women's collaborative work, Papunya Tula. Photo: Desart





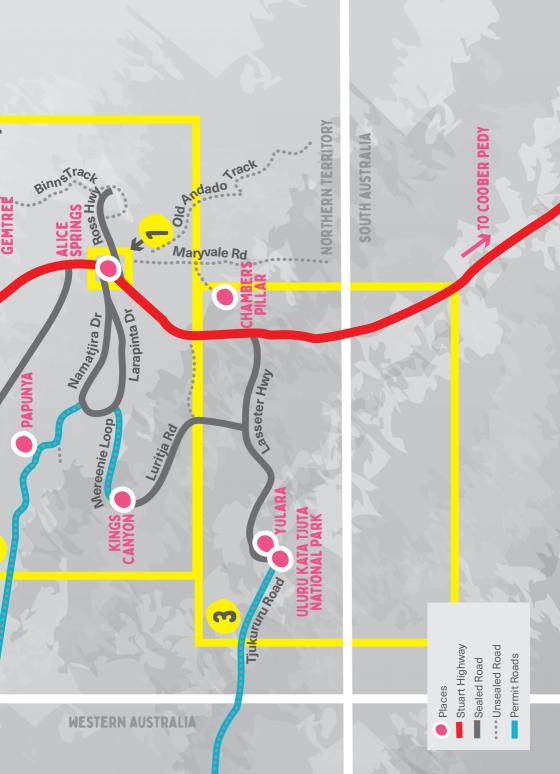








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## NATIONAL ABORIGINAL

Take a stroll through Todd Mall on a sunny weekend and there can be no doubt that you're in the artistic heart of Australia. Art is everywhere you look in Alice Springs; from galleries showing the most contemporary Aboriginal art, to the numerous Aboriginal Art Centres, to the astonishing rock art that peppers the outskirts of town.

What better way to celebrate this unique heritage, and the impact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and cultural expression on Australia, than with a dedicated National Aboriginal Art Gallery? The National Aboriginal Art Gallery (working title) is currently in the design phase, with construction expected to start in early 2023. Situated adjacent to Anzac Hill and the Anzac Oval, the gallery is set to become a focal point for the town, surrounded by lush green spaces and overlooking the Todd River.

In keeping with the innovation and creativity that saw the emergence of contemporary Aboriginal art here in the 1970s, the National Aboriginal Art Gallery will have a strong contemporary focus and draw on innovative, up-to-the-



## ART GALLERY . . .

minute technology to provide new ways of experiencing, understanding, and interacting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

Changing exhibitions will draw on national and international collections to tell the myriad of stories that emerge through Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander art, community gallery spaces will provide unique insights into creative people and places throughout Australia, and the entire experience will be capped off with regular workshops, demonstrations, and performances. Rest after a busy day with

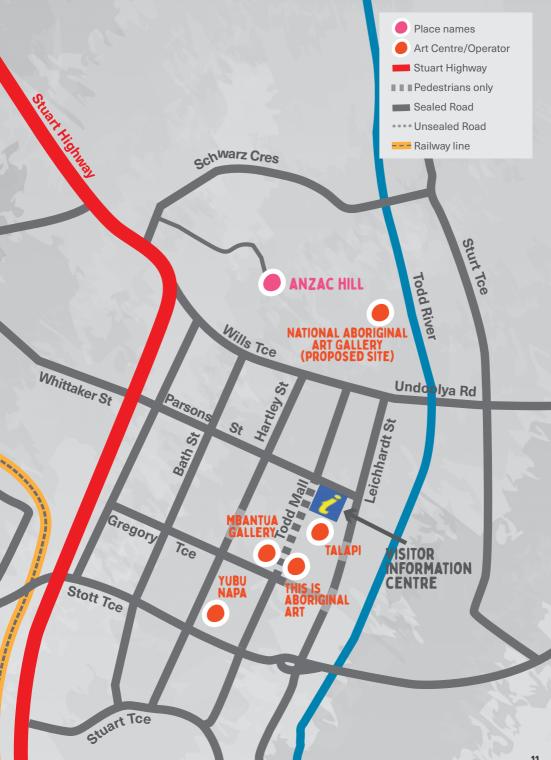
a bite to eat at the café, where you'll be treated to local flavours and stories.

The Gallery grounds will be an integral part of the overall experience, with opportunities to explore the connection between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island art and culture with the land, the creatures that inhabit it, and our spectacular night sky.

Forget what you know about art galleries. Just as the desert is full of colour and life, the National Aboriginal Art Gallery will be a place of sound, colour, movement, and above all, celebration.



## **ALICE SPRINGS TOWN MAP** Smith St Ghan Rd TJUTANGKU TJUKURRPA Kidman St BINDI MWERRE ANTHURRE ARTISTS Elder St TANGENTYERE ARTISTS ILTJA NTJARRA (MANY HANDS) ART CENTRE Wilkinson St Fogarty St TJANPI DESERT WEAVERS CENTRAL CRAFT Larapinta Dr ARALUEN ARTS CENTRE 10







he Araluen Arts Centre operates as the visual art and performance hub of Central Australia, presenting an annual program of exhibitions, performances, and film. Known as the keeping place of stories, Araluen holds within its spaces some of the most significant works of art in Central Australia and brings to the stage world class performances from around the nation.

Literally built around a culturally significant 300 year old corkwood tree that now sits in the centre of the Sculpture Garden, the Araluen Arts Centre is the heart of the Araluen Cultural Precinct, which includes the Galleries and Theatre, the Museum of Central Australia including the Strehlow Research Centre, the Central Australian Aviation Museum, Central Craft, Yaye's Café, and a host of significant public works of art and Arrernte sacred sites.

The Araluen Galleries showcase the beginning and continuing development of the Contemporary Aboriginal art movement, particularly of Central Australia and the Western Desert Region as well as significant local contemporary artists in their response to place. The Araluen Art Collection includes original artworks by renowned watercolourist Albert Namatjira and his artistic response to the Central Australian landscape,

displayed in rotation in the Galleries, which themselves are only minutes from the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges and the country that inspired his work.

Art and culture remain an important and vital part of the Central Australian community. The Araluen Arts Centre is committed to presenting rich artistic and cultural events that capture the identity of this community: from the 26 year young and quirky Alice Springs Beanie Festival, to the nationally significant Desert Mob, continuing to draw from around 30 remote arts centres. throughout the NT. SA and WA, to present in September every year, the very latest in the ongoing development of contemporary Indigenous art.



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entral Craft is a not-for-profit membership-based organisation located in Alice Springs that nurtures and promotes craft and design practice in Central Australia with access to well-equipped studios, a workshop program, a retail outlet and a gallery space for established and emerging craftspeople living in the vast region stretching from the SA border to Tennant Creek.

Central Craft strengthens community by providing opportunities for learning, creative expression, and social and professional networking. They support emerging through to established artisans working across many disciplines and work to:



- engage & educate individuals & groups in craft & design practice
- improve viability of emerging & established craft & design practitioners
- build visibility of NT contemporary craft & design
- exhibit high quality craft & design to broad audiences
- build strong cross-cultural partnerships creating opportunities for innovation
- enhance the NT's reputation as a significant centre for contemporary craft & design

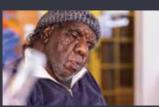




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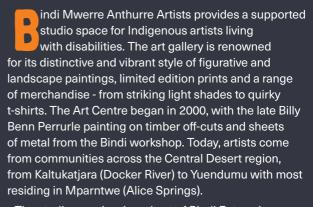






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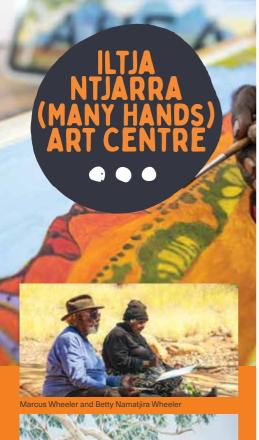
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The studio was developed out of Bindi Enterprises, established in 1978 to provide community engagement, employment opportunities, support and advocacy for people with a disability. The collective has grown into a distinctive Art Centre, with artists' work highly sought after by galleries and private collectors. Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artist's portray the essence, beauty and humour of Central Australia with each artwork reflecting the life of the region as seen, known and loved by the artists.









Hubert Pareroultja, Merena Bluff, NT



**Hubert Pareroultja** 

29 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs

I paint because I want people to understand what Country means to me. It is the Country of my family and ancestors. Since the time of our Dreaming it has belonged to us."

#### - Mervyn Rubuntja

erte! (welcome in Western Aranda). Iltja Ntjarra (Many Hands) Art Centre focuses on landscape painting started by Albert Namatjira and Hermannsburg School of Art. About 20 watercolour artists are associated with the Art Centre in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) and in Ntaria (Hermannsburg), featuring award winning artists including Mervyn Rubuntja, Hubert Pareroultja, Selma Coulthard, Vanessa Inkamala, and Kathy Inkamala. They keep alive the Western Aranda culture and the tradition of their grandfather, Albert Namatjira, arguably one of Australia's most famous artists. His paintings have been seen across the world and his descendants are finding the same success with their exquisite images of their breathtaking country.

Internationally recognised Iltja Ntjarra artists depict their Country, highlighting the striking Tjorita (West MacDonnell Ranges), using diverse techniques and mediums. They are renowned for scenic interpretations in watercolour on paper and innovative projects. In recent years works by Iltja Ntjarra artists have been transformed into bespoke fashion and public art, illuminated on the sails of the Sydney Opera House and showcased nationally and internationally as part of major contemporary art exhibitions.

The Centre operates a gallery and studio in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) where visitors are welcome. Every purchase directly supports artists and their communities. As a member of the Indigenous Art Code, Iltja Ntjarra is committed to fair and ethical practice in the production and sale of art.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Art Centre.







pjanpi Desert Weavers is a social enterprise of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) that enables women living in the remote Central and Western desert regions to earn an income from fibre art. Tjanpi ('desert grass' in Pitjantjatjara) represents over 400 Aboriginal women artists from 26 remote communities on the NPY lands.

The NPY lands cover approximately 350,000 square kilometres across the tri-state border region of NT, SA and WA. Tjanpi's creative development officers regularly traverse the area to visit these communities. On such trips they purchase artworks from artists, supply art materials, hold skills development workshops, and facilitate grass collecting trips. These trips also allow a number of other cultural maintenance activities to take place.

Tjanpi artists use native grasses to make spectacular contemporary fibre art, weaving beautiful baskets and sculptures and displaying a seemingly endless

creativity and inventiveness. Working with fibre in this way has become a fundamental part of Central and Western desert culture.

Tjanpi embodies the energies and rhythms of Country, culture and community. Women regularly come together to collect grass, taking the time to hunt, gather food, perform inma (cultural song and dance) and teach their children about Country whilst creating an ever evolving array of fibre artworks. The shared stories, skills and experiences of this widereaching network of mothers, daughters, aunties, sisters and grandmothers form the bloodline of the desert weaving phenomenon and fuel Tjanpi's rich history of collaborative practice.

Tjanpi has a public gallery in Alice Springs showcasing baskets, sculptures, jewellery, books, merchandise and more, while Tjanpi artworks can also be found at stockists around the country. Tjanpi also regularly exhibits work in national galleries, facilitates commissions for public institutions, and holds weaving workshops.













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stablished in 2005, Tangentyere Artists operates as a not-for-profit enterprise. Tangentyere Artists is a hub for art activities across the Town Camps (the name describing 18 Alice Springs Aboriginal housing associations), including the internationally renowned Yarrenyty Arltere Artists, located at Larapinta Town Camp. Through their art, Town Camp artists communicate stories about their families, identity and everyday lives. Their art practice aims to highlight the everyday experience of Aboriginal people in Central Australia. The painters are known for brightly coloured figurative work. These painted stories lend themselves to animation, which has become a part of the annual program. Tangentyere Artists operates a studio, gallery space, and outreach program.

They also supports Indigenous artists visiting town from remote communities and offers artists an open environment to create artworks and share artistic skills. Tangentyere is an Arrente word that means "coming together, working together". Tangentyere Artists is committed to innovative, sustainable, fine arts outcomes for the community.



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Explore the colourful and diverse street art of Alice Springs, and learn a little more about the history, landscape and creativity of the area.

Alice Springs has long been a vibrant hub for artists and creative performers, and hosts many well known and loved arts and cultural festivals and events each year. But, did you know that Alice Springs is also home to over 85 pieces of public art – all available for tourists and locals alike to enjoy free year-round?

From murals, to sculptures, to digital art pieces, you can find a little bit of everything in Alice Springs. Street art is particularly popular, and you can't walk far in the CBD without finding a stunning mural on a local business's wall, or down a laneway! The public art you'll see around town has been created by both local, interstate and international artists, with many of the pieces taking inspiration from the unique environment, colours and history of the area.

Public art serves to celebrate our town's heritage and cultural diversity by providing visual land-marks which act as natural

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gathering places for local storytelling and information sharing. The Council offers a pocket-size printed map for locating an array of murals, sculptures, decorative tiles and functional artworks, along with artist information. The map is freely available from the Civic Centre, Visitor Information Centre, and many tourist venues around town. Over 40 public artworks are within the Todd Mall and CBD area alone, and within easy walking distance from each other.

The good news is that you can also find all of Alice Springs' key public art pieces on its online public art map by scanning the QR code below. The online map offers a selection of themed trails to follow, on foot or by car, from a 1-hour duration to 3 hours, or you can use the map to plan your own public art trail. The map includes information about the art works, their location, and the artists behind them.

Written by Red Hot Arts Central Australia and Alice Springs Town Council



Scan to discover the Alice Springs Public Art Map, or find online at alicespringsnt.gov.au/artmap





bantua Gallery has specialised in Aboriginal Art from Utopia in Central Australia for 35 years. The gallery is situated in central Alice Springs and has developed a wonderful rapport with the traditional people of Utopia, located approximately 250km northeast of Alice Springs. Mbantua works closely with the artists to help promote their artworks, culture. and educate our population on the beauty and versatility of Aboriginal art.

Utopia Art is recognised as some of the most beautiful and sought-after contemporary artwork to be found in Australia. Some of the Utopia artists are among Australia's top collectable artists and several are past winners and finalists of the prestigious Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards.

As a legacy member of the Aboriginal Art Association of Australia, Mbantua Gallery is dedicated to upholding the ethics, guidelines for authenticity, and fairness that this organisation expects when working with Indigenous artists and others in the community. Mbantua is respected and recognised worldwide and was chosen as the Aboriginal art representatives for HRH Prince of Wales 2005 Australian tour

and continues to work with documentary makers and journalists on Aboriginal life and art.

When you visit Mbantua
Gallery you can enjoy a
dazzling array of beautiful
artworks and gifts for all
occasions including gift
vouchers and a large selection
of Australian opals. With
worldwide shipping available,
you can have your artwork
delivered to your doorstep.
Browse the website to learn
more about the gallery,
the Dreamtime culture,
or traditional symbols in
Aboriginal art.



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xperience the diverse and colourful world of Indigenous art at This is Aboriginal Art.

