

# Artist Biography



Allery Sandy

DOB: 4/04/1955  
 Skin: Burungu  
 Language: Yindjibarndi  
 Country: Millstream/Tableland

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Allery Sandy is the daughter of Sandy Andrews and Lila King. She was born in Roebourne, the fourth of eleven children. She has a family of two daughters and a son - Joanne, Donna and Bobby Willis. Allery's first job was with the Community Welfare selling secondhand clothing, followed by running a play group in the community for needy children. In 1986 she was employed as the Aboriginal Islander Education worker in Roebourne Pre-primary School, followed in 1990 by teaching her own Yindjibarndi language through a LOTE (Languages Other Than English) program. In 2001 she left the school and found work with a team of women doing cooking and sewing and she is also involved in the ministry of the Aboriginal Church. Allery started painting in February 2006, enrolling in short courses in painting and design. She has a natural talent that has progressed very quickly. Allery loves to paint the landscape of her country. She begins her works with an underpainting using sponge and brush work and then finishes off with a fine layer of dot work, creating a sense of movement and depth of field on the canvas. Allery has a number of subjects she likes to paint. She enjoys painting the bush seeds of her country, its creeks and rivers, wildflowers in season and trees that are specific to her Pilbara country. Allery loves to tell stories that were told to her by her father and grandfather. Her favorite style of painting her country is from an aerial perspective. Allery Sandy regularly exhibits in private galleries in Fremantle and Sydney, has won a number of prizes at the Cossack Art Awards, and is represented in public and private collections. Allery has been the Chairperson of Yinjaa-Barni Art since 2006 and is a highly respected member of the Yindjibarndi community and a passionate communicator of her culture. In 2014, Allery was both a SBS off her painting performer and Yindjibarndi language and cultural advisor for the play, "Hipbone Sticking Out". Allery has a film that is can bee seen on SBS on line called Marni (My Painting Style)

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 Back Roads ABC TV
- 2011 Yinjaa- Barni Art Solo Exhibition Chalk Horse Gallery, Surry Hills, Sydney
- 2011 Solo Exhibition Yinjaa- Barni Art, Japingka Gallery, Perth
- 2011 Solo Marlene Harold, Japingka Gallery, Perth
- 2010 Invited Solo Exhibition, Japingka Gallery, Perth
- 2010 Solo Exhibition Yinjaa- Barni Art, Japingka Gallery, Perth
- 2009 Solo Exhibition Chalk Horse Gallery, Surry Hills, Sydney

## Group Exhibitions

- 2017 Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition, Perth, WA
- 2017 Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition, Perth, WA
- 2017 Ngurra Nyingu, Woodside, Perth, WA

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**2017** Cossack Art Awards  
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**2016** Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition, Perth, WA  
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**2015** Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition, Perth, WA  
**2015** Colours Of Our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition ,Perth, WA  
**2015** Exhibition Yinjaar- Barni Art, Japingka Gallery, Perth  
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**2014** Ngurra Nyingu, Woodside ,Perth, WA  
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**2014** Chalkhorse Exhibition, Sydney, NSW  
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**2013** Exhibition Yinjaar- Barni Art, Japingka Gallery, Perth  
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**2013** Future Perfect Gallery Singapore  
**2012** Ngurra Nyingu, Woodside, Perth, WA  
**2012** Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition, Perth, WA  
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**2012** Ngurra Nyingu, Woodside, Perth, WA  
**2012** Telstra Art Awards, Darwin  
**2011** Ngurra Nyingu, Woodside, Perth, WA  
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**2007** LNG World Conference, Barcelona, Spain  
**2007** Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto Exhibition, Perth, WA  
**2006** Colours of our Country, Rio Tinto, Perth, WA

### Collections

Parliament House Collection Western Australia  
2008 ART GALLERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
2012 ART GALLERY OF NORTHERN TERRITORY, TELSTRA ART AWARDS2  
2013 ART GALLERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
2014 Flinders University Art Museum, SA  
2017 Australian Embassy Yangon  
2019 Restore Hope Foundation  
City Of Joondalup, Joondalup WA  
Holmes a Court Collection, Perth WA  
Parliament House Collection Western Australia

### Awards

**2014** Cossack Art Award, Painting by Pilbara Aboriginal Artist  
**2014** Cossack Art Awards, Painting by WA Indigenous Artist  
**2011** Painting Pilbara Indigenous Artist Cossack Art Awards  
**2008** Cossack Art Awards, Best Art Work by West Australian Artist  
**2007** Cossack Art Awards, Painting, Landscape, Oil or Acrylic

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