



ABORIGINAL ART GALLERIES

ANNA PETYARRE



Anna Petyarre was born in 1965, and is the daughter of the late Glory Ngarla and niece to the late Emily Kame Kngwarreye. Her country is Alhalkere and her language is Anmatyerre. Anna is a very talented artist and paints Yam, Wildflower, Emu, Wild Potato and Campsite Dreamings. Earlier in her career, Anna depicted these Dreamings using a bright bold linear style; however, recently Anna has made use of intricate dot work with very small blocks of colour.

Anna resides at Mulga Bore Utopia in the Northern Territory approximately 220 km from Alice Springs. She commenced full-time painting in the early 1980s when the medium of canvas and acrylic paints was introduced to the community of Utopia. Prior to painting she produced batik. Under the careful guidance of Gloria Petyarre, Anna began to paint her own work. Over the last few years, Anna has been learning further skills from the artists in Utopia.

Anna speaks Anmatjere and is fluent in English. Anna actively takes part in ceremonies and paints the bodies of the dancers prior to the commencement of each ceremony. She takes the utmost care and pride in her work and endeavours to bring the sensitivity of her culture to canvas.

Anna's works have been widely exhibited and feature in a number of private and public collections in both Australia and overseas.