



# Tinkerbee

*Cultural and Interpretation Services*

## Business Profile



### Business name



#### **Tinkerbee Cultural and Interpretation Services**

### About the business



Tinkerbee Cultural and Interpretation Services is a new enterprise that covers a variety of Cultural related workshops from a strong Cultural base.

Operating in Alice Springs, Tinkerbee is owned by Kumalie (Rosalie) Riley Kngwarraye, an Arrernte woman from Alice Springs who has affiliations to the land and spiritual connections with the Arrernte country, through her grandmother, and is passionate about teaching her culture and language.

Kumalie delivers cultural awareness training to help people working on or visiting Arrernte country to understand the complexities of indigenous culture such as communication/talking, kinship/relationships, sorry business and protocols when people pass on, and behaviour etiquette such as dress and eye contact when working or engaging with, particularly traditional, aboriginal people.

### Products/Services



- Welcome to country – Traditional Arrernte Welcome
- Aboriginal Culture Awareness Courses
- Interpretation and Translations
- Aboriginal Art & Culture Courses
- Language classes for beginners

### Clients



Aboriginal Interpreter Service  
Department of Education  
Relationships Australia  
Convention Bureau





