

# EVERYWHEN ART ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

## Stewart Hoosan



Birth date: 1951

Birth place: Doomadgee Mission, QLD

Language: Garrwa

Stewart was born in 1951 at Doomadgee Mission in the Gulf of Carpentaria, QLD. He is a Garrwa man on his mother's side. His paternal grandfather was Ali Hussin, an Egyptian cameleer from Central Australia. His maternal grandfather Yariyarri grew him up on Calvert Hills Station (NT). Yariyarri taught his grandson about country and the stories of the land. From nine years of age Stewart started droving and working in stock camps throughout QLD, WA and the NT. He settled in Borroloola in 1972 after marrying Yanyuwa/Garrwa woman Nancy McDinny. He started his own cattle business at Wandangula (Police Lagoon), in 1979, and currently lives at the nearby Sandridge outstation with Nancy. Stewart started painting in early the 2000s after he stopped cattle work. He started painting landscapes from the Calvert Hills and Robinson regions, and later started painting historical stories about droving and Aboriginal resistance fighters, who fought for their country during the period of colonisation in the Gulf. Hoosan is Junggayi (ceremonial "manager") for the country of his mother and her parents. He paints the big country belonging to the Garrwa people.

### Exhibitions

2023 Connections: an exhibition of paintings and drawings, Graham Geddes Antiques, Armadale, VIC

2022 In Black + White, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2022 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT

2020 Seven Rivers, Kate Brown Fine Art, Darwin, NT

2020 In Black + White, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2015 Transcendence, Nanda Hobbs Contemporary, Chippendale, NSW

2014 Frontier History. Flow of Voices2: Jacky Green Stewart Hoosan and Nancy McDinny, ANU, Canberra, ACT

2011 Works on paper Mossenson Gallery Melbourne, Rebecca Hossack, Gallery London

2010 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi Melbourne Solo Show, Karen Brown Gallery Darwin, Melbourne Art Fair, Darwin Art Fair, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

2009 Karen Brown Gallery Darwin

2008, 2007, 2006 Karen Brown gallery Waralungku Art group shows

2007, 2006, 2005 Finalist Telstra Art Award Darwin

2008, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003 Desert Mob Show Araluen Alice Springs

2005 Waralungku Arts Group Shows Territory Craft Gallery Darwin, Nyinkka Nyunyu Tennant Creek and Coomalie Cultural Centre

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