

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** 22/9/16 **'For Country for Nation'**, Australian War Memorial (AWM), Canberra, ACT  
Curator: Amanda Reynolds
- 2014** 16/4/14 **'Ailan Legends'**, Gab Titui Cultural Centre TS Arts Award Exhibition, Thursday Island
- 2013** **'My Country- I still call Australia Home' Contemporary Art from Black Australia**  
Curator: Bruce McLean
- 2011** 1/7-9/10/11 **'Land, Sea and Sky: Contemporary Art of the Torres Strait Islands'**,  
**2010** Queensland Art Gallery (QAG)/Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA), Brisbane  
Opening Exhibition of the NEW Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery, NGA, Canberra, ACT
- August  
24/6-30/8 **Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award 2010**, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday Island
- 25/6-4/7 **'Ukuele Art'** Exhibition, Cairns Regional Gallery (1<sup>st</sup> Ukulele Festival, Cairns)
- 7/9-12/2/11 **'Malu Minar' {Sea Pattern}: Art of the Torres Strait Islands** Touring Exhibition  
Tjibaou Cultural Centre, Noumea, New Caledonia  
Curator: Brian Robinson, Cairns Regional Gallery
- 2009** 19/2/09 **Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award 2009**, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday Island
- 21-23/8 **Cairns Indigenous Art Fair**, Tanks Centre, Cairns (Gab Titui Cultural Centre, TI Exhib Stand)
- 2008** 1/7-31/7 **'Zulai 1 Coming of the Light' 2008**, Lagaw Kodo Mir Torres Strait Islanders Resource and Culture  
Centre NSW exhibited at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Sydney  
Curator: Nancy Bamaga
- 17/5-10/8 **Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award 2008**, 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday Island 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Exhibition-  
**Commended**
- 5/3-30/4 **'Big Ones Little Ones – Together'**- Series 5, joint venture with Gallery Amichi, Sydney & Mr Hisham Al  
Madloum, Director of Arts, Ministry of Culture and Information, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE)  
exhibiting at The Museum for Contemporary Arab Art in Sharjah, UAE
- 2007** 14/6-14/7 **'Pacific Assimilation Cross Polynesia – Culture is Stronger than place'**, Craft Queensland Gallery  
Curator: Aliza Tee
- 3-25/6 **'Big Ones Little Ones'**- Series 4, NSW Parliament House, Sydney Principal: Trish Amichi opened by  
Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of New South Wales
- 20/4-20/5 **Gab Titui Cultural Centre**, Thursday Island 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration Art + Craft Exhibition-**Highly  
Commended**
- 12/3-5/4 **'Torres Strait Maritime Stories'**, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns curator: Lisa Michl
- 2006** 29/9-14/10 **'Postcard 2006'** Show – Hidden Treasures, Cairns Regional Gallery annual Auction  
Fundraiser
- 7/9-24/9 **'Imprints of the Torres Strait'** – Firestation Gallery, Armidale Vic curator: ITSIA Melbourne
- 29/7 **'Gatherings II'** Book and exhibition launch, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Thursday Island
- 11/7-29/7 **'Big Ones Little Ones 2006'**- Series 3, **Connecting Communities** presented by Gallery Amichi,  
Boomalli Aboriginal Artists' Co-operative, Leichhardt, Sydney
- 10/7-2009 **'Daria Krar' – Headdress & Mask Torres Strait Exhibition** – National Museum of Australia,  
Canberra - Curator: Brian Robinson/Carly Jia – TSI Program
- 3/7-26/7 **'Shifting Sands'** – NAIDOC 2006 Art Exhibition, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns  
curators: Lisa Michl & Arone Meeks
- 9/6-12/6 **'Lagau Gidthal – Island Stories'** – Dreaming Festival Exhibition, Woodford, Qld  
curator: ITSIA Melbourne
- 2005** 12/9-1/10 **'Big Ones Little Ones 2005 – In My Life'**- Series 2, Belle Art, Bondi Junction, Sydney
- 8-17/4/05 **'Art Spectacular 2005'**, the Riverside Centre, Brisbane. The Combined Brisbane Rotary  
Clubs
- 15/4-1/5/05 **'2005 Textile Biennial'**, Fibres & Fabrics Assoc. Inc., Perc Tucker Regional Gallery,  
Townsville
- 11/05 **'Postcard 2005'** Show – Cairns Regional Gallery annual Auction Fundraiser
- 2004** 7-25/9/04 **'Big Ones Little Ones 2004'** – 1<sup>st</sup> Series, Boomalli Gallery, Sydney. Curator: Trish Amichi
- 21-27/6/04 **Artworkers FNQ Indig Art Exhibition**, Merrivale St, South Brisbane. Curator: Connie  
Rovina
- 5/02 **'Cathedrals Week'** Brisbane at Church of Christ in Ann Street, Brisbane.
- 17/5-19/5/02 **'Far North Queensland Artists Showcase'**, Cairns Hilton Hotel Shops. Arts Nexus, Cairns
- 11/04 **'Postcard 2004'** – Cairns Regional Gallery annual Auction Fundraiser
- 21/9 Travelling **'Material Witness'**, 15<sup>th</sup> Tamworth Fibre Textile Biennial. Premiered 21<sup>st</sup> September – 10<sup>th</sup>  
November and touring to seven gallery venues in Mornington, Vic; QUT Art Museum,  
Brisbane, Qld; Campbelltown, NSW; Port Pirie, SA; Murwillumbah, Perth, WA; Launceston,  
TAS; during 2003 & 2004 Curator: Robyn Daw
- 2003** 13/12/03 **'Gala Art Auction'** – Val Schier, 2004 Candidate for Mayor, Cairns – Tropics Restaurant, TNQ TAFE.
- 4-18/12/03 **'Postcard 2003'**- Cairns Regional Gallery annual Auction Fundraiser
- 30/10-22/11/03 **'Cultural Expressions of Nature'** – Banggu Minjaany Gallery, FNQ Tropical TAFE College,  
Cairns. (First Year ATSI Visual Arts Students).

**AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITIONS CONTD.**

- 30/10-22/11/03  
25/8-31/8/03  
**'Cultural Expressions of Nature'** – Banggu Minjaany Gallery, FNQ Tropical TAFE College, Cairns. (First Year ATSI Visual Arts Students).
- 26/7/03  
5/6-7/03  
26/4-20/7/03  
15/4-6/03  
28-30/3/03  
**'Douglas Street Art Gallery & Kazu Pearl'** – Thursday Island, Torres Strait  
**'Infuse'** – Community Exhibitions – **Hilton Cairns Foyer** – Hilton Cairns/Graft 'n' Arts  
**'Tactility'** National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Curator: Brenda L Croft  
**Bangu Minjaany Art Gallery**, Tropical NQ TAFE College, Cairns  
**'Every Woman Expo Australia'**, Art Exhibition, Brisbane  
Brilliant Facets Jewellery & Fine Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 12/02-1/2003  
2002 19/7-30/8/02  
**'Showing Off - # 2'**, Melbourne. Platform 2: Kicks Arts Collective. Curator: Rae O'Connell.  
**'Showing Off - # 1'**, Collaboration of Kick Arts Collective, Cairns and Torres Strait Regional Authority, Thursday Island. Premiered in Cairns. Curator: Rae O'Connell
- 2001 9-16/9/01  
2-25/11/01  
**'CHOGM - Qld Indig. Art Promotion'** Exhibition, Brisbane  
**'2001 Textile Biennial'**, Fibres & Fabrics Assoc. Inc., Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville
- 1/8-30/9/01  
2000 24/6-1/7/2000  
**'Goodwill Games'** Exhibit at South Bank Indig. Arts & Crafts Pavillion. Hosted by Fireworks Gallery.  
**'A Millenium Past'** Working Title, Thursday Island Art Gallery, Torres Strait.  
Celebrating our Torres Strait Cultural Festival Week and the arrival of the Olympic Torch.  
Travelling Exhib  
**'A Day at the Beach'** Childrens Exhibition, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane  
Travelling throughout Regional Queensland.
- 1999 7/99  
**'1999 Textile Biennial'**, Fibres & Fabrics Assoc. Inc., Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville
- 1-22/10/99  
1998 7/11/98-01 Travel  
**'Ilan Awman'** Partnership Exhibition, Queensland Aboriginal Creations, Brisbane.  
**Ilan Pasin'** Art Exhibition, Cairns Regional Gallery. Toured Australia extensively for two years. Going to major galleries and institutions.
- Exhib  
7/98-3/99 Travel  
Exhib  
1997 4-26/4/97  
1996 27/11/96  
30/5/96  
**'Past Tense/Future Perfect'**, Perth Craft West Centre. Travelling Exhibition. Fremantle, Sydney Customs House, Craft Qld Gallery, Brisbane.  
**'Indigenous Art'**, Savode Gallery, Brisbane (now called Redback Gallery).  
**'Xmas Exhibition'**, Thursday Island Art Gallery, Torres Strait  
**'Kawaw Ngadh'** Art Exhibition, Thursday Island Art Gallery, Torres Strait

**OVERSEAS EXHIBITIONS**

- 2010 7/9-30/5/2011  
**'Malu Minar' {Sea Patterns}: Art of the Torres Strait Islands** Touring Exhibition  
Tjibaou Cultural Centre, Noumea, New Caledonia  
Tjibaou Cultural Centre, Noumea, New Caledonia  
Curator: Brian Robinson, Cairns Regional Gallery
- 2008 5/3-30/4/08  
**Museum for Contemporary Arab Art**, Sharjah, UAE - A joint venture co-ordinated by Mr Hisham Al Mathloun – Director of Arts, Ministry of Culture and information, Sharjah (UAE) & Gallery Amichi, Sydney, under the auspices of Her Highness, Sheikha Jameela Bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, Director General, Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services Sharjah, United Arab Emerits (UAE). Launched by His Royal Highness, Sheikh Dr Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, and Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales
- 2006 9/06  
**Gift Fair** Tokyo, Japan – Queensland State Govt Creative Economy, Brisbane
- 2004 4/04-7/04  
**'Out of Country'**, Washington DC & Charlottesville, Virginia, USA. QIAMEA -The Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing & Export Agency.
- 2002 10/2-9/02  
13-24/5/02  
**'Exhibited in Singapore'**, group exhibition with Arts Nexus, Cairns. Qld Tourism and Raffle City, Singapore. An exhibition promoting Australia Airlines & Cairns as a tourist destination  
**'Voices'**, Exhibition for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. United Nations, New York, USA. Touring Europe.
- 2001  
**Unesco**, Geneva, Switzerland. A cultural display

**COLLECTIONS**

Textile lengths are in the collection of:

- 2015 – **The Australian War Memorial**, Canberra ACT  
2011- **Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA)**, Brisbane QLD  
2009 – **National Gallery of Australia (NGA)**, Canberra ACT  
2006 – **National Museum of Australia (NMA)**, Canberra ACT  
- **QAIMEA**, Brisbane QLD  
2005 - **Powerhouse Museum**, Sydney NSW  
2004 - **Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir, A.C.** Sydney NSW  
2001/02-**The Queensland Art Gallery**, Brisbane QLD **The National Gallery of Australia (NGA)**, Canberra ACT  
**The National Maritime Museum**, Sydney NSW  
**Michael Rayner Architect**, Brisbane QLD  
**United Nations Permanent Forum**, New York USA  
**Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)**, Thursday Island  
**Private collections** nationally & internationally

## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

- 2019 Torres Strait Australia Day Award - **'Community Event of the Year'** - Torres Shire Council  
**Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion 75th Anniversary Celebrations (TSLIB)**
- 2018 **'NAIDOC' Torres Strait Awards - 'Community Event of the Year'** - Torres Shire Council  
Best Dress Stall **'Beach Shack'** Winds of Zenith Cultural Festival, Thursday Island
- 2015 **Torres Strait NAIDOC 'Artist of the Year'**
- 2009 **Gab Titui Cultural Centre's Indigenous Art Award 2009** – Commended
- 2008 **Western Australian Premier's Indigenous Art Awards 2008** -Nominated by Gab Titui Cultural Centre  
Thursday Island, Torres Strait
- 2008 **Gab Titui Cultural Centre's Indigenous Art Award 2008** – Highly Commended
- 2007 **Arts Queensland's Backing Indigenous Arts** design contract  
**Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft 2008-2010** Series Nominated by Craft Queensland (initiative of Object, Sydney supported by Craft Australia and network of Australian Craft and Design Organizations, ACDO)
- 2006 **2006 Designer Memento of Queensland** - Winner - (Seashells print) initiative of Creative Economy P/L  
Brisbane (category sponsored by Arts Queensland)  
**Memento Australia Awards Finalist, Brisbane (Waru print)**  
**TSI 'Citizen of the Year' 2006 Australia Day Award** -Torres Shire Council
- 2005 **'Art Spectacular 2005'** – Combined Brisbane Rotary Clubs, Brisbane  
- Winner of Category 4: Best Mixed/Other medium – any subject
- 2002 **Australia Post**, Melbourne featured one of my designs with six other TS Islander Artist on a pre-paid stamped Envelope collection package for two years
- 2000-2001 **'Jaguar Designers of the Future'** in association with **belle magazine**, Sydney. Winner of the **Textile & Fabric** Category – Mainstream Award

## EXHIBITOR

- 2018 **Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF)** - Gab Titui Cultural Festival Exhibition Stand
- 2008-  
current **Port Kennedy Assoc Mini Markets**, Thursday Island, Torres Strait
- 2006 **Reed Giftware**, Sydney (Creative Economy Memento Awards)  
**Torres Strait Multicultural Festival**, Thursday Island (ATSIAB Sydney Stall)
- 2005 **Torres Strait Music & Arts Festival 2005 'KAIWALAGAL'**, Thursday Island
- 2004 **Sydney Aboriginal & Oceanic Art Fair, (SAoAF)** Second Edition, 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May, Overseas  
Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay, Sydney
- 2002 **Rotary Club Week-end Fundraiser**, Thursday Island
- 1996 **Torres Strait Cultural Festival**, Thursday Island
- 1989 **Torres Strait Cultural Festival**, Thursday Island

## FASHION SHOWS

- 2016 **'Land & Sea'**, Tagai Secondary College, Cultural Day, Thursday Island – Co-ordinator Hans Ahwang Ware  
**NPA Cultural Day**, Bamaga – Co-ordinator Hans Ahwang Ware
- 2005 **'Reflections of a Culture' Fashion Parade**, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, during the Music & Arts Festival Week,  
Thursday Island

## WORKSHOP

- 2014 **Art Industry Workshop**, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Thursday Island
- 2010 **NATSIWA Leadership Workshop**, Canberra ACT 19-20/7/10 (Nat Abor&Torres Strait Is Womens Alliance)  
**Ukulele Building Workshop**, Cairns Woodworkers Guild, Portsmouth 28/6-1/7/10  
**Ukulele Beginners Workshop**, Tank Arts Centre, Cairns 4/7/10
- 2008 **Sharjah, UAE** workshop with Special Needs Children
- 2006 **TSI Women, Child & Family Support** – St. Paul's, Moa Island – Facilitator: Isobel Stephen
- 2002 **Australian National Museum, Canberra** – My daughter, Akila & I facilitated a 'Bead Making' workshop for the Museum's children program

## RETAIL OUTLETS

**Rosie Ware Designs Art Studio/Gallery Shop**, 78 Hargrave Street, Green Hill, Thursday Island, Torres Strait Ph: 07-4069 2800

Website: [www.rosiewaredesigns.com](http://www.rosiewaredesigns.com)

**Gab Titui Cultural Centre Shop**, Cnr Victoria Parade & Blackall Street, Thursday Island Torres Strait  
Ph: 07-4090 2130

**Mona's Bazaar**, Douglas Street. Thursday Island (face book)  
**Port Kennedy Assoc. Inc. Mini Market**, Fortnight Markets, Thursday  
Island **Uncle Frankie's Café Street Market**, Thursday Island

## V/ARTS EDUCATION

- 2003 **Certificate IV, Visual Arts (ATSI)**, Tropical FNQ TAFE College, Cairns (1 year full-time course)
- 1990-2005 **Completed various short courses** in Ceramics, Silk painting at Thursday Island TAFE Campus, Mosaic  
at Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Thursday Island
- 1975 **Cairns Business College** completed full time Secretarial Studies

### GUEST SPEAKER & PAPER PRESENTER

- 2019 16/04 - Murawin 'Tiddas in Business' - JCU TI Campus  
2014 – Art Industry Workshop, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Thursday Island  
2008 – Arts Queensland's Backing Indigenous Arts Launch, Cairns  
2007 – Cairns Regional Gallery – Launched Uncle Roy Mclvor of Hopevale Community, Cape York 1<sup>st</sup> Solo Art Exhibition  
2006 – Fashion & Dance Exhibition celebrating Women & Culture – Torres Strait Kazi Meta, Thursday Island Irene Robinson & Dujon Nuie  
- Women & Community – Malu Paru Restaurant, Grand Hotel, Thursday Island Facilitator: Sylvia Tabua  
2003 'Friday Art Break' - QUT Art Museum, Brisbane 'Material Witness'. Guest speaker with curator Robyn Daw  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
2002 - 4<sup>th</sup> National Aboriginal & TSI Visual Arts Conference, Adelaide 5-7 March 2002  
2001 - Chamber of Commerce, Thursday Island. Guest Speaker at the Employment Awards Night  
2000 - Indigenous Art & Design students at Tafe Ulanda Centre, Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), ACT  
1999 – TAFE Urana Centre, Canberra Institute of Technology, Indigenous Art + Design students, ACT

### INVITED GUEST

- 2015 **Mayoral Morning Tea** (Chamber of Commerce), Jardine Motel, Thursday Island  
2000 **National Museum of Australia** Invited VIP guest to Prime Minister John Howard's Lunch at the opening of the new Museum

### DONATOR

- 2007 **Save our Children Art Auction** fundraiser, Kazi ases erele, Thursday Island  
2006 **Memento Australia Awards – Finalist** -Creative Economy, Brisbane  
**Postcard Show 2006** – Cairns Regional Gallery Annual Auction Fundraiser No. 4  
2005 **Postcard Show 2005** – Cairns Regional Gallery Annual Auction Fundraiser No. 3  
2004 **Postcard Show 2004** – Cairns Regional Gallery Annual Auction Fundraiser No. 2  
**Gala Art Auction** – 2004 Cairns Candidate for Mayor, Ms Val Schier (her 1<sup>st</sup> campaign, on her 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign  
She won the election as the Cairns Mayor  
2003 **Postcard Show 2003** –Cairns Regional Gallery Annual Auction Fundraiser No. 1  
2001 **Rotary Club Auction**, Thursday Island

### COMMISSION

- 2014-2015 **AWM** –(Australian War Memorial) Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion Cloths  
2013 **DFAT** – featured in 'Public Diplomacy' webpage  
2012 **DFAT** - featured in 'Australia in Brief' booklet – sends to Overseas posts  
2006 **QIAMEA** (Queensland Indigenous Arts Marketing & Export Agency) Australian Embassy, France  
**National Museum of Australia**, Canberra, gift shop 'mask' design on hooded windcheaters  
**Royal Flying Doctors** Remote women's pamphlet 'frangipani' design  
2004 **Gab Titui Cultural Centre**, Thursday Island – 6 drum stools panel designs  
**Thursday Island Court House** – 2 wall hangings in courtroom  
1999 **National Museum of Australia**, Canberra – 5 designs to be displayed as backdrops in their large glass showcases displaying TSI artifacts on loan from the Cambridge Museum, United Kingdom

### PANEL MEMBER

- 2019 **ATSIAB Festival of Pacific Arts, Pago Pago, American Samoa 2017-3/8**  
**ANZLF** - Indigenous Women's Business Network (Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum)  
2016 - 18 **Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion 75th Anniversary Committee (TSLIB)**  
2008 **ATSIAB Albers Residency, USA**  
2007 **24<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA)**, Museum & Art Gallery of Northern Territory (MAGNT) – Preselection Panel  
2001 **CHOGM – Qld's Premiere Peter Beattie's** - Qld Indigenous Art Promotion Project – 'Gatherings' Book & 'Virtual Gallery'

### BOARD MEMBER

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Board (ATSIAB), **Australia Council for the Arts**, Sydney (Oz Co)  
Appointed by Senator Rod Kemp, Canberra/2007 Senator George Brandis

### PEER ASSESSOR

- 2014-current **Australia Council for the Arts**, Sydney

## GRANTS

- 2009 Arts Queensland's Backing Indig Arts *Building Skills and Opportunities Program*  
Arts Queensland's Backing Indig Arts *Building Skills and Opportunities Program* -acquitted
- 2008 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) IRADF Grant 07/08 (PKA auspice)-acquitted
- 2007 Arts Queensland's *Career Development Grant* 06/07 - acquitted  
Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) IRADF 06/07 Grant (PKA auspice) - acquitted
- 2006 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) (TRAWQ auspice) – acquitted  
Qld Govt *Indigenous Business Development Grant Scheme* 06/07- acquitted
- 2003/04 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) / Island Co-ordinating Council (ICC) - acquitted
- 2003 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) / Island Co-ordinating Council (ICC) - acquitted
- 2002 Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) / Island Co-ordinating Council (ICC) - acquitted
- 2001 Arts Queensland - acquitted
- 2000 Australia Arts Council (ATSIAB) - acquitted
- 1999 Australia Arts Council (Mainstream) – acquitted

## BURSARY

- 2006 **ANU** (Australian National University, Canberra) – attend the conference Selling Yarns: Australian Indigenous Textiles & good business in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century 12/7-14/7 coinciding with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & TSI Art Award, Darwin (MAGNT)
- 2004 **McGregor Summer School**, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, 5-16 January 'The Art of Mosaics' Course

## PUBLIC ART

- 2016 **Government Employee Housing**, Thursday Island  
**Anzac Square Memorial Project**, Brisbane (Habingers Design team) - shortlisted
- 2011 **Thursday Island Chronic Disease Centre**, Thursday Island (Renal/Dialysis Unit)
- 2010 **Queensland Government Building**, Thursday Island
- 2005 **Thursday Island Courthouse**, Thursday Island
- 2004 **Jardine Motel's Barracks Bistro**, Thursday Island  
**Gab Titui Cultural Centre**, Thursday Island
- 1999 **Cairns Esplanade** 2000 multi-million dollar Project - shortlisted

## FRIEND OF THE GALLERY

- 2005-current **Cairns Regional Gallery**, Cairns
- 2004-current **Gab Titui Cultural Centre**, Thursday Island

## SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

- 2011-current **Rosie Ware Designs**, Thursday Island
- 2007-2011 **Rosie Barkus Designs**, Thursday Island
- 1996-2007 **Kapu Kreations – Torres Strait**, Thursday Island – promoting my Art, Craft & Jewellery
- 1986-1995 **Rosie's Shop**, Thursday Island – First TSI to promote local Torres Strait Arts & Crafts

## PUBLISHED IN BOOKS+ON-LINE

- 2016 **Skytrans Airlines U-tube** Ad & Torres News Ad with Johnathon Thurston, JT (part owner Skytrans) - Cowboys, Townsville
- 2014 **Monthly Magazine** The Arts Issue - October
- 2013 **Textile Fibre & Forum Magazine** Issue No. 112 December
- 2012 **Indigenous Newlines Mag** Jan-April issue (Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indig Affairs) Canberra ACT  
'Australia in Brief' handbook, Dept of Foreign Affairs, Canberra ACT
- 2009 **Q150 Celebration** –launched Women's Intern Day by the Qld office for Women, profiled on the pictorial history of 150 years of people, places and events significant to women in Queensland [www.women.qld.gov.au](http://www.women.qld.gov.au)
- 2006 **Plenty Stories – Art Book** by National Museum of Australia, Canberra ACT for educational purposes  
**Indigenous Visual Arts & Crafts Resource Directory 2006** (DCITA)  
**Arts Nexus Magazine**, **Ilan Pasin & Gatherings I & II** books  
**The Koori Mail** 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007  
**Capital Magazine**, Canberra ACT Sept/Oct issue
- 2005 **Butterfly Song**, novel by Terri Janke
- 2004 'The Smithsonian Associate' USA Feb issue
- 2001 **TSRA 2000-2001 Annual Financial Report** Front cover design (third time)
- 2000 'Belle' Magazine, Sydney;  
'Craft Arts International'  
**The Cairns Post** more than once  
'The Torres News' a regular in the local newspaper  
**The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA)** Newsletters & annual report covers, numerous times
- 1999 'The Oxford Companion to Aboriginal Art and Culture', **The Oxford Harcourt Education Publishers** –'Introduction to Aboriginal – Torres Strait Art'  
'Object' Magazine CD, published with other mainstream Australian designers

**SUBSCRIBED MEMBER**

**NAVA (National Association for the Visual Arts Ltd)**, Sydney; **Viscopy**, Sydney; **Object Magazine**, Sydney; **Belle Magazine**, Sydney; **Vogue Living**, Sydney; **Craft Arts International Magazine**, Sydney;; **The Australian Forum for Textile Arts Ltd (TAFTA)**, the Gap, Brisbane; **Artisan (ex Craft Queensland)**, Brisbane; **Queensland Art Workers Alliance**, Brisbane; **Arts Queensland**, Brisbane/Cairns; and **Kick Arts**, Cairns

Registered with the **Indigenous Women Registrar at the Office for Women**, Brisbane

**OTHER SKILLS & HOBBIES**

\* **Homemaker & Landscaper Gardener**  
\* **Beachcomber**

\* **Reading & sometimes watching TV**

\* **Sound Assistant** – Assisted with the sound system hire for Premier Peter Beattie's Torres Strait Community Cabinet Meeting held On Thursday Island on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

\* **Floral Decorator – 2005** - Decorated the area where the Community Forum at Thursday Island High School with fresh flowers for Premier Peter Beattie's Torres Strait Community Cabinet Meeting held on Thursday Island on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December  
**1997** - Decorated the Bowls Club for the 1<sup>st</sup> Torres Strait Country Cabinet Meeting held on Thursday Island in July 97

\* **Back up Vocalists –2002** One of 3 vocalists in a band called 'Tang', Thursday Island

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**Create+Design+Market throughout the year from my Art Studio Gallery**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Rosie Ware is an established self taught Textile Designer & Printer, based on Thursday Island. Her mother Sorbie (nee Oth) originated from Murray Island in the Eastern Group of Islands, and her father, Elia Ware Snr. Came from St. Paul's Village on Moa Island, with roots to Mabuiag Island in the near Western Island Group in the Torres Strait. The youngest of nine children in a big Island family.



She began hand-printing textiles as a hobby in 1986. Her main medium is Lino-Block. The procedure is, she draws her design onto the Lino Square, then carves it out with a small sharp hand tool with various shaped blades. With a small sponge roller she coats the carved Lino evenly with fabric paint. It is pressed down hard onto the fabric with a small hard roller. After air drying it for 24 hours she colorfast the paint in her clothes dryer. Over the years she has perfected her own unique style in repetitive printing.

Rosie has been printing professionally since 1996, participating in many mainstream and indigenous group art exhibitions throughout Australia and Overseas. Her inspiration comes from her culture, the maritime history of the Torres Strait and the beautiful islands and marine environment that surrounds her.

One of the highlights of her art career was to win a prestigious mainstream National Award called the '**2001 Jaguar New Australian Designers of the Future**', in association with the up market **Belle Magazine**, Sydney. She was honored in being the finalist in the Textile and Fabric Category. Jaguar Australia created the award with eight categories highlighting the importance of good design and the exceptional caliber of Australian design by recognizing outstanding young Australian Designers.

Rosie's '**Sugu**' design (*meaning octopus*) was featured on an Australia Post self-stamped envelope as part of the Torres Strait Collection of art and artifacts. They were easily purchased at any Australia Post Office throughout Australia.

She was a prize winner with her '**Turtle Shell Mask**' Wall hanging in the Combined Brisbane Rotary Clubs '**Art Spectacular 2005**' held at the Riverside Centre, Eagle Street, Brisbane. The Art Awards was in Category 4: Best Mixed/Other medium – any subject.

She designs and hand prints on quality fabrics and handcrafts out of her art studio on Green Hill, surrounded by her private and secluded tropical garden overlooking the Thursday Island Harbour.

Rosie's encouragement to young emerging artist, '**Get a Trade first, a good Education, never give up on your passion, follow your dreams, as you never know where it will take you, and remember always, to keep smiling**'.