# The Australian Women's Register

**Entry type:** Person **Entry ID:** AWE0981

# Bancroft, Bronwyn

(1958 - )

**Born** 1 January, 1958, Tenterfield

Occupation Artist, Illustrator

# Summary

Bronwyn Bancroft completed a Diploma in Visual Arts at the Canberra School of Arts in 1980, and then moved to Sydney where she became involved with the Aboriginal Medical Service's Fashion Show in 1985. Following the success of the fashion parade, she opened the shop 'Designer Aboriginals' in Rozelle, as an outlet for her own designs and the designs of other Aboriginal artists. In 1990 she moved from retail to wholesale production of fabrics in order to concentrate on painting and design. Her work was exhibited in Paris at the Printemps Fashion Parade in 1987, and also in London at the 1989 Australian Fashion: The Contemporary Art exhibition. In 1989 her paintings were included in nine exhibitions. Her first solo exhibition of paintings was held in Sydney in 1989, and in 1991 she collaborated with Sally Morgan to produce an exhibition of prints at the Warrnambool Art Gallery, Victoria.

#### Published resources

#### **Journal Article**

Marketing Aboriginal Art in the 1990s, Altman, Jon C. and Taylor, Luke., 1990

Bancroft, Brownyn, 1988

Learning to Understand: Art Helps to Dispel Ignorance, Bancroft, Bronwyn

Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative: Fact or Fantasy: You Decide!, Bancroft, Bronwyn and Watson, Ken., 2000

#### **Book**

Artists and Their Work, Barlow, Alex, 1997

Aboriginality: Contemporary Aboriginal Paintings and Prints, Isaacs, Jennifer, 1989

A Koori perspective tour : an Artspace touring exhibition., 1990

# **Newspaper Article**

For All of Us: Aboriginal Artists Sally Morgan and Bronwyn Bancroft Ponder Their Place in John Howard's Australian Story, Barrowclough, Nikki

#### **Newsletter Article**

Designer Aboriginal, 1987

#### **Edited Book**

The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, society and culture, Horton, David, 1994

# Resource

Welcome to Designer Aboriginals, Bancroft, Bronwyn, <a href="http://www.bronwynbancroft.com/">http://www.bronwynbancroft.com/</a>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

# Archival resources

# **AIATSIS Books and Printed Material Collection**

Caring for people with AIDS

Education about AIDS: everybody's business

**Prevention of AIDS** 

Wanamurraganya - screen prints by Sally Morgan and Bronwyn Bancrofts first solo exhibition of paintings [exhibition catalogue]

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