This is Aboriginal Art offers two floors of beautiful, ethically sourced Aboriginal-made paintings, sculpture and crafts.

Specialising in works from the Central and Western Desert regions, This is Aboriginal Art imparts to visitors a depth of knowledge that is qualified and drawn from decades of respectable industry experience.

This is Aboriginal Art presents a large selection of artworks from a more traditional aesthetic to the contemporary, a small memento to a stunning feature piece; They'll be happy to help you. They offer artworks by established and emerging artists from regions including Utopia, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands, Papunya, Kintore, Santa Teresa, Alice Springs and more.

This is Aboriginal Art also has a quality selection of carved wooden artefacts such as boomerangs, woomeras, clapsticks and animals (punu). They have a fun and quirky range of sculptural animals woven from spinifex and raffia (tjanpi), skilfully woven baskets, healing bush medicine balms, hand-painted ceramics, jewellery made from





locally sourced native flora, and didgeridoos.

This is Aboriginal Art places ethics at the forefront and empowers artists to decide how they want to work. Working directly in our studio with many of their independent artists provides them with a welcoming and fair place to paint while ensuring quality and authenticity. This is Aboriginal Art also works with Art Centres based in remote Aboriginal communities to source exquisite art, artefacts and sculptures.

This is Aboriginal Art is a member of the Aboriginal Art Association of Australia, which is an organisation promoting ethical and best industry practices.

They look forward to sharing our knowledge and collection with you.





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alapi presents contemporary artworks from the Aboriginal owned Art Centres from the central desert region. They are committed to ethical trade in Aboriginal art and are a member of the Indigenous Art Code.

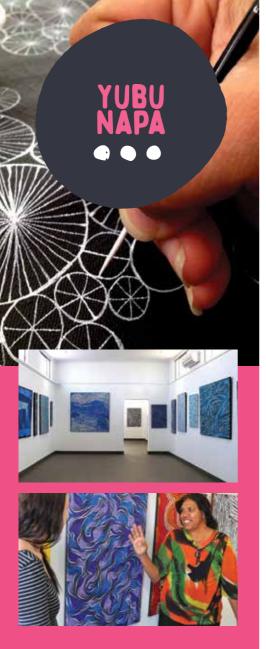
Together with their well informed and helpful staff, they have created a beautiful art space in Todd Mall dedicated to the promotion of Central Desert art and craft sourced directly from Aboriginal Art Centres.

You can also find contemporary, handmade jewellery, textiles, ceramics and wooden artefacts reflecting in the dynamic and diverse community of artists in Alice Springs region.





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ubu Napa Art Gallery and Studio is situated just a short 5-minute walk from the Visitor Information Centre. A relaxed and friendly space for visitors to Alice Springs to view an amazing array of local Indigenous art as well as meet some of the artists when they are working in the onsite studio space. Located at 65 Hartley St, this space was once the home of Panorama Guth, one of the biggest attractions in Alice Springs from 1975 until 2005. The Panorama was painted by Henk Guth in the 1970s and was the most visited attraction during that time.

The iconic building was reopened in 2015 when Yubu Napa began operating from this location.

Upon entry to Yubu Napa Art Gallery, you will be greeted by the friendly and helpful team and informed about what there is to see. The studio space operates most days (although they cannot guarantee that there will be artists working everyday) and they love knowing that visitors to their region may have the chance to admire the art and hear the stories behind the paintings firsthand as they are being created.

If you only visit one gallery in Alice Springs, make sure you visit Yubu Napa Art Gallery and Studio. Featuring a wide variety of traditional and contemporary artwork, visitors often spend hours enjoying the diverse range of styles in the spacious, beautifully appointed galleries. Visitors also love having the rare privilege of meeting some of the artists responsible for creating these beautiful works in the open studio space. There is also a delightful gift shop showcasing unique, high quality, handmade items and photography as well as a wide range of ethical licensed products as well.

With knowledgeable friendly staff, fully air-conditioned, complimentary cool water and amenities, Yubu Napa Art Gallery is an experience not to be missed!





jutangku Tjukurrpa – (everyone's dreaming stories) is Waltja's Social Enterprise Art Store.

The art store is a training centre for young Indigenous people to learn about business, desk top publishing, all aspects of selling art including the photography, technical skills, cataloguing, web design, packing and postage, customer service and finances. The Indigenous team will welcome you and explain how they work and answer any questions you have about the artworks. The art store has paintings, carvings, jewellery and book covers all hand made, painted and are absolutely unique. There are a range of small artworks perfect for travellers with limited space or they can send items on for you.

One hundred percent of any income generated from sales goes directly to support vulnerable and at risk people from the remote central desert communities.

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yeye Atyenhe Art is offering an Aboriginal Art experience on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in Alice Springs. Meet the artists, hear their stories and learn about their culture by booking through their website or the Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre.

Ayeye Atyenhe Art is a trendsetting online store, aiming to create history - your history, by offering top quality art and exceptional customer service to you from the comfort of your own home.

The goal is to bring unique traditional and contemporary/commissioned art to you, the customer. Ayeye Atyenhe Art is 'My Story Art' in the Arrernte language. What makes Ayeye Atyenhe Art different to other art businesses is that their artists will paint the story of the client. Whether that is a personal story, a family story or a business story, they will create a magnificent expression of your story to display prominently on your wall.

Marie Ryder and Kevin Bird, Aboriginal artists from the Northern Territory in Central Australia, will sell their art directly to you. In Aboriginal culture relationships are everything, central to who people are

and how they relate to others and their environment. Art is an expression of the telling, documentation and preservation of these stories. To understand who a person is, you need to appreciate the connections of people to each other and the land that they live on. Connections are so important and sadly most people underplay this significance.

Ayeye Atyenhe Art is a partnership of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, born out of relationship and concern. Working together as a partnership, Ayeye Atyenhe Art is more than just the art. They will bridge from the traditional to the contemporary in narrative and story. Ayeye Atyenhe Art is living on the edge – Creating History!

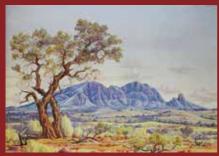
Allow Ayeye Atyenhe Art to present you and your story on canvas. Check out their website: www.ayeyeatyenheart.com.au or email: contact@ayeyeatyenheart.com.au



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### WESTERN DESERT ART MOVEMENT



Mount Sonder with Corkwood tree painted by Albert Namatjira. Credit: Araluen Art Centre

The western desert region falls within the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia reflecting the inter-relationships between people and land through the rich diversity of language, and culture expressed in the Tjukurrpa, the sacred stories of country and law of each region.

Central Australia is rich with art history. In the 1950s Albert Namatjira, an Arrernte man from what was then the Hermannsburg Mission, pioneered contemporary Indigenous Australian Art, gaining international recognition for his watercolour landscapes, establishing the Hermannsburg School of Painting. His legacy continues through the Iltja Ntjarra Many Hands Art Centre in Alice Springs.



Credit: Hubert Pareroultja, Reinhold Inkamala, and Vanessa Inkamala - Iltja Ntjarra (Many Hands) Art Centre

Craft has also had a dominant role in the Aboriginal art movement of Central Australia. The women at Ernabella as early as the 1940s began working with textiles. The Ernabella Art Centre continues today and is acknowledged as the oldest continuously run Art Centre in Australia.

In Utopia the Women's Batik Group created in the late 1970s, became well known for their unique batik work which toured nationally and internationally and featured batiks by Emily Kngwarreye amongst other women from the



Painting by Lyn Ward. Credit: Papunya Tjupi Art Centre

Utopia region, who also went onto to have national and international careers. The newly established Utopia Art Centre continues to promote artists from this region.

