

## PRESS RELEASE

**New gallery opens in Melbourne**

Brigitte Braun is opening a new gallery in Windsor (Pahran). After 15 years running Artplace in Perth Brigitte will now represent her stable of artists, including Janangoo Butcher Cherel, John Cullinane, Olga Cironis, Julie Dowling, Indra Geidans, Julie Goldenberg, Antony Muia, Jimmy Nerrimah, Yvette Watt a.o. from her new gallery in Melbourne.

**The first exhibition** in the renovated warehouse at 4 White Street in Windsor (close to Chapel Street) is by **Pijaju Peter Skipper** who has been represented by Brigitte Braun since 1992.

In his exhibition **Manawarnti (All the Trees)** Peter depicts the varying types of plants of his country, the Great Sandy Desert. These plants are used for food, medicinal purposes, making tools and implements. However they also have a spiritual and cultural significance. Peter has painted these plants as a way of ensuring that the diversity and importance of flora within his culture is understood.

Skipper is a senior law man and maparn (medicine man) of the Walmajarri people. He was born in the Great Sandy Desert; circa 1929,, at a jila (waterhole) called Japirnka. He was brought up in the traditional way of the Walmajarri people and did his schooling in the bush where he was taught by his father. His paintings were first shown in 1988 in "The Art of Aboriginal Australia" at the Asia Society in New York and have been included in many important international exhibitions. His work is held in most public collections in Australia including the National Gallery of Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria and the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

The exhibition runs from **16 June to 7 July** at **4 White Street, Windsor 3181** Mel Ref. 2P J2. 2 hour free parking at James Street car park. Viewing times are **Wednesday to Saturday from 1-4pm** and by appointment. There will be opening drinks for the exhibition and the new gallery on Saturday 16 June from 2-4pm.

The exhibition can be seen on [www.artplace.com.au](http://www.artplace.com.au) from 13. June. For more information please contact Brigitte Braun on 95212324 or 0417184260.