

Josiah Omeeny

Other Name:

Alternative Spelling:

Gender:

DOB: **Sunday, 5 May 1963**

Language:

Language Group: **Umpila / Kanthanampu**

Clan:

Social Affiliation:

Region/Country: **born TI**

Biography

My name is Josiah Omeeny. I represent the Kanthanampu-Claudie River and Umpila -Pataku River, north-east of Coen. My Dad's family comes from Darnley Erub, a sailor family.

I am from a family of three.

I have a son Taren Omeeny and daughter Timisha Casey.

I worked for several organizations in Cairns in the past but now work for Lockhart River Community school as a teacher. I am a Certificate III teacher and would like to continue at a later stage a diploma of teaching.

I am a cultural leader and have taken children around for various cultural festivals as song and dance ensembles.

Uptil now my focus was on dance but recently I have greatly felt the pull towards the visual arts, especially painting. I've been doing dancing and singing for so long ...I learnt it from my grand-parents,parents...then something was bothering me, saying softly " can you paint ? " and I said to myself, in my head quietly " yes , you can ".

So I went to the local art gallery (Lockhart River Art Centre) and began my career as a painter.My mother is an artist at making weaving baskets . I had my first exhibition in Brisbane the other day , where we danced for ceremony with my elder and a young man.
My paintings reflect the landscape and clan groups.

Solo Exhibitions

2008 French Gala Auction, Sydney

2008

Group Exhibitions

2008 February, " Meen'thama, Coming Out for Ceremony "; Woolloongabba Gallery, Brisbane

2008 August, Emerge Artspace, Perth, WA.

2008 Sept, Galleries Direct, Sydney

2009 April, Collectable Australian Works, Hogarth, Sydney

2009 May, Four of Us, Woolloongabba, Brisbane

Notes: