



Birth Date	1933
Birth Place	Haasts Bluff, NT
Language/s	Warlpiri Luritja
Community	Papunya : NT
Mother's Country	Papunya, NT
Father's Country	Mikantji, NT
Dreaming	Mikantji

Kumantjayi Nangala

Biography

Kumantjayi Nangala was born at Haasts Bluff/Ikuntji circa 1933 of Ngaliya/Warlpiri parents and unexpectedly passed away in January 2020 after a long rich life. Nangala was a director of Papunya Tjupi right up until her passing and she governed the art centre with incredible leadership, ambition and care. Nangala was a highly respected senior law woman.

Her deeply felt knowledge of country and ceremony empowers her bold lyrical and expressive paintings depicting the topography of hills and creeks that create the feeling of flowing water. The great Water Dreaming site of Mikantji she inherited from her father was nearly always her subject. She said that her Auntie taught her culture and stories but she developed her own ideas on how to paint it. She paints "so the children can watch me paint and learn, so I can pass on my Dreaming and stories to my grandchildren. Papunya is my mother's brother's country."

In the past, Nangala was a prodigious carver of coolamons and clap sticks and maker of ininiti seed necklaces, but since 2007 she mainly painted - and she also produced prints with Cicada Press College of Fine Arts UNSW.

Finalist in the Vincent Lingiari Art Award (2016) and Wyndham Art Prize (2019) her works are held in the Artbank Collection and Central Land Council Collection.

Group Exhibitions

2020	Tjupi Taanu Revisited : RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
2020	SHE Exhibition : Walker Street Gallery & Arts Centre
2020	Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020 : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
2019	Kuwarritja – now / newness : Outstation Gallery, Darwin.
2019	About Country : Talapi, Alice Springs, NT
2019	Wyndham Art Prize 2019, Finalist Exhibition : Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, VIC
2019	Stories from the Beginning : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
2018	Tarnanthi : Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide
2018	Tjupi Boards: Kulinyi Tjilpi Tjutanya : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs
2018	Desert Mob Exhibition 2018 : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2018	Darwin Art Fair 2018 : Darwin, AUS
2018	Salon des Refuses 2018 : Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Darwin

- 2018** Inyani Mantakutu – Light Becomes Sand : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2018** Ngayuku: Belonging : Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2018** Papunya Tjupi Works 2018 : Honey Ant Gallery with Incinerator Art Space, Sydney.
- 2018** Papunya Tjupi: New Work : JGM Art, London UK
- 2018** A Sense of Place 2018 : McCulloch & McCulloch Whistlewood Gallery, Shoreham VIC
- 2017** Twelve: Contemporary Aboriginal Works on paper : Koskela, Sydney NSW
- 2017** Continuing Culture : Artitja Fine Art, South Fremantle, WA
- 2017** Desert Mob 2018 : Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs NT
- 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** 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** Vincent Lingiari Art Award : Tangentyere 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** The Blooming Desert : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2016** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
- 2016** Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
- 2015** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2015** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2015** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2015** Kungka Tjupi: New work from the women of Papunya Tjupi : Outstation Gallery, 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** Kungka Tjutaku Wititjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries
- 2014** Garden of Eden : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2014** Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2013** Papunya Tjupi: New Work : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2013** Solidarity for Love: G'day from Aussie Minjung : Monkey-Wrenching Art Center, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
- 2013** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2013** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2013** Papunya Tjupi : Chapman Gallery Canberra
- 2013** ArtStage Singapore : ArtStage Singapore, Mossenson Galleries
- 2013** Kapingka punganyinka Tjupi tjutarringanyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2013** Seoul Korean Art Fair : Seoul, Korea
- 2012** Papunya Tjupi Artists : IDAIA and Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles, Paris, France
- 2012** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs

- 2012** Kapi Tjukurrpa - Water Dreaming : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2012** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2012** The Keating Speech : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2012** Desert Rythmn - Artists of Papunya Tjupi : Mosenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi: Generations : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2011** UNSW International Showcase : UNSW, Kensington, Sydney
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKelch, Germany
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- 2011** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011** The International Art on Paper Exhibition : College of Fine Arts, University of NSW
- 2010** Desert Stories: Papunya Tjupi : Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2010** Papunya Power : Art Mob Gallery, Hobart
- 2010** Tjukurrpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2009** Papunya Tjupi: A New Generation : Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2009** The Artists of Papunya Tjupi : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2008** Silk + Sand : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington
- 2008** Were talking about Papunya again : Art Mob, Hobart
- 2008** Papunya Tjupi: A new beginning : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington

Collections

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Awards

- 2019** Wyndham Art Prize, Finalist
- 2016** Vincent Lingiari Art Award, Finalist