The Western Desert Art Movement heralded a new era in Australian art. Beginning in Papunya in 1971 when a group of senior Pintupi men painted the Honey Ant Mural, a non-secret rendering of an important Tiukurrpa story, on the Papunya School wall. The mural was a watershed moment in the community resulting in the burgeoning art movement of today. The exodus of Pintupi people from Papunya to their traditional homelands further west of the Papunya settlement ensured the growth of the painting movement as far as Balgo on the western edge of the Tanami Desert in Western Australia. In 1972 the artists established the first Aboriginal owned company, Papunya Tula Artists that celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022. That and the establishment of Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres in the early 1980s saw an explosion of art across the region, which built on the previous legacies of the Ernabella Craft story, the Hermannsburg School, and the Utopia Batiks. As the Western Desert Art movement grew there became an emergence of women artists, in communities such as Haasts Bluff and Yuendumu, also famous for the Yuendumu Doors, painted by five senior Warlpiri men in the 80s, who painted their [T] Jukurrpa (Dreaming) onto the school's doors to encourage children in two-way learning.

Today Western Desert Art takes many exciting and continually evolving forms. It can be figurative, abstract, minimalist, portraiture or landscape. It can incorporate the recognised dot technique, zigzagging lines, circles, and u-shapes of traditional iconography. Artists work with acrylics, oils, water colours and ochre with works on paper, canvas, textiles and fabrics. It is sculpture in wood, metal, ceramics, pottery and weaving with natural fibres. It can be jewellery made from seeds, or grass or silver work. Digital art, animations, films and photography are also practiced in this region.

More recently there has been a move into licensing artwork for a range of products, including homeware and fashion. Artists are often commissioned to create public art and designs for public buildings.

Aboriginal art from the central desert region is contemporary and highly collected by national and international collectors and



Painting by Stacey Davis. Credit: Keringke Arts

public institutions. Many of the world's most recognised names in art are from the Central Australian region.

Western Desert Art is the enduring strength and vitality of Central Australian desert cultures, the foundation of Aboriginal people's life.

For more information about Aboriginal Art Centres and ethical art purchasing go to www.desart.com.au. The peak body for Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres across the western desert art region.

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### **CENTRAL REGION MAP**



**ULURU** 





ounded in 1989, Keringke Art Centre is situated in the community of Ltyentye Apurte in the Central Australian region of the Northern Territory. The community was named for the stand of bloodwood trees that grow at the foot of hills to the west. Keringke Arts was named after a nearby ancient rock-hole that was formed when an ancestor Kangaroo travelled through the country. Several of the Keringke artists have responsibilities associated with the Keringke Rockhole site. Keringke Arts produces a wide variety of works reflecting the colour, rhythm and ambience of the land that is home for the Eastern Arrernte artists. The artists are represented nationally and internationally in many collections, and the work is prized for its unique style and authenticity as part of an ancient living culture. Various artists have developed this style of painting at Keringke Arts over a thirty year period.

During that time three generations of artists have used pattern, colour, shape and design to create paintings representing their sense of country, culture and self. Eastern Arrernte identity connects a person through skin names, places and ancestral totems; as well as family names, language, and community. Personal ancestry is not necessarily expressed in the design of each work. While the stories and imagery of this vast country, and its Indigenous people, influence the works produced by the Keringke artists, age-old motifs, landscape forms and patterns of movement lay the groundwork for dynamic and contemporary artwork. A wide range of products are available from Keringke Arts, including textiles, paintings, bowls and vases, with the work prized for its unique style and authentic connection to culture.





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itjikala is 107 kilometres south of Alice Springs on the road to Ewaninga Rock Carvings and Chambers Pillar. Tapatjatjaka Art Centre is an artist-owned organisation within this community. It's a central point of reference for artists, community residents and tourists alike. A place where people come for work, to learn new skills, to gain information, to find people, for directions, to get assistance, for advocacy and of course, to create art.

Visitors are always welcome and don't need a permit but it's best to call ahead if planning a visit as circumstances and the weather can quickly change.

A busy place with lots of laughter, people of all ages and on occasion, several dogs. Artists at Tapatjajaka enjoy creating several different forms of artwork. Batik, painting, sculpture, etchings, felted beanies, ceramics and bush jewellery can all be found for sale in their gallery. There is always something new being created and much discussion going on between artists and visitors.



The community sits in the midst of a series of rich, red clay pans on the western fringe of the Simpson Desert. A broad expansive landscape, the area surrounding Titjikala is rich with rocky outcrops, undulating ridges, gorges and dry river beds. The country is stark and arid but incredibly beautiful, the landscape has much to offer everyone. Endless horizons, huge skies, reds and ochres, sage and spinifex, a spectacular sight of colours and texture to replenish your whole being. Tapatjatjaka Art is the heart and soul of a small remote community in Central Australia.







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apunya Tjupi Arts is a 100% Aboriginal owned and directed community arts organisation based in Papunya, the birthplace of the Western Desert dot-painting movement. The artists of Papunya Tjupi have established their own unique identity based on the legacy of their forefathers. The Art Centre, located 250km NW of Alice Springs/Mparntwe, supports emerging artists and some of Australia's leading contemporary painters.

It was established in 2007, in response to the vacuum following the homelands movement of the late 1970s, which saw the exodus of many of the famous pioneer painters. Papunya Tjupi currently consists of 150 artists from Papunya and surrounding outstations, who are renowned for their strong linework and for continuously developing new ways to tell the old stories.

Central to Papunya Tjupi is the understanding that painting is an important part of culture and connection to country, and that the teaching and passing of knowledge is what keeps the community's future strong. Papunya Tjupi's artists exhibit fine art paintings nationally and internationally and feature in major public and private collections.













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kuntji Artists is Haasts Bluff's Indigenous owned and run Art Centre. It was first established in 1992 and has been continuously operating ever since. Ikuntji Artists are particularly famous for their use of bold and vibrant colours. Connections to country and Dreamings are expressed through the artists' personal and unique signature styles.

Ikuntji Artists was first established in under the influence of the then community president, the late Esther Jugadai. The Art Centre was initially set up to fulfil the role of a women's centre providing services such as catering for old people and children in the community. The artists began producing acrylic paintings on linen and handmade paper, which quickly gained the attention of the Australian and international art world as well as earning the centre an impressive reputation for fine art. The focus changed from a women's centre to an Art Centre in 2005 with the incorporation of the Art Centre as Ikuntji Artists Aboriginal Corporation.

The artists draw their inspiration from their personal ngurra (country) and Tjukurrpa (Dreaming). They interpret the ancestral stories by using traditional symbols, icons and motifs. The artistic repertoire of Ikuntji Artists is diverse and includes for example: naive as well as highly abstract paintings told by each artist in their personal signature style. The Art Centre has been the cultural hub of the community, maintaining, reinforcing and reinvigorating cultural practices through art-making.



he Aboriginal community of Hermannsburg (Ntaria) is about 125km west of Alice Springs and was first settled by German Missionaries in 1877. Ntaria is famous as the one time home of the water colour artist Albert Namatjira (1902-1959). At the Historic Precinct you can view Namatjira's legacy on display in the art gallery featuring significant water colour works by several generations of his family as well as other Aranda artists. These unique paintings capture the beautiful desert colours and landscape of Central Australia

Prints of Albert's work are available for purchase along with original artwork produced by the current generation in both water colour and dot painting.

The Hermannsburg Historic Precinct is a listed National Heritage Place (2006), one of only five in the Northern Territory, and as such is protected under legislation and attracts significant funding for the purpose of preserving and maintaining this important site.

