

NINTIRINGTJAKU PROFILE

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I was born in Alice Springs. My father came from Mt Riddock Station, and even my grandfather used to live there, that area is our family country. We moved to Santa Teresa when I was seven or eight, I grew up there and went to school there. I lived in the girls' dormitory with the Sacred Heart Sisters, We used to go only on weekends to the family, for the day and come back in the afternoon. I loved school. The sisters of the Sacred Heart learned us more about religion, and English. When I was fifteen I left school. My first job was nursing. I worked at the Santa Teresa hospital. It was good work. We use to do shift work looking after the patients through the day and the night. I did nursing for about a year. After that I went to Darwin, I did the home management course so I could help other people. When I came back to Santa Teresa I worked as a teacher's Aide at the school for about two years. Then I went to Batchelor up in the Top End to do the teaching course. I got discouraged from teaching course. But I always kept working. I work at the Women's Centre, cooking for the old age people, and I worked as a tutor at the school. Now I am working at the Spirituality Centre, Josie Palmer and I look after the centre. It is a healing place, I am a traditional healer, a nangkari. I love coming to Waltja Committee, Peaceful and friendly ladies, good meetings. I speak Arrernte, English and I understand Pitjantjara. I am happy to help with training at Santa Teresa.

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