

EVERYWHEN ART ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Alvin Gavenor



Birth date: 1974

Birth place: Kunhanhaa - Mornington Island

Language: Yangkaal

"I learnt to spin hair and make the dance hats from an early age from my grandmother, Margaret Hills, who was a master weaver of grass and hair.

It's a lot of work to find a suitable tree, to strip the bark then to work the bark to form the frame for the dance hat.

Spinning hair takes a long time too, but I am happy to make the dance hats. There aren't too many people who knows this craftsmanship. Each time I make this I know I make a contribution to keep our culture alive and strong."

Exhibitions

2019 Mornington Island to the Mornington Peninsula, Everwhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2016 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Market, Cairns, QLD

2015 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Market, Cairns, QLD