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Featuring:

Tony Raguwanga Cameron

Aleisha Cameron

Janet Guyala

Margaret Wanambi

Joy Gamunbuy Marrkula

Mary Bidingal

Gapuwiyak artists are best known for their innovative fibre art creations. Their animal sculptures, woven mats and coiled baskets feature especially bright colours using traditional and new techniques that share deep knowledge of plants, country and culture.

Master-weavers make baskets and mats from Gunga (Pandanus Spiralis), which are often dyed with natural bush recipes of roots, tubers and leaves to make the strong colours. Twinning and coiling skills shape the Gunga into Bathi (baskets) and flat mats that are made for the art market. Traditional forms are still used in ceremony. Other traditional forms are being refigured into new artistic expressions.

Mr Cameron and Ms Bidingal passed a few years ago. Mr Cameron worked with his wife Penny Wanapuyngu who would make the basic basket form, Mr Cameron would then reshape them into one of the many animals that feature in songlines and other animals he knew from his time spent in country. The skills of these artists are kept alive by the next generations. Today, Mr Cameron and Penny's daughter, Aleisha continues to make spirited fibre works of camp dogs, animals and birds, and Ms Bidingal's daughter Djamirri continues to make the fine classic 'dilly-bag' form like her mother.

Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts is a remote Art Centre in east Arnhem Land. We are owned by our Yolŋu members, have a Yolŋu Board, and employ a Manager and Arts Workers. We support over one hundred artists from Gapuwiyak and surrounding homelands.

Gapuwiyak is a small Yolŋu town in the middle of Miyarrka, a region around Arnhem Bay in East Arnhem Land. There are eighteen clans in this region each with their own interconnected clan estates, songs, patterns and designs.

The Art Centre assists artists to collect and prepare materials, make high-quality art, explore ideas, develop knowledge and skills, exhibit, market and sell their work.

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- Janet Guyula**
Mat, Twined 2023
(Gapuwiyak 23-928)
Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
56 x 56 cm + fringe
\$ 1050



2. **Janet Guyula**
Mat, Twined 2023
(Gapuwiyak 23-656)
Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
58 x 58 cm + fringe
\$ 1260



3. **Mary Ruwaypi Guyula**
Mat, Twined 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-1156)
Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
30 x 30 cm + fringe
\$ 630



4. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**

Bird on log 2021

(Gapuwiyak 21-1576)

Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media

39 x 34 x 8 cm

\$ 735



5. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**

Camp Dog 2022

(Gapuwiyak 22-74)

Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media

17 x 48 x 10 cm

\$ 525



6. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**
Camp Dog 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-1264)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
34 x 50 x 15 cm
\$ 790



7. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**

Detung (Buffalo) 2022

(Gapuwiyak 22-1089)

Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media

52 x 32 x 33 cm

\$ 945



8. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**

Matjika (Darter) 2021

(Gapuwiyak 21-1617)

Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media

48 x 23 x 15 cm

\$ 840



9. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**

Camp Dog 2022

(Gapuwiyak 22-1132)

Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media

39 x 24 x 10 cm

\$ 630



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10. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**
Bird 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-380)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
44 x 33 x 16 cm
\$ 525



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11. **Aleisha Cameron**
Camp Dog 2023
(Gapuwiyak 23-362)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
27 x 40 x 12 cm
\$ 735



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12. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**
Camp Dog 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-37)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
33 x 44 x 12 cm
\$ 840



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13. **Aleisha Cameron**
Camp Dog 2023
(Gapuwiyak 23-363)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm) and
mixed media
32 x 51 x 15 cm
\$ 735



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14. **Aleisha Cameron**
Camp Dog 2023
(Gapuwiyak 23-259)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
24 x 30 x 18 cm
\$ 735



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15. **Aleisha Cameron**
Camp Dog 2023
(Gapuwiyak 23-1544)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
35 x 47 x 18 cm
\$ 840



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16. **Aleisha Cameron**
Camp Dog 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-1589)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
36 x 42 x 18 cm
\$ 735



17. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**

Worr worr (owl) 2022

(Gapuwiyak 22-467)

Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media

34 x 28 x 15 cm

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18. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**
Guriny (kite) 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-1545)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
36 x 43 x 16 cm
\$ 840



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19. **Joy Gamunbuy Marrkula**
Mat, Twined 2022
Gapuwiyak 23-1147
Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
39 x 32 cm + fringe
\$ 840



20. **Margaret Wanambi**

Basket 2022

(Gapuwiyak 22-767)

Gunga (Pandanus Palm) and Balgurr (Bush string)

29 x 18 x 18 cm

\$ 735



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21. **Mary Bidingal**
Bulpu, Bathi, (Dilly bag) 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-8)
Gunga (Pandanus Palm) and Balgurr (Bush string)
31 x 8 x 8 cm
\$ 840



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22. **Margaret Wanambi**
Basket 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-380)
Gunga (Pandanus Palm) and Balgurr (Bush string)
18 x 14 x 15 cm
\$ 460



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23. **Tony Raguwanga**
TA TA Lizard (Long Nosed Water Dragon) 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-236)
Fibre Sculpture
64 x 26cm
\$ 840



24. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**
Camp Dog 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-800)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
27 x 38 x 13 cm
\$ 735



25. **Tony Raguwanga Cameron**
Camp Dog 2022
(Gapuwiyak 22-1331)
Fibre sculpture with Gunga (Pandanus Palm)
and mixed media
34 x 50 x 14 cm
\$ 840



Julianne Malibirr
Fish Trap 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-1069)
Fibre Sculpture
88cm
\$ 840



Julianne Malibirr
Balpu Bathi (Dilly Bag) 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-444)
Basket
39 x 11 x 11 cm
\$ 840



Margaret Bidingal
Balpu Bathi (Dilly Bag) 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-781)
Basket
41 x 13 x 13cm
\$ 840



Margaret Bidingal
Balpu Bathi (Dilly Bag) 2021
(Gapuwiyak 21-780)
Basket
40 x 14 x 14cm
\$ 840



Various Artists

Earrings

Gunga (Pandanus Palm)

Various sizes

\$ 120 each