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Marikuku Wirrpanda

Date of Birth: 31/12/1977
Clan: Dhudi-Djapu
Homeland: Dhuruputjpi
Moiety: Dhuwa

Biography

Marikuku is the son of prominent artist and ceremonial leader Dhukal Wirrpanda. He lives on his clan's land at Dhuruputjpi and sometimes stays with other family members at Gunyanjara (Ski Beach) or Dhalinybuy.

He is known as the ceremonial yidaki player for the Dhudi-djapu clan and is often busy with ceremony. His skill as a player means he also has the knowledge to make top quality yidaki. In recent years Marikuku has formed a production venture with Dhapa Ganambarr and they have both been producing fine quality yidaki.

Marikuku has excellent attention to detail and his instruments are finished to a high standard. As a result, his yidaki have become popular quite quickly and his work is now sought after by both musicians and collectors worldwide.