



## Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre

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### Djul'djul' Gurruwiwi

**Date of Birth:** 16/12/1965  
**Clan:** Gälpu, Gawurr  
**Homeland:** Njappinya  
**Moiety:** Dhuwa

### Biography

Djul'djul is the daughter of the famous Gälpu clan artist Mithinarri Gurruwiwi. She is a very precise and knowledgeable wood carver and painter. Together with her sister Manany and brother Watjuku (deceased) they have inherited a lot of painting knowledge and skill from their father. All three artists also share the same Gumatj mother, Duwambu Burarrwaṅa.

Djul'djul's husband is Burrṅupurrṅu (Bruce) Wunuṅmurra, a highly respected yiḍaki player and maker. She paints the yiḍaki he makes, often with Gälpu clan designs from her own clan. These designs sometimes feature Witiṅ the olive python, djaykuṅ the file-snake and guḍurrku the brolga. At other times they are decorated with beautiful columns of diamonds, the sacred miny'tji belonging to the Dhaḷwaṅu clan, representing the freshwater system where their creation ancestor Barama emerged from the water.

Their yiḍaki are highly priced among collectors and players world-wide, being commonly referred to as some of the best works available. Djul'djul's carvings are now becoming sought after by dealers and collectors for their fine attention to detail. Recently she has been producing worrwurr (owls) in collaboration with her sister Manany.

### Group Exhibitions

- 2019** Top End Ochre - Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula VIC
- 2017** Environmental Defenders Office NT Fundraising Auction - Outstation - art from art centres, Darwin NT
- 2017** Legends and Lore - Artitja Fine Art, Perth WA