

NINTIRINGTJAKU PROFILE
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I was born at Yuendumu in 1964. My parents went to Yuendumu and my father was working, in the old days, government days. Then I grew up at Papunya. I went to school at Papunya. We used to travel around in holidays, we moved around to the outstations, I know that country really well.

Douglas and I met together at Papunya. When we got married we moved to Kintore. When we moved to Kintore we already had two kids. We have got three sons and one daughter, and the same with our grandchildren, three boys and one girl.

We started to work at the school there, at Walungurru. He was assistant teacher and I was doing literacy work, when they had that bilingual school at Kintore. I was translating stories at the school there. Kintore and Papunya were big schools, they had a literacy centre. My husband Douglas wanted to come back to Ikuntji, so we came back here. He was working at the school here. I was busy with the children, busy, busy.

Then Ikuntji community started up the childcare to look after the kids. Then I decided to work there, to look after the kids, in 2001. I have been working all the time since then. I did training for childcare with Batchelor College, and with Waltja.

Now as well as childcare I am happy to do Nintiringtjaku work. I'm doing training with Waltja and getting ideas from Waltja. It's good when you travel around to other

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communities sharing, you learn more about other things, it gives you lots of ideas. When visitors come to do training or research in Ikuntji, they can talk to me or Cynthia, and we will help them.

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