

PRESS RELEASE

All good things are three

Third solo exhibition by young Gooniyandi artist Claude Carter

Claude Carter started painting in 2005. His first exhibition in 2006 and the second in 2008 were sell outs and it is anticipated he will have the same success with his third exhibition **Galaroo Many (Waterhole Bush tucker)**.

For this exhibition he painted the main waterholes of his country and his favorite bush food. Some bright and colorful paintings depict cat fish which are considered bush medicine and good for asthma and diabetics.

Claude says about his new work: *"Mainly this painting is my galaroo (waterhole) dreaming of the rainbow snake and the main waterhole. That manyi (bush food) is mainly all the bush fruit I learnt from my grandmother and from this day I have taught all my kids about bush tucker. Using ochre was from my grandfather side and I am from the Gija side and I can feel the earth from my country."*

Claude Carter is a committed community leader. He lives with his wife and their children in a small community called Bawoorooga, made up mostly of family members, on the Great Northern Highway approximately 90 kilometers from Fitzroy Crossing, towards Halls Creek in Western Australia. He sought the approval of his elders and set up his community in 2000. He and his family established their community without the help of Government agencies and Land Councils. Assistance was later provided and they now have solar power, a bore and tank water and individual camps, a raised donga with verandah and a large roof. Claude works constantly to improve his community and much of the proceeds of his painting goes back into community projects.

Galaroo Manyi (Waterhole Bush tucker) runs from 24 October – 14 November at **Brigitte Braun Gallery, 4 White Street, Windsor 3181**. The artist will be present at the **opening on Saturday 24 October from 3-5pm**.

Gallery hours are Wednesday – Saturday 1-4pm and by appointment. The exhibition can be seen on **www.artplace.com.au** from 22 October. For more information please contact Brigitte Braun on 03 95212324 or 0417184260.