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Nyaparau (William) Gardiner

Birth Date	22/10/1943
Language	Nyangumarta Warnman Manjilyjarra
Skin:	Banaga
Place of Birth	Western Desert
Home	South Hedland : WA

Biography

Nyaparau (William) Gardiner is an artist, storyteller and language worker. For several years he recorded and wrote Nyangumarta language and stories. Nyaparau paints about his childhood in the 1940s before the Pilbara Aboriginal strike of 1946, and his work on pastoral stations throughout the Pilbara and the Kimberley. Bill has now returned to live in Port Hedland, his childhood home.

"My name is William Gardiner, and this is my life story that I'm telling you. Some of these paintings that I illustrate is just to show that that's how we used to live, mostly around this Pilbara area to Marble Bar. I like to draw this sort of things... I'm learning my grandchildren to understand old sort of things like this, and my children they already know."

Solo Exhibitions

2017 Outside Men, Vivien Anderson Gallery, VIC

2017 Old People, Suzanne OConnell Gallery, QLD

Group Exhibitions

2018 35th Telstra NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, NT

2018 Dream Mine Time - FORM Gallery, Perth

2018 Stockman, Strikers and Sundown - Vivien Anderson Gallery, VIC

2018 Good Enough! The Art of Spinifex Hill Artists - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin NT

2018 Pujiman - Spinifex Hill Artists and Martumili Artists (touring exhibition) WA

2017 TARNANTHI 2017, Art Gallery of South Australia

Group Exhibitions

- 2017** Hedland Art Award, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery
- 2017** Cossack Art Award, Cossack WA
- 2017** Hadley Art Prize, TAS
- 2017** 44th Muswellbrook Prize, NSW
- 2016** Biggest Mob - the Spinifex Hill Artists
- 2016** Hedland Art Award, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery
- 2016** 33rd Telstra NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, NT
- 2016** Anything Colours, Paul Johnstone Gallery, NT
- 2015** We Call It Home - Spinifex Hill Artists, FORM Gallery, WA
- 2015** Hedland Art Award - Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery Port Hedland, WA
- 2015** We Call It Home - Spinifex Hill Artists, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
- 2010** Before The Town Got Big, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA

Collections

- Western Australian Museum, WA
- Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA
- Curtin University Collection, WA
- Flinders University Collection, VIC
- Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, NT

Awards

- 2018** Best Portrait Award, Cossack Art Award, WA
- 2018** Finalist Black Swan Prize, Art Gallery of Western Australia
- 2018** Finalist 35th Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, NT
- 2017** Best Painting by a Pilbara Indigenous Artist - Cossack Art Award, WA
- 2017** Best Work in a Medium Other than Painting - 2017 Hedland Art Award - Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
- 2017** Finalist 44th Muswellbrook Art Prize, WA
- 2017** Highly Commended - Hadley Art Prize, Hobart, TAS
- 2016** Finalist 33rd Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, NT
- 2016** Most Outstanding Work - 2016 Hedland Art Award - Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
- 2015** Best Indigenous Artwork - 2015 Hedland Art Awards, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA