

LAARRI GALLERY

Laarri Gallery, a hidden gem in the Kimberley region of northern Western Australia, is situated in Yiyili Aboriginal Community between Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing, just 5 km off the Great Northern Highway. Laarri Gallery was established in a collaboration between Yiyili Community School and Yiyili Community Aboriginal Corporation in 1999. The goal of Laarri Gallery is to provide a place for local artists to work and a space to show. Like other art centres, the money raised from artwork sales goes directly back into the community, not only supporting the artists, but the community at large. The gallery also provides supplies for artists to take home and use.

Yiyili Aboriginal Community is the hub for a number of outstations, other small communities linked to Yiyili, and this structure has influenced the local artists. Local knowledge of bush tucker and bush medicine have also become integral themes of Yiyili and Laarri art. The community has produced two award winning artists to date and has fostered the telling of Gooniyandi stories and dreaming through art.

The gallery is open during Western Australian school term dates (appointments are necessary during term one). The gallery offers a large number of paintings, as well as locally produced books and postcards. All paintings come with a story of the work, an artist profile and a certificate of authenticity. Laarri and Yiyili art is unique in the Indigenous art world, there is sure to be something to catch your eye!



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Access: Visitors are welcome to drop into the gallery during school term times. Weekends and other times by appointment. Laarri Gallery is situated only 5 km off the Great Northern Highway between Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing. Road is graded regularly and open to all vehicles. No permits are necessary, just follow the signposted roads.

Above:
Norman Cox, *All The Bush Tuckers*. This painting represents all the bush tuckers we collect during the wet and dry season in Gooniyandi country.

Opposite page from top:

Margorie Cox, *Suger Leaf*. In the dry season we pick suger leaf for bush tucker.

Margorie Cox, *Yiyili The Main Soak*. The circle in the middle is the main soak at Yiyili River.

Norman Cox, *Mix Flowers*. When it is the right season for bush tuckers the flowers tells us, we wait until the trees start to bloom.