



## Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre

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### Djakapurra Munyarryun

**Date of Birth:** 23/08/1973  
**Clan:** Wangurri, Mandjikay  
**Homeland:** Dhalinybuy  
**Moiety:** Yirritja

### Biography

Djakapurra, son of Wangurri clan leader Bawurr, is one of the talented and hardworking Munyarryun brothers from Dhalinybuy. Among them are Bandamul, Gurraramawuy, Buwathay, Memawuy, Malalakpuy, and Mirrwatnga. Djakapurra distinguished himself at a young age as a yidaki player, earning the right to play in ceremony and also one of his names, Ganbulapula, relating to the story of the first Yirritja moiety yidaki. He has also distinguished himself as a dancer, performing with and acting as Yolngu consultant for Bangarra Dance Theatre, Australia's premier indigenous modern dance company. He was the featured Aboriginal performer at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. He performed at the 2006 Dreaming festival in Woodford, Queensland, before flying off to sing and dance at the opening of the Musee du Quai Branli in Paris. Due to all this, Djakapurra often lives and works away from home in Sydney or Darwin, but stays at his clan homeland of Dhalinybuy when he is in Arnhem Land.