



# Western Australian Indigenous **Art Awards**

## **SELECTION PANEL:**

**Gary Dufour**, Chief Curator and Deputy Director, Art Gallery of Western Australia

**Carly Lane**, Curator Indigenous Art, Art Gallery of Western Australia

**Ian McLean**, Associate Professor and Discipline Chair of Visual Arts, University of Western Australia

**Djon Mundine OAM**, Indigenous Curator – Contemporary Art, Campbelltown Arts Centre

The selection panel was deeply satisfied with the body of works by each of the 16 artists selected as finalists and gratified with the results achieved by the Art Gallery of Western Australia in the inaugural Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards. The extraordinary high level of artistic achievement impressed the panel. The panel commends each artist for the quality of their work and thanks them for their outstanding contribution to this first Indigenous Art Awards exhibition.

### **\$50,000 award winner**

***Patrick Tjungurrayi***

In selecting the major award winner, the panel placed great emphasis on the complete body of works by each artist. Patrick Tjungurrayi presented a highly resolved group of ambitious paintings that build upon the traditions of the classical Papunya art style. As a group, his paintings present an incomparable harmony, lyricism and completeness. The rhythms, colour and variety between his works is masterfully handled. The panel unanimously agreed that the works presented are remarkable for their originality and for how they extend the dynamic Western Desert style in new contemporary directions.

### **\$10,000 award winner**

***June Walkutjurr Richards***

June Walkutjurr Richards works are truly unique, providing an exciting new voice from Western Australia. Her poignant works address contemporary issues confronting Indigenous Australians in a fresh, heartfelt and direct way.