



ARTIST
RUSSELLINA
PURUNTATAMERI

TITLE
WARNNINGA

REGION
TIWI ISLANDS



Russellina Puruntatameri, a proud Tiwi woman from the Tiwi Islands which is 80kms north of Darwin. Russellina developed her artistic skills from her family back home, where she grew up at Pirlangimpi Garden point, at the Munupi Arts Centre, by watching and listening to their stories.

Warnarringa means sun. The sun is the source of life and death, bringing life and heat to the people. There are many Dreamings about the sun, and in Aboriginal culture she is universally female.

For Russellina, this particular artwork is a reminder of her home on the Tiwi Islands, being out on her father's side country, on Jessie River when they used to go out fishing and hunting in the early mornings.