

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Feathered armband

Date

c 2005

Primary Maker

Mavis Galikali Warrngilna Ganambarr

Medium

Plant fibres, parrot feathers, cotton

Dimensions

20 x 150 mm (5.9 in)

Name

Armband

History

Galiwin'ku is a community of the Yolngu Aboriginal people and the only town on Elcho Island, some 550 kilometres north-east of Darwin. The community boasts a thriving arts centre, Elcho Island Arts, which services more than 200 Yolngu artists who create Yolngu art and designs that are direct inheritances from ancient times – and this creative island community that is making its mark on the worlds of art and fashion. The artforms and ceremonies passed on to today's Yolngu people express direct links to their significant creation sites and Ancestors. The arts centre has earned a strong reputation for the quality of weavings, paintings, and carvings informed by these ancestral histories. Artists pride themselves on originality of design and knowledge of traditional bush materials, including natural earth pigments, which are used in both traditional and contemporary artforms.