



## **NEW TRUST TO RESTORE JUSTICE TO NAMATJIRA**

This **Friday 3rd March at 11am**, a new trust will be launched in Canberra at the **National Museum of Australia** to honour one of Australia's most revered artists, Albert Namatjira, and restore justice to his family and community.

Albert Namatjira remains one of the most revered icons of Australia's art scene, and in 2012 alone, the national wholesale earnings for his works was over 10 million dollars. However, since 1983 the Namatjira family haven't earned anything from copyright or royalties from reproductions of Albert Namatjira's works.

The Namatjira family are holders of some of the country's most significant heritage, something that was recognized in a remarkable private meeting with the Queen when Big hART's Namatjira theatre production toured to London in 2013. Yet despite all this, today the family face many challenges.

**The Namatjira Legacy Trust** will be launched at the National Museum of Australia on Friday 3 March by curator and writer **Hetti Perkins**, member of the Arrernte and Kalkadoon communities, and daughter of Charlie Perkins. Performing at the launch will be award-winning Indigenous singer-songwriter **Archie Roach AM**.

The Namatjira Legacy Trust is an initiative of the Namatjira family alongside **Big hART**, Australia's leading arts for social change company, and aims to restore justice by returning the copyright to Namatjira's descendants. By supporting the health, welfare, education and sustainability of their families and community in Hermannsburg, the Trust will ensure the remarkable traditions of the Western Desert watercolour movement thrive into the future.

### **WHAT:**

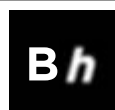
Launch of The Namatjira Legacy Trust

### **KEY TIMES:**

- 11am Welcome from Dr Mathew Trinca, Director of the NMA
- 11:05am Archie Roach performs
- 11:10am Sophia Marinos speaks - Namatjira Project Producer / Big hART
- 11:15am Lenie Namatjira and Gloria Pannka speak – Grandchildren of Albert Namatjira
- 11:20am Hetti Perkins launches the Trust - Curator, writer, member of the Arrernte and Kalkadoon communities, and daughter of Charlie Perkins.
- 11:25am Picture Opportunity - Signing of the Trust Deed by Delwyn Everard Director of Arts Law, with Lenie Namatjira and Gloria Pannka
- 11.30am Dr Mathew Trinca to close proceedings.

### **WHERE:**

Landmarks Gallery, The National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton (CANBERRA)



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