

NINTIRINGTJAKU PROFILE
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LARAMBA COMMUNITY



I was born at Bond Springs. My father was from Stirling and my mother was from Barow Creek way. I grew up at Yamba Station. Everyone worked mustering the cattle, and working at the station house. We got rations, sugar, flour, tea. We collected our own bush tucker too.

I was at primary school at Amoonguna. From Amoonguna my family came over to Santa Teresa, and I went to school there. I liked learning at school, learning to read and write and cooking. I stayed at Santa Teresa and went to school until I was a young woman.

My family went back to Yamba Station with me. We travelled about to Engawala, to Utopia and went back to Yamba. My mother passed away at Utopia. My father looked after all the kids. We used to go hunting, riding donkeys from Yamba. At Yamba Station my job was looking after the little calves, feeding them goats milk. I did this work for a long time. I got married at Engawala, and my husband and I came back to Bushy Park Station. My father was working there. I looked after the station, the chookies, and working in the garden. My husband and I and our children and my father all went to live at Laramba. Now my father has passed away at Laramba. I looked after my father when he was old, like he looked

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after all the children when we were young. I have got five children, and now nine grandchildren. I go to Adelaide with my brother when he has to go to hospital there, for dialysis.

At Laramba I work at the Women's Centre. We do cooking for the schoolkids and the old people. And we wash blankets and clothes for the old people. We take the old people and the little kids to waterholes, and we take them hunting for bush tucker – goannas, witchetty, bush plums, bush banana. There is good healthy food all around Laramba. This way we help to keep everyone healthy.

Women's Centre started up the Child Care and the Aged Care. Our new childcare centre is really nice with a big yard. Titjikala mob came to have a look so they could plan a good centre too.

I am on Management Committee for Waltja. I come to Waltja meetings and I talk up strong for Laramba. I talk up for the old people at Laramba.

I am happy to help visitors if they come to Laramba. I will help to do Nintiringtjaku work, helping everyone to understand. I speak Anmatjere and English.

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