



Sally Gabori  
 Makarrki  
 2009  
 Etching on paper  
 Edition of 25

**IMAGE** size 50 x 50 cm

**PAPER SIZE** 83 x 80 cm

**COLLABORATORS**

Jacqueline Gribbin and Gertjan Forrer

**PRINTER**

Jacinta Numina-Waugh

## LIMITED EDITION

*Makarrki*, Sally Gabori's joyous and radiant etching was created during a printmaking workshop with Northern Editions printmakers Gertjan Forrer and Jacqueline Gribbin in November 2008. This experience represented the first foray into printmaking for Sally and her fellow artists from Bentinck Islands.

Sally Gabori shot to fame in 2005 when she captured the attention of art lovers nationally in her first sell-out exhibition at Woolloongabba Art Gallery in Brisbane. Having only started painting at the age of 81, Sally has been catapulted to the forefront of Australian contemporary art. Although she has taken to painting later in life, she has been an accomplished producer of traditional handicrafts made from bush products such as pandanus fibres and hibiscus bark woven into string, for many years.

All Sally Gabori's stories relate to her homeland of Bentinck Island in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria. *Makarrki* is

the Kaiadilt language name for the country of Sally's big brother, King Alfred, and it is the main area on the island in which dugong are trapped.

Her love of paint and the full spectrum of colour it offers have been effectively translated into print in this bold and vibrant etching. On first glance it may appear abstract, but this and Sally's other works represent the world through Kaiadilt eyes, capturing the colours of the sea and its life as well as the flora and fauna of her country.

In a floor talk at Alcaston Gallery on 25 August 2007, Dr Nicholas Evans described how Kaiadilt adults "minutely divide their small territory into many hundreds of named places, competitively recited to one another by the old people vigilant to note the omission of one named place along the coastline." For more information, visit the Northern Editions W: <http://northerneditions.com.au>.

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