



Tjukurla Community is approximately 300km WNW of Uluru, just over the border in Western Australia. Between 50-100 people live there and is a place of strong dreaming.

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Faith Butler

Birth Date	1/07/1956
Language	Ngaanyatjarra
Skin:	Nungarrayi
Home	Tjukurla : WA

Biography

Faith was born to Nutangka Bennett & Barney Ward at a place called Mangatjatjara, close to the extremely important sacred site deep in the desert. Faith now lives in the small and remote community of Tjukurla, where she paints the stories of her country using the traditional *Tjukurrpa* and Tingarri designs passed down to her. Faith is well respected in her community as a knowledgeable Ngaanyatjarra woman. When Tjukurla was still a small outstation of Kaltukatjara, there was no infrastructure or services. The responsibility of teaching the children in daily classes was given to Faith. Faith is also a skilled basket weaver and *purru* (wooden artefact) carver. Faith has an aptitude for colour selection, and her canvases are strongly composed and carefully executed. She has been painting with Tjarlirli Art almost since its inception, and is a key and longstanding member of the organisation.

Faith's spirituality is a deep and essential part of her, and she is a significant dancer for inma, women's ceremonies. This cultural knowledge is embedded in her practice, and she often sings songs from her country while working and takes every opportunity to return to country and spend time painting and conducting ceremonies in the bush. Her works in capture the music and movement that Faith brings to the studio and her every day. Her works sing with the stories linking countless generations of women to one another in the desert lands, and celebrate the joys of connectedness to country and people.

Group Exhibitions

2023	Really One Story: Art of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, FORM Gallery, Perth
2020	Desert Mob 2020, Alice Springs
2019	Wintjiri Gallery, Yulara 2019
2019	REVEALED 2019: New & Emerging WA Aboriginal Artists
2016	Wintjiri Gallery Residency
2015	Wintjiri Gallery