The story of Hermannsburg is remarkable not just because of the endeavour and commitment of the missionaries but even more so because of the strong positive relationship that developed between the missionaries and the Aranda people. At a time when frontier conflict and violence was prevalent, Hermannsburg Mission became a haven of safety and advocacy for the welfare of Aboriginal people.

The Aranda people are proud of their traditional history and culture as well as their more recent Christian history. Both are reflected in the beautiful art they produce today.

Visitors are invited to explore the buildings and displays then perhaps enjoy a light lunch or Devonshire tea. An entry fee applies.





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Springs on Larapinta Drive.

The Hermannsburg Potters Art Centre was established in 1990 with some of the founding members still working today. The group of artists at Hermannsburg Potters continues to grow, producing quality and unique artwork in an environment that fosters and reinforces Western Aranda values and culture. The Art Centre's on-site gallery is open to Monday to Friday by appointment. Please contact Hermannsburg Potters to confirm your visit.

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arlayirti Artists is one of Australia's leading Indigenous Art Centres, whose artists have a reputation for vibrant colour, bold brush strokes and distinctly individual art works. Warlayirti Artists is located in the community of Wirrimanu (Balgo) in the south east Kimberley, on the edge of the Great Sandy and Tanami Deserts in the Kutjungka region of northern Western Australia. Wirrimanu is the ceremonial hub for several Indigenous clans and is a site for the Luurnpa Tjukurrpa (Kingfisher Dreaming).

Established in 1987, Warlayirti Artists represents more than 200 artists across the three communities in the Kutjungka region – Kururrungka (Billiluna), Mulan and Wirramanu (Balgo). There are eight different language groups – Kukatja, Ngardi, Djaru, Warlpiri, Walmajarri, Wangkajunga, Pintupi and Manyjiljarra – each with their own history and stories to tell. For this multicultural and diverse artistic group, art is part of everyday life and cultural continuity.



Warlayirti Artists has some of the best purpose-built facilities in remote Australia. The Warlayirti Art Centre is a dynamic place, functioning as a studio space for artists, as well as a large purpose-built gallery for the display and sale of artworks. The Art Centre is also home to a cultural Keeping Place and archive of national significance.

The Art Centre accommodates a community of artists diverse in age, culture and life experience – some brought up in the traditional bush manner, others on the Mission and in the modern-day community. The artists use traditional and new media to share and tell their stories. Warlayirti Artists is known for its bright acrylic works on canvas and linen, however artists have also been developing their skills in the areas of printmaking, photography and other medium.

Artists exhibit widely nationally and internationally, and are represented in major public and private collections.

Warlayirti Artists is an Aboriginal owned and governed, not-for-profit organisation with deductible gift recipient status.





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arlukurlangu Artists is based in Yuendumu community. Established in 1985, it is one of the oldest, strongest and most significant Aboriginal Art Centres in Australia. Producing a wide range of artwork including acrylic paintings, screen prints, etchings, and traditional artifacts, the Art Centre is best known for its high quality, vibrantly coloured paintings with strong traditional iconography.

Warlukurlangu Artists is 100% Aboriginal owned. Over 900 men, women, and children make up the membership of the Association, open to Warlpiri and Anmatyerre people from Yuendumu, Nyirripi and surrounding communities. The Art Centre works to foster an understanding of Indigenous culture and to enhance the lives of the local people. Profits are returned into the community, and the Art Centre supports community health and education projects such as the on-going community dog health program.



Warlukurlangu Artists functions as a living repository for local culture, arranging visits to country, storing sacred artifacts for use in public and sacred ceremonies, documenting and preserving its rich archive for the benefit of scholars and visitors alike.

Warlukurlangu's artwork is collected worldwide and has been exhibited at public galleries across Australia and in numerous international venues.

They welcome visitors to their Art Centre coming by-air or by road, about three and a half hour's drive NW of Alice Springs up the Tanami highway. No permit is required for single day visits and the road from Alice is now sealed all the way.







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ocated 40 minutes drive into the Tjoritja / West MacDonnell Ranges, you will find the beautiful Angkerle Atwatye / Standley Chasm. Angkerle Atwatye means "Gap of Water", after the 3m wide, 80m high chasm formed by the Finke River system carving its way in the West MacDonnell Ranges. The magnificent display of bold red and orange hues glow deepest under the midday sun, though morning and afternoon visitors are more likely to catch a glimpse of the native wildlife which abound.

Standley Chasm is privately owned and operated by the Western Arrernte (pronounced 'Ah-runda') people, the traditional custodians of the land. It is a place of deep cultural significance to their people as a sacred site of women's dreaming.

You can opt to walk through the chasm at your own pace (2.4km, 30 minute round trip, wheelchair friendly, entry fees apply) or experience a guided walk with commentary on geology, flora, fauna, bush medicine, bush tucker and weaponry. Gain insight into their cultural history and discover what makes this place so special from an Arrente local.

The half-day cultural experience tour includes the guided walk with commentary, refreshments at morning tea and a fully catered lunch, and a dot-painting workshop. Craft your own souvenir in the dot-painting workshop while learning the traditional techniques and significance behind them in Western Arrernte artwork. The tour goes for approximately 4.5 hours and is \$90pp.

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he Outdoor Gallery is an innovative deconstructed gallery experience. Drive the Plenty Highway to be immersed in the landscape of the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges, with 13 double-sided billboards located for easy viewing on the Plenty Highway.

In total the Outdoor Gallery, Outback Way is composed of 14 double-sided billboards showcasing 28 artworks from Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australian remote and regional artists.

The Outdoor Gallery is an exciting and original concept that takes art out of traditional gallery spaces and into the wide red landscape of the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges, traditionally a part of the

Eastern Arrernte nation.

Billboards 1 and 2 are located around 130kms from Alice Springs, just before the turnoff to the Gemtree Caravan Park. Continue your travels another 111kms towards the Queensland border to view the 2 billboards.

The Engawala Community proudly hosts Billboard # 5, located opposite the general store on Webb St in the Engawala community. The Engawala community is located up 25kms of dirt road off the Plenty Highway and welcomes visitors to their Art Centre.

The Engawala Art Centre is located on Engawala Rd - respectfully ask any local where the Art Centre is located as it doesn't currently

have signage - this will change with the new building. The community is looking forward to the beginning of construction of their new Art Centre mid-2022.

Visitors to the Engawala Art Centre are welcome Monday to Friday from 10am -1pm. For further information or to arrange viewing times outside these hours please contact Engawala Art Centre Manager: Janine on 0475 417 473.

For further information on the Outdoor Gallery, Outback Way to access the audio tour of the gallery or simply check out the online gallery shop with originals and prints available for sale go to: www.outbackway.gallery



Billboards scattered along the Plenty Highway
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# ROCK ART

Australia has to offer by adding Aboriginal rock art sites to your itinerary. Many of these sites have signage that explains the history, cultural and spiritual interpretations of these rock carvings. These are a few of the many popular rock art sites.

Yeperenye/Emily and Jessie Gaps are the first rock art sites that you'll come across when traveling into the East MacDonnell Ranges. Here you will find fascinating Aboriginal rock art that are important spiritual sites to the Eastern Arrernte Aboriginal people. Emily Gap is a registered sacred site and is home to a large rock painting that represents the caterpillar dreaming. The Park is open all year round and is located only 10km east of Alice Springs along the Ross Highway.



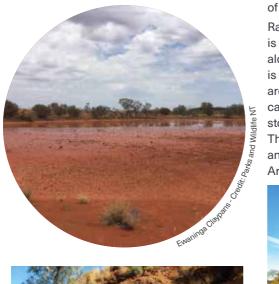
Jessie Gap - Credit: Parks and Wildlife NT

Approximately 90km east of Alice Springs, a little further along from Yeperenye/Emily and Jessie Gaps is **N'Dhala Gorge** (4WD only). This site contains more than 6,000 ancient carvings as well as art sites and shelters. The oldest rock carvings here are believed to be 10,000 years old.



N'Dhala Gorge - Credit: Parks and Wildlife NT

Napwerte/Ewaninga Rock Carvings
Conservation Reserve is a six-hectare
reserve located only 39km south of Alice
Springs. Here you can follow the new
boardwalk to the viewing platform to
view some of the highest concentrations
of petroglyphs (or 'rock carvings') in the
Northern Territory. The track provides
visitors with a new understanding of an
ancient culture. Keen photographers
should time their visit for early morning or
late afternoon, when shadows make the
shallow engravings more obvious. These
are also the coolest times of the day for
walking during the summer.





Ochre Pits - Credit: Parks and Wildlife NT

The Ochre Pits is a colourful outcrop of ochre on the banks of a sandy creek, located approximately 110km west of Alice Springs. Ochre has always been an important part of Aboriginal culture. The ochre is used in ceremonies and played an important role in the continent's economy where it was used as a bartering commodity with neighbouring clans. This practice is still used today.

The pits consist of several layers of multicoloured rock and offer visitors the unique opportunity to view an ochre deposit that is still used by the local Arrernte people. This is a registered sacred site and is protected by Sacred Site and Parks and Wildlife legislation  please do not touch or interfere with any of the ochre – penalties apply.

Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve is located 97km south of Alice Springs along the Stuart Highway. The reserve is rich in Aboriginal history especially around the hills and ridges where rock carvings, paintings, grinding stones and stone chip tools have been discovered. The reserve is part of the James Range and is an important site to the southern Arrernte people.



Mala Walk, Uluru - Credit: Meegan Ebert

Uluru is a world-heritage listed site, with tens of thousands of years old rock art painted by the Anangu and their ancestors. The rock art around Uluru is evidence of cultural knowledge and Tjukurpa stories being passed down from generation to generation. The park's rock art sites have many layers of pictures, symbols and figures painted on top of each other. Anangu traditional owners work with park staff to document and conserve around 80 rock art sites. You can see rock art in several rock shelters. along the Mala and Kuniya Walks, with the free ranger-guided Mala Walk explaining the meaning of the rock art.

Please respect all of the rock art sites, do not touch any aboriginal art and take notice of when photography is or isn't allowed of the Aboriginal art.





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### FIELD OF LIGHT ULURU





s darkness falls and Uluru is thrown into silhouette, Field of Light illuminates. As far as the eye can see gentle rhythms of colour light up the desert.

The critically acclaimed Field of Light Uluru by the internationally celebrated artist Bruce Munro is on display at Ayers Rock Resort.

The exhibition, aptly named Tili Wiru Tjuta Nyakutjaku or 'looking at lots of beautiful lights' in local Pitjantjatjara is Munro's largest solar powered work to date. Overwhelming in size, covering more than

seven football fields, it invites immersion in its fantasy garden of 50,000 spindles of light, the stems breathing and swaying through a sympathetic desert spectrum of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white.

Guests can experience the installation on a self-guided walk-through or combine the experience with native inspired culinary delights on a Field of Light Star Pass tour or A Night at Field of Light dinner under the stars.

Continuing the focus on art at Ayers Rock Resort, an extension to the work Bruce

Munro's Light Shower is also featured at Sails in the Desert Hotel. Light Shower, a sculptural cascading artwork created by Bruce Munro, consists of delicate shimmering points of light, adorning the hotel's lobby.

All Field of Light tours include transfers and depart daily from your accommodation at Ayers Rock Resort.



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visit to the Gallery of Central Australia (GoCA) provides a unique opportunity to be immersed in authentic Indigenous Australian artwork, learn about its significance, and observe artists at work.

Conceived as a place where emerging Indigenous artists could have their work featured and careers supported, GoCA now displays over 350 artworks from the Central Desert region. In addition to on-canvas art, GoCA curates unique local pieces like Punu (traditional Anangu wood carvings) and sculptures designed and crafted in local community Art Centres. These pieces are available for purchase at the Gallery, resulting in direct economic support for the artists.

Free gallery tours are offered daily, as well as an Artist in

Residence program during peak season which provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for guests to experience these incredible Indigenous works of art in the making.

The Gallery exhibits a strong line up of works curated from areas throughout the vast Central Desert region, which encompasses parts of the Northern Territory, South Australia, and Western Australia. This has included talented artists such as Mervyn Robuntja (Iltja Ntjarra Many Hands Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT); Imitjala Curley (Kaltjiti Arts, SA); Nellie Patterson (Walkatjara Art, Uluru, NT), Bob Gibson (Tjarlirli Arts, Tjukurla, WA) and Athena Granites (Warlukurlangu Artists, Yuendemu, NT).

The GoCA logo and gallery branding was designed



by Kunmanara (Julie Taria) Brumby who was a senior woman in the Mutitiulu community. located at Uluru. Before her passing in 2019, Kunmanara Brumby would regularly visit Walkatjara Community Art Centre where she created beautiful works. most often painting the stories of the Seven Sisters and stories about the waterholes and landscape of her traditional lands. Today, her stunning artwork adorns The Lost Camel Hotel and now the Gallery of Central Australia.

The Gallery is located adjacent to the Desert Gardens Hotel.



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tjukurpa. Nganampa Art
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Kunpunku atunmara kanyinma."

Come happily to Walkatjara! Walkatjara is our Art Centre. We are looking after it and keeping it strong. - Nita Williamson and Arnold Nipper





ased at Uluru in the heart of the Red Centre, Walkatjara Art is the Anangu owned and directed, not-for-profit Art Centre exclusively representing Mutitjulu Community. The Art Centre is situated at the Cultural Centre of the Unesco World Heritage listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, where collectors from around the globe will find awardwinning artworks.

Walkatjara Art supports young and senior artists from Mutitjulu who are known for creating vibrant and culturally strong paintings that depict local Tjukurpa (Creation Time) stories. The Art Centre is a positive environment where local artists can express themselves creatively, and provides a meaningful and reliable source of income. Artists take pride in their work and in their Art Centre, and are strong advocates for local culture. The purchase of artworks from Walkatjara Art directly supports Mutitjulu artists and their community.

The artists welcome visitors to Walkatjara
Art, where they can learn about Anangu
Culture, watch new work being created in the
magnificent purpose-built structure, and discuss
the thoughts and processes that go into making
some of the most exciting art in the land.





aruku Arts is the oldest operating indigenous owned not-for-profit art and craft corporation in the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands in WA, SA & NT. It serves more than 900 artists across 22 communities. Maruku is an important source of income for Punu-Maker living in remote communities. It is the only organisation concentrating on punu (wood carving) in the Central and Western Desert. Their work is crucial to keep the tradition of Punu-Making alive.

Their purpose is to keep culture strong for future generations and to make it accessible and understandable for others in an authentic and enduring way. Therefore, Maruku Gallery & Collection and Maruku Tours play an important role.

Maruku's Unique Art Punu-Making is one of the oldest artforms in indigenous



history. It existed long before painting on canvas was introduced. Maruku nurtures this ancient art. Their artist's style range from classical carvings of traditional weapons, animals and tools to contemporary takes on them. Walka Boards and modern abstract sculptures that tell Anangu's stories. They have diversified over time and our range includes nowadays also paintings, photography, film, and design. Their Gallery at Uluru, online-shop and other venues welcome all visitors to buy their beautiful artworks. Their unique collection represents the Maruku history and, located in the heart of the central desert, gives Anangu the possibility to revisit the artworks of their loved ones.

Connect, Create and Be inspired with Maruku's wide range of cultural tours & experiences.

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stablished in 2008 Josephine's Gallery located in the main street of Coober Pedy is a purpose-built art gallery designed with a cathedral ceiling creating an amazing art space enabling the display of larger art pieces in the 300 square metre gallery.

Terry and Josephine Brennan-Kuss opened their first art gallery Central Desert Art in Alice Springs in 2001. Hampered by size restrictions and the high rents for a larger space, the decision was made to build their own gallery in Coober Pedy.

Living on the APY lands from 1995, Terry and Josephine gained an appreciation of Indigenous art and a respect of Indigenous culture. Starting as private collectors their collection and interest in the genre led them to opening that first gallery in Alice Springs.

From there the interest and their collection bloomed and life-long associations and friendships with artists of Central Australia developed.

Josephine's Gallery now boasts one of the most diverse collections of Indigenous art from many areas including Utopia, Western Desert, Hermannsburg and Yuendumu. Coober Pedy has a thriving art scene of its own with emerging local artists including Josephine Lennon, winner of the 2016 Don Dunstan award. Exciting local artists include Jillian Williams, a member of the Williams family well known for colourful Bush Tucker paintings. Jillian is calling on her Utopia heritage to paint a spectacular Rain Dreaming series depicting rain drops on the stark white sandstone of the Coober Pedy opal fields.

Popular contemporary Indigenous artist Tommy Crow is the resident artist in April, July and September with his signature "Sunset Dreaming" paintings.

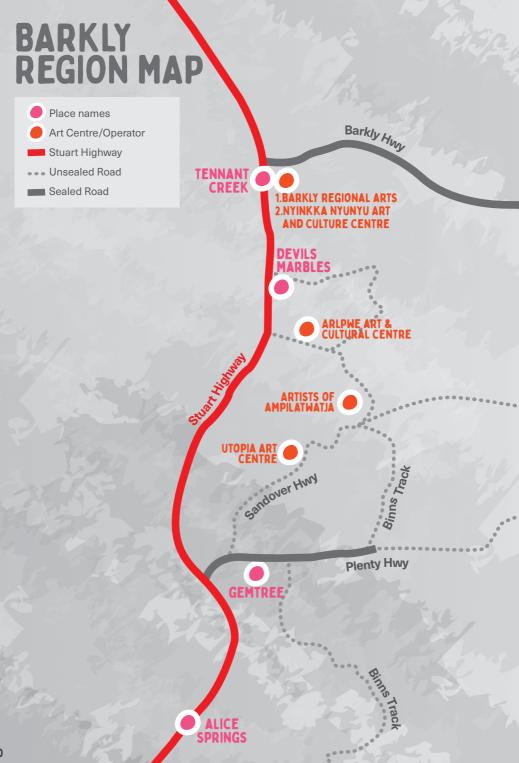
By appointment ,Terry gives a comprehensive culture talk on the history of Indigenous art plus Weaponry , Kadaitcha Men and Bush Medicine

Paintings from small to large collectable works can be purchased and packed for safe travels or larger paintings can be posted world-wide fully insured.



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Located 250kms northeast of Alice Springs, Utopia Art Centre works across 16 remote homelands. Utopia has a diverse history with artists gaining international recognition for batik in the 1980's before transitioning to painting. Many senior artists have travelled and exhibited across the world, including the famed Emily Kame Kngwarreye. The bold brushwork and expressive colour that set Utopia artists apart has been continued by the younger generation of children and grandchildren painting today.



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rtists of Ampilatwatja are an evergrowing dynamic corporation of currently over 70 artists in a small remote community 330 kilometres North East of Alice Springs.

The Ampilatwatja style is distinctive and recognized by the fine dot work and bright landscapes.

The community of Ampilatwatja made a conscious decision not to paint their 'altyerr' dreaming stories, instead they paint their country where those stories belong.

Painting is passed down from generation to generation and once familiar with the artists' work, it is possible to distinguish between techniques used by different families, especially Mothers and Daughters. All the artists mix their own colours and paint at home.

There is a strong sense of pride in culture and the artist's country, which is displayed in the quality of the artwork.

Originally, the women of the community were trained, with the women of Utopia, in batik silk painting. In 1999, Desart Inc., the peak body for Central Australian indigenous Art Centre's, organised for acrylic painting workshops to be delivered at Ampilatwatja. From these workshops, arose the unique pointillism landscapes of the Ampilatwatja artists. These works were quickly recognized as a new genre from the Central Australian desert by the fine art market. The artists incorporated as an Aboriginal Corporation in 2003 under the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporation.

With few exceptions, all the Aboriginal people living at Ampilatwatja belong to





the Alyawarr language group. Their country extends over some 17,000 square km

and through the pastoral properties of Ammaroo, Murray Downs, Elkedra, Derry Downs, Utopia, Lake Nash and Urandangie. Alyawarr is further divided into a number of smaller units called "countries". The Ampilatwatja people are from Aherrenge country which spans three cattle stations, Ammaroo, Derry Downs and Elkedra. Unlike some other clans of Central Australia, the Alyawarr people have always been on their land, there has been no movement away or relocation to 'foreign' country in to which they did not belong. Hence, the cultural knowledge and connection to country is strong and intact.

The strength of the community's commitment to their and the inclusiveness of their aspirations and the strength of the elders, senior women and traditional owners encourages the young and drive their enterprise, together with the community's obvious artistic talents and enjoyment of the production of art will underpin the Corporation's success into the future.



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rlpwe Art & Culture Centre sits on Kaytetye Country in Ali Curung, an Aboriginal community about 400km north of Alice Springs. The Art Centre opened in 2008, and the name 'Arlpwe' (pronounced Ahl-boa) was chosen for the Art Centre by the Traditional Owners.

We represent artists from the Kaytetye, Alyawarr, Warlpiri, and Warumungu language groups. Ali Curung, or Alekarenge, means Dog Dreaming.

Dreamtime stories often have a physical trace in the landscape. In Kaytetye, the Dreamtime is called Altyerre; in Alyawarr Altyerr; in Warlpiri Jukurrrpa, and in Warumungu, Winkara.

Ali Curung is surrounded by bush. Many of the plants here can either be eaten as a bush food or used for healing as a bush medicine. The artists who work here have a vast knowledge of the landscape and the plants that grow here. They were taught about the bush by their parents and extended families and know plants by their



traditional names (for many members of the community, English is a second, third, fourth, or even fifth language).

The landscape surrounding Ali Curung is very important for the artists here and local bush foods, bush medicines, water and animals are often the subject of their paintings.

You can easily visit the Art Centre in person as we are just 30kms off the Stuart Highway on a sealed road, or you can view selected artworks from our online shop and Instagram.







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rom its base in Tennant Creek, Barkly Regional Arts promotes visual arts, music and media across the whole of the Barkly, supporting the continued preservation, presentation and creative development of the diverse cultures and language groups located here.

The Artists of the Barkly Studio Gallery at Kargaru Centre in Tennant Creek represents over fifty visual artists living in five remote communities across the Barkly. While sharing a remote, rugged landscape and interests in Country, modern history, and life in the Barkly, the artists from each community exhibit a distinctive style, leading to a wide variety of works across the collective. Visitors may view or purchase art and craft products, chat with artists at work in the studio, and learn more about the development of artists and art practices in this uniquely beautiful region.

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n 1995 the Warumungu community of Tennant Creek decided to initiate the development of an art and culture centre, Nyinkka Nyunyu, which opened in 2003.

After several years of consultation with elders, research and discussion, five key themes were decided upon to make up the backbone of the interpretive display for the centre. They were bush tucker and resources, land, language, history and punttu (family and skin relations).

The centre also has the unique feature of having a sacred site of the Ancestral Nyinkka (spiny-tailed goanna) within our precinct. Along with the interpretive displays and the sacred site, there are

many other activities led by the local staff. Nyinkka activities revolve around various components of the precinct including:

- Retail Gallery and Exhibition Space
- Performance Grounds
- Café and Bushtucker project
- · Precinct tours
- Art Production areas include carving, painting and making
- Museum
- Mirririnjtinjiki Resource centre for archives and the Mukurtu database

The Centre continues to celebrate community, art and culture in Tennant Creek.
They work with the local schools and other Tennant Creek organisations in

their programs whilst also engaging local Aboriginal people in job opportunities that share their cultural heritage with visitors to Warumungu Country. Guests come from all parts of Australia, and overseas and recent reviews and feedback have been glowing.







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2022



Parrtjima – A Festival in Light returns to the stunning Red Centre from 8-17 April 2022. The free, 10-night festival takes place at Alice Springs Desert Park and Araluen Arts Centre, and includes large-scale light installations developed from Aboriginal artworks alongside a program full of art, live music, talks, film, workshops, demonstrations and more.

Parrtjima – A Festival in Light is the only Aboriginal light festival of its kind in the world. Established in 2016, each year the event illuminates Alice Springs, Mparntwe, with 10 nights of free entertainment.

Parrtjima helps keep the flame of story and authentic Aboriginal culture alive by using the newest technology to tell ancient stories, all set against the 300-million-year-old natural canvas of the MacDonnell Ranges. The Ranges themselves are transformed into part of the epic light show.

Parrtjima has a new theme each year. For 2022 the theme is 'Sky Country', with a focus on our place in the universe and the relationship First Nations people have with the environment. First Nations people have long looked to the skies to understand their place on Country and, in the heart of Australia, the behaviour of the seasons, the sky, the wind and the nature of flight all provide the knowledge needed for desert survival. Aboriginal Australians have used the skies to help plan their harvest and hunting seasons, and to share stories, which are retold from generation to generation.

Parrtjima helps share these ancient stories further, drawing in new audiences through the use of technology, and encouraging artists to evolve and develop as they explore new ideas and different ways of approaching their work.

Offering a new way to look at the world, and sparking our curiosity, the Parrtjima 2022 program will tell the story of sky, air and wind through light shows, installations, art, music, talks, films, workshops and performance.

Register for free at www.parrtjima.com.au

#### PARRTJIMA - A FESTIVAL IN LIGHT

8-17 April





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every night

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Biggest Beanie Festival in the world. Four days full of colour, warmth and joy with 6,800 handmade beanies from around the globe descending on Alice Springs for one of the world's favourite festivals.

Your senses will be tickled as you immerse yourself in the unique adventure of the beanies. The highlight of the Festival is to experience local Indigenous culture and their beanies on exhibition as well as being able to sit with Indigenous artists and make a beanie together while sharing stories and language. There is also the National Beanie Exhibition with 300 of the world's most exquisite and extraordinary art works on display. The weekend includes textile workshops, Indigenous culture, entertainment and homemade tucker.

They know their beanies! The festival was organised to sell beanies crocheted by Aboriginal women in remote communities. It has grown into a fun event where Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal artists share their culture and exhibit together. The festival is unique because of the incredible amount of community participation and our unique ties with local Aboriginal organisations. The festival's aims have always been to develop Aboriginal women's textiles, promote womens' culture and the beanie as a regional art form, as well as promote handmade textile arts.

Hand-made beanies have long been valued in Central Australia. They are often colourful and individual in pattern and style. Everyone, no matter who they are, needs a beanie to enjoy the outdoors during our crisp, cold winter nights. Centralian craftspeople from remote areas and Alice Springs have taken up the challenge to raise beanie making into a distinctive regional art form. Beanies can be given distinguishing characteristics and decorated with seeds, various fibres and embellishments. There is no limit to the shapes, textures, colours and patterns that are evolving. They are ideal for the tourist market, being light and inexpensive. Every year beanie lovers gather at Witchetty's in the Araluen Centre, Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, to admire the latest crop of hand crafted beanies. There is an air of anticipation as the artists wonder if their creation might win one of the coveted trophies, local entertainment and great food make the opening a great night out.

#### ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL

## 24-27 JUNE





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## THE AUSTRALIAN CERAMICS TRIENNALE

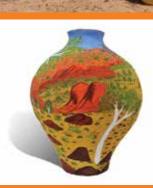
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The Australian Ceramics Triennale is the nation's flagship ceramics conference, bringing artists, educators, theorists and collectors together from around the country to interrogate the field of contemporary ceramic practice.

In 2022, the Triennale; Apmere Mparntwe, will take place in Mparntwe / Alice Springs, from 19th – 23rd July.

Presented in the Northern Territory for the first time ever, Apmere Mparntwe (this place is Alice Springs). What better place to consider clay, earth, terte and what they do with it, how it connects us and how to live and work sustainably and respectfully on and with Country.

With a star studded program just released, including renowned creators Penny Evans, Vipoo Srivilasa, Hermannsburg Potters, Ramesh Mario Nithiyendran and Ernabella Arts, the excitement is building and tickets are flying out the door. With a Pay It Forward option so donors can support more remote Indigenous Artists to attend, it is shaping up to be a melting pot of minds and Central Australian culture like never before.



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19-23 July

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Central Australia is the birthplace of the Aboriginal art movement. Artists across Central Australia continue to transform and revolutionise arts and cultural expression. Nowhere is this more evident than in the nationally significant and most anticipated art event on the Indigenous Arts calendar than at Desert Mob.

For over thirty years, Desert Mob has showcased the dynamic interplay of contemporary work reflecting artists' cultural voices.

Presented by Desart, the peak body for 35 Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres in Central Australia, Desert Mob, showcases the most comprehensive survey of contemporary Aboriginal art by artists from Desart-member Art Centres from the desert regions and communities of the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

Desert Mob 2022 will be a vibrant celebration where artists and audiences converge on the Araluen Arts Centre in Mparntwe (Alice Springs). It will feature hundreds of new, innovative artworks from emerging and established artists.

In addition to the Exhibition, artists talks and presentations is the Desert Mob MarketPlace, a large affordable buzzing art market, bringing together paintings, punu, ceramics, Tjanpi weaving, sculpture, clothing, jewellery, textiles and homewares from Aboriginal owned Art Centres across Central Australia.

Buying work at the Desert Mob Exhibition and MarketPlace ensures the ethical purchasing of art with all income going to Art Centres.

Desert Mob 2022 is an unmissable opportunity to experience and share in the art, stories and vitality of the world's richest living culture.

#### DESERT MOB

## 8 SEPT-23 OCT









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MarketPlace: 10 Sept
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Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists will be opening their annual group exhibition, Bindi Magic, on the 11th of September at 11am.

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Bindi Magic 2022, will also be online to compensate for travel restrictions.

\*This event will follow strict COVID-19 safety protocols

BINDI MAGIC

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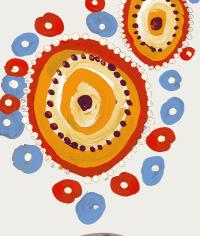




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We're committed to providing a platform for Indigenous communities to share their stories and we encourage you to join us in exploring one of the oldest living and vibrant cultures.

Open 9am-5pm with complimentary gallery tours daily.



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