

PATRICIA MARRFURRA McTAGGART AM



Born	1959
Traditional Country	Malfiyin
Language	Ngen'gi wumirri

Marfurra remembers as a little girl sitting next to her father listening to him talking to Dr Stanner, one of the early anthropologists who travelled to Daly River for field studies. She remembers Dr Stanner learning how to speak and write in her mother tongue Ngan' gi Kurunggurr. Her fascination of the written word and translation has led her to college attaining her Advanced Diploma in Linguistics. She has liased with the University of New England on a production of Ngan'gikurunggur and Ngen'giwumirri language.

Patricia along with the elders work in collaboration with the Parks & Wildlife Commission and have completed the book of Ngan'gikurunggurr and Ngen'giwumirri Ethno botany Aboriginal plant use from the Daly River area. She has also recently worked in collaboration with elders of the Malak Malak and Parks and Wildlife Commission to publish the Malak Malak and Matngala

Plants and Animals. Patricia paints about bush tucker that is in abundant supply as well as religious themes and stories on her culture.

Patricia received an Australia Medal for her services to the community in documenting language and ethnobotany in the Daly River Area.

Exhibitions

- 1996-2015 Merrepen Arts Festival, Nauiyu Nambiyu, Daly River NT
- 2005 Miyi I Kagu Nayin, Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne
- 2004 Heart of the Land, Macquarie Bank, Sydney
- 2004 Our People Our Stories, Indigenart, Perth
- 2004 Merrepen Artists: Prints and Glass, June Tapp Room Katherine
- 2004 Merrepen Artists: Prints and Glass, Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin
- 2004 21st National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin
- 2002 Mi Nayin Kinda, Coomalie Cultural Centre, Batchelor NT
- 2001-02 Endirrlup, Darwin Entertainment Centre, Darwin
- 2001 18th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin
- 1996 Paintings from the Daly River, Raintree Fine Arts Gallery, Darwin
- 1994 11th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin
- 1994 Flying Fox Festival, Katherine NT
- 1994 Out of the Chrysalis, Blaxland Gallery, Sydney



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- 1992 Green River Dreams, Birrumarri Gallery, Perth
- 1991 8th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin
- 1990 Our Grandmother's Stories, Shades of Ochre, Darwin
- 1989 Songs from the River, Birrumarri Gallery, Perth
- 1998 5th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin
- 1987 Paintings by the Women of Nauiyu, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin

Collections

Robert Holmes a Court Collection, Perth
Museum of Arts & Science, Darwin
Berndt Museum, Perth
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Darwin
British Museum Collection,

Publications

Ngan'gikurunggurr and Ngan'giwumirri Plants and Animals
Malak Malak and Matngala Plants and Animals
Ngangi Dictionary Wreertyu