

Venita Poblocki, Non-Executive Director

Bio

Venita Poblocki, owner and Director of This is Aboriginal Art Gallery and Studio in Alice Springs, Northern Territory, has 17 years of experience in the Australian Art industry. With a Master's Degree in Arts Administration (Curatorship) from UNSW's College of Fine Arts, Venita began her career as a Junior Aboriginal Art Specialist at Lawson Menzies Auctioneers. She later managed Sydney's Kate Owen Gallery and Aboriginal Art Galleries, served as Curator at Willoughby City Council, and initiated the Willoughby Visual Arts Biennial. Venita also curated the John Fries Art Award in 2011 and 2012. In 2017, she moved to Alice Springs to open her gallery, focusing on Aboriginal art. As Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Aboriginal Art Association of Australia and an Executive Member of the Art Consulting Association of Australia, Venita is deeply involved in the art community.

Raised in South Australia's outback, Venita's early exposure to Aboriginal culture fostered a profound respect for the world's oldest living culture, leading to her passion for Aboriginal art. Her gallery, This is Aboriginal Art, forms lasting relationships with Aboriginal artists from the Central and Western Deserts, aiming to promote their work nationally and internationally. The gallery supports artists in building their careers, emphasizing ethical and fair practices with both independent artists and art centers, and highlighting the importance of artistic cultural expression.