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PAPULANKUTJA PALYA

May's exhibition is "Papulankutja Palya". Palya is a word widely used in the desert regions meaning Hello or Good. So "Hello Blackstone" is an anglicised version of this title. We have some fantastic paintings from this region of the Gibson Desert in WA and it's an area that we have been associated with since 2003. The late Cliff Reid was their first artist to have a solo exhibition in November 2005 – here at Art Mob.



SALE PAGES

Our Hunter Island Sale and Massive Easter Sale sold over 40 works and we'll keep the Easter sale available to you until Euan's birthday on May 22. There are some superb works there and great bargains at up to 50% off! Get to work! No-one came up with the 3 Easter eggs – too hard. Try #12 & #34 – the other one is lurking still.



WARUMPI PRINTS

We mentioned last month that we have uncovered a small pile of screen prints from Papunya's Warumpi Arts going back to 2000. They can now be seen on our website under Artists/Themes – Warumpi prints. They are truly beautiful and affordable.

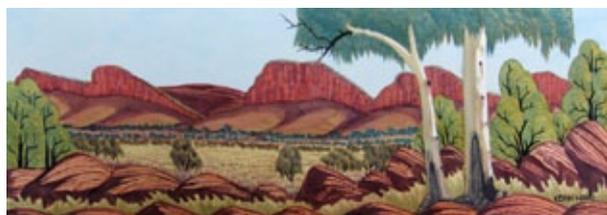
BRIDGE UPDATE

We'll be able to play Simon & Garfunkel's Bridge over Troubled Water on Friday May 16th at 6pm – so's the TasPorts promise. If you are in the vicinity come and party. This has been a very stressful exercise and severely detrimental to business in a normally busy season... Many thanks to all of you who have supported us!



NEW GLORIA PETYARRE STOCK

The great lady has painted some masterpieces in her time and we are fortunate to have added some to our stock recently dating from 1998 to 2012. Check them out on our website. Other works have come in from Mick Quilliam, Charmaine Pwerle, Minnie Pwerle, Fabianne Nampitjinpa Peterson and Kudditji – amongst others.



VALE ARTISTS

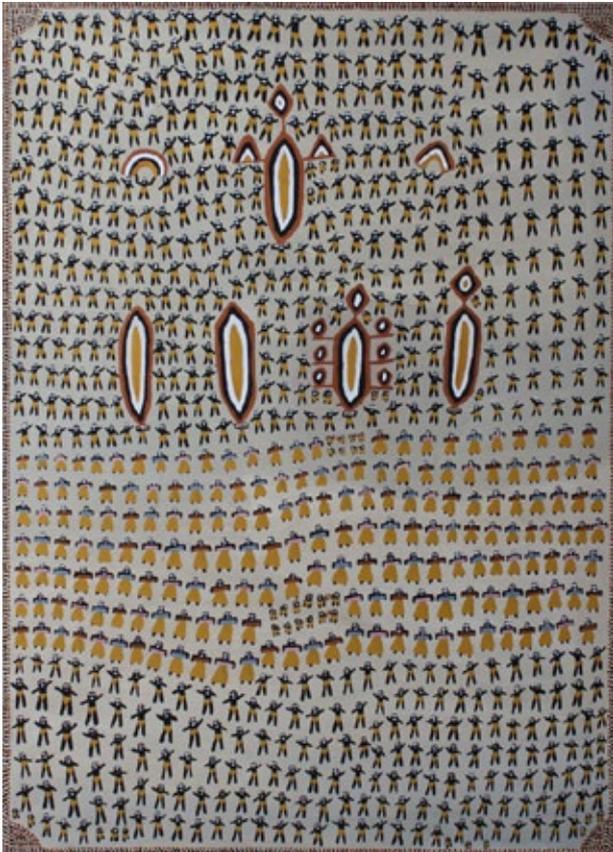
We were saddened to hear of the passing of two artists well known to us – Mrs J. Lane from Blackstone and Kumantji Wirri from Alice Springs. Our thoughts are for their families and communities.





To coincide with the University of Technology Sydney's exhibition "Joonba Junba Juju" we have a mini exhibition here featuring 2 works each by Alan Griffiths and the late Jack Dale.

Exhibitions can be seen at:
UTS <http://newsroom.uts.edu.au/events/2014/04/joonba-junba-juju>
Art Mob http://www.artmob.com.au/artists/kimberley_dances



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Natural ochre & pigment on canvas
1400 x 1000mm \$12000

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AM 9681/13
Jack Dale *Djunba Dancers* 2006
Ochres on Linen 1040 x 1240mm \$10500

A Djunba is a form of commemorative dance that is traditional to Ngarinyin and other Wandjina people. The preparations include the construction of a screen made from tree branches and sheets of bark [the dance board].

The dancers paint and ornament their bodies with ochre, tassels and headdresses behind the screen in advance of a ritualised emergence before an eager and appreciative audience. The Djunba is then performed to the accompaniment of an orchestra sitting in front of the audience. Djunba dance and song continues to play an important role in the lives of the senior people who were also the backbone of the Kimberley cattle industry in its day.



AM 9691/13
Jack Dale *Djunba Dancer - Wunguru from Londra* 2007
Ochres on Linen 1100 x 2030mm \$16000