## **Bronwyn Bancroft**

Bronwyn Bancroft, is a proud Bandjalang artist of the Djanbun clan, but she doesn't just paint she also draws and she creates lots of different styles of clothing. She is known for her colourful paintings, prints and textile designs. She has been Director of her own company, Designer Aboriginals Pty Ltd since 1985. Bronwyn Bancroft grew up with 3 brothers and 3 sisters she is the youngest of them all.

Bronwyn was born in 1958 January the 23 and is still alive. Her father, Owen Cecil Joseph Bancroft known as Bill, an Aboriginal Australian from the Djanbun clan, sadly he died in 1990. Her mother Anne, who is from Scotland and Poland, she died in 2003. Bronwyn's husband Ned Manning at the age 72 years old was born in Coonabarabran 1950. She had 3 children, Jack Manning who was born in 1985, Ella Manning was born in 1988 and her 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Ruby Rose was born in 1999. She went to school at the University of Sydney and the Austar National University. Bronwyn Bancroft's art is in lots of different museums and galleries.

Her art is in the National Gallery of Australia, the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Queensland Art Gallery. As well as the Australian Museum in Sydney and the National Gallery of Victoria. It was in the lead-up to the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney and Bancroft was a member of the design committee that did the games official logo. She has many awards including the centenary Medal of Australia in 1958.

In 1980 she completed a three year Diploma of Visual Arts at the Canberra School of Arts. Her first solo exhibition was at Boomalli in Sydney 1989. Bronwyn has illustrated many children books authored by Dianna Kidd, which was awarded Australian multicultural children book award in 1993. Then Bronwyn moved to Sydney where she continues to live with her three children. Bronwyn Bancroft is also an advocate of arts and education for Indigenous Australians.

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