

Wangka Wakanutja: The Story of the Papunya Literature Production Centre

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Exhibition checklist

**Tilau Nangala; Topsy Napaltjarri; Lottie Nangala; Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra;
Punata Stockman; Isobel Gorey**

***Tjupi Tjukurrpa (Honey Ant Dreaming)* 2010**

acrylic paint on canvas

Private Collection

Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra (b. 1962)

***Ilypili (I Thought It Was a Devil)* 2021**

ink on paper, acrylic paint

Private Collection

Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra (b. 1962)

***Old Man Dreaming of a V8* 2021**

ink on paper, acrylic paint

Private Collection

Institute for Aboriginal Development

Central Australian Aboriginal Languages

Alice Springs, N.T.: IAD Press, 2002

nla.cat-vn2038688

Helen Puckey

Honey Ant hills 2014

reproduction

Girls at the Papunya School stand in front of the Honey Ant Dreaming mural c. 1972

reproduction

courtesy of the Herald and Weekly Times

Max Stollznow (1941–2018)

Aerial photograph of Papunya c. 1976

Reproduction

Football practice on the Theo Brown Oval, Papunya Hills behind 1987

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Young men playing baseball in front of the old Town Hall at Papunya 1980s

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Warumpi Band

Album Launch Concert / Big Name, No Blankets

Alice Springs, N.T.: IAD Printing, 1985

lithograph

nla.cat-vn8416774

George Rrurrambu (second from right) with his brother Bruce Rrurrambu Burarrwanga and cousins Billy Rrurrambu Burarrwanga (left) and David Rrurrambu Burarrwanga (second from left) at Papunya 1986

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Community members see off the plane at Papunya Airstrip 1980s

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Thomas Stevens Tjapangati (illustrator, c. 1952–2005); **Catherine Winfield-Johnston** (author, b. 1959); **Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula** (author, b. 1957)

Ngaatja Naya [The Community]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1985

nla.obj-3285675816

Warumpinya Ngurrara Kuulaku Piipa [Papunya School Paper]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, April 1986

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

nla.obj-1473998581

Tjakulpa [News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, November 1979

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474082091](#)

Warumpinya Ngurrara Kuulaku Piipa [Papunya School Paper]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, September 1985

reproduction

[nla.obj-1564744118](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, June 1986

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474227879](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, June 1986

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474232292](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, September 1986

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474236769](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, April 1987

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474214518](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, June 1987

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474214583](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, October 1987

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474261769](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, October 1991

reproduction

[nla.obj-1474327927](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, December 1985

reproduction

[nla.obj-1513351703](#)

Tjakulpa Kuwarritja [Current News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, June 1984

reproduction

[nla.obj-1625254339](#)

Tjakulpa [News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, November 1981

reproduction

[nla.obj-1625387884](#)

Tjakulpa [News]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, March 1979

reproduction

[nla.obj-1625316205](#)

Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula (c. 1920–2001)

***Children's Bush Tucker Dreaming* 1972**

synthetic polymer paint on hardboard

On loan from the Papunya School Collection

***Community and School Council meeting, Papunya School* 1986**

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Long Jack Phillipus Tjakamarra (c. 1932–2020)

***Rainbow and Cave Story* 1972**

acrylic and pencil on board

On loan from the Australian National University College of Asia and the Pacific Collection of Art & Artefacts

IBM

Selectric II Typewriter c. 1973

On loan from Robert Messenger

UHER

UHER 4000 Report IC tape recorder c. 1961

Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula (author, b. 1957); **Thomas Stevens Tjapangati** (illustrator, c. 1952–2005)

Yara Waṅampitjarra [A Story About Wanampi the Giant Snake]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1985

[nla.obj-3286274841](#)

Thomas Stevens Tjapangati (illustrator, c. 1952–2005); **Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula** (author, b. 1957); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (printer, b. 1962); **Kevin McAuley** (printer)

Page proof and plastic overlay from Yara Waṅampitjarra

lithograph; felt-tip pens on plastic overlay

Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula (author, b. 1957); **Abraham Stockman Tjungarrayi** (illustrator, 1966–2022)

Tjilkamaṭanya Maḷunya [The Echidna and the Kangaroo]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3284680946](#)

Abraham Stockman Tjungarrayi (1966–2022)

Waṅampi

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3284827755](#)

Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula (author, b. 1957); **Abraham Stockman Tjungarrayi**
(illustrator, 1966–2022)

Rumiyakamu Lungkaṭa [The Goanna Man and the Sleepy Lizard Man]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3285463123](#)

Thomas Stevens Tjapangaṭi (author and illustrator, c. 1952–2005)

Tjukurrpa Waṅampitjarra [A Story About the Giant Water Snake]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3286494931](#)

Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula (author, b. 1957); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra**
(illustrator, b. 1962)

Minyma Waḷukuṭarringutja [A Woman Who Lost Her Husband]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1989

[nla.obj-3285453984](#)

Sabrina Ferguson Nakamarra (author, 1959–d.); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Pangkaḷangungku Katingu Kungka Wiima Kutjarra [The Story of the Old Pangkaḷangu Woman Who Took Two Little Girls]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1986

[nla.obj-3285464507](#)

Obed Raggett (author, 1916–80); **Billy Marshall-Stoneking** (editor, 1947–2016)

Stories of Obed Raggett

Sydney, N.S.W.: Alternative Publishing Co-Operative, 1980

[nla.cat-vn1468389](#)

Professor Vincent Megaw (b. 1934)

Portrait of Obed Raggett

reproduction

Unknown author

Typewritten biography of Obed Raggett c. late 1970s

Obed Raggett Collection

Obed Raggett (1916–80)

Papunyaḷu Arra Palya [Papunya's Good Story]

Obed Raggett Collection

Obed Raggett (1916–80)

Going Camping for Meat

Obed Raggett Collection

John Corker

Portrait of Uta Uta Tjangala at Muyin outstation, west of Kintore c. 1987

reproduction

Uta Uta Tjangala (storyteller, c. 1926–90); **Nosepeg Tjupurrula** (storyteller, c. 1914–93);

Handwritten transcript c. 1986

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

John Corker

Portrait of Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula, Papunya c. 1986

reproduction

Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula (c. 1920–2001)

Handwritten transcript of Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula's third story c. 1986

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Jeremy Long (1932–2021)

Portrait of Nosepeg Tjupurrula at Mt Liebig 1962

reproduction

Nosepeg Tjupurrula (c. 1914–93)

Handwritten transcript with markup and translation c. 1986

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula (author, c. 1920–2001); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Ngayulu Kuliṇu Mamu [I Thought It Was a Devil]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1988

[nla.obj-3285540479](#)

Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula (author, c. 1920–2001); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Walypalakuṇu Mangarri [Whitefellas' Tucker]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1988

[nla.obj-3285508768](#)

Warangulalu nintiṇi pipirri tjuṭa [Johnny Warangkula leading the young boys in dance], Three Mile, Papunya 1987

Reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Gina Nakamarra (author); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Mamu Malpa Muṭu [The Stumpy Devil]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1988

[nla.obj-3285322300](#)

Yukarra tjuta nyunpinyi tjuupilu [Girls dance class for the Honey Ant Dreaming] 1985

reproduction

Papunya Literature Production Centre Archive

Pilyari Napurrula (author, c. 1926–d.); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Nyaangku Tjananya Wakanangi? [Something Was Spearing Them?]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3285464198](#)

Unknown author; Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra (illustrator, b. 1962)

Yirrkunytjilu Tjampitjinpa Tjuṭa Witiṇu [When the Policemen Grabbed All the Tjampitjinpa Men]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1988

[nla.obj-3285204758](#)

Douglas Multa Tjupurrula (author and illustrator, b. 1962)

Yurukutu Yananyi [Going Swimming]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3284827741](#)

John Heffernan (author, b. 1951); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Mutukayinguru Pakaṇutja [The One Who Got Out of a Car]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1990

[nla.obj-3287086941](#)

Catherine Winfield-Johnston (author, b.1959); **Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula** (author, b. 1957); **Thomas Stevens Tjapangaṭi** (illustrator, c. 1952–2005); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Kantina Wiima, Kuula Wiima [The Small Canteen and the Small One's School]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1985

[nla.obj-3285464859v](#)

Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula (author, b. 1957); **Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra** (illustrator, b. 1962)

Yanangu Tjuṭa Yaalytjikutu Ananyi? [Where Are the People Going?]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1986

[nla.obj-3285453890](#)

Charlotte Phillipus Napurrula (author, b. 1957); **Abraham Stockman Tjungarrayi** (illustrator, 1966–2022)

Wati Maḷunya Miinta Katingutja [The Sick Kangaroo That Went to Hospital]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1987

[nla.obj-3286494953](#)

Kuḷaṭa Dennis Nelson Tjakamarra (b. 1962)

Ngaatja Nyaalytjingka? [What Place Is This?]

Papunya, N.T.: Papunya Literature Production Centre, 1988

[nla.obj-3285204701](#)