

# ART MOB

## Aboriginal Fine Art

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#### Lockhart River

Our February exhibition 'The Gang comes to Hobart' is from the remote Lockhart River Aboriginal community on the east coast of Cape York in far North Queensland. This is a small community of about 600 people who are surrounded by rainforest, low mountain ranges and the sea. A group of young, contemporary artists locally known as 'The Art Gang' have set new standards for Australian art. They sign their works on the front. They don't issue certificates. They are Australian artists! Tasmanian artist Geoff Dyer will launch this show from well known artists Rosella Namok, Samantha Hobson, Silas Hobson & Fiona Omeeny. Don't miss this exciting show launch on Friday 13 February at 6pm.



#### Ikuntji Icons

Rather than showing our usual Top 50 Most Collectible show to start the year we gave the Haasts Bluff community art centre Ikuntji Artists an opportunity to feature a broad range of artists with 'Ikuntji Icons'. The art centre has commented that Art Mob seems to be bucking the economic trend for our successful sales of this fine show. The pink Molly Jugadai featured sold to our Sydney client as we unrolled the works just after they arrived. The last few of these superb pieces are available on our web site.



#### Mick Quilliam

Put March 20 in your diary as that's launch day for Mick's solo "Seasons". His signature piece sold to a fan from the Caribbean within a day of him finishing it. These intricate paintings of the flower spikes of the grass tree have set a new standard for his work.

#### Indigenous Art Code of Conduct

You may have noticed commentary about this new code that is at final draft with the Australia Council. As with most indigenous issues it's good to reverse the roles and see how it fits. Where is the non-indigenous art code of conduct? Is this discriminatory? It is proposed that this code will be voluntary for 2 years then must be adopted if you want endorsement by the Government as an appropriate provider of indigenous art. Institutions are exempted. Watch this space!

#### Kalumburu Karadada's

Art Mob has long been a fan of the Wandjina paintings by Wunumbal artists Lily & Rosie Karadada. Rosie passed away recently and she will be greatly missed. Her family offered the gallery some lovely etchings that she worked on in 2000. They look wonderful framed and bring back fond memories. Rosie's daughter Regina carries on the tradition, painting images of the Wandjinas and Gyorn Gyorn figures (also known as Bradshaw figures).



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ROSIE KARADADA



# Gloria Petyarre - Utopia NT

The gallery was being repainted, the Millenium cruise ship was berthed 200 metres away, the Wooden Boat Festival was just

starting so the only display space left to show an ardent fan of Gloria's Bush Medicine paintings was the footpath & the Hunter

Street facade of Art Mob. These paintings are all 180 x 120cm and are priced at \$15,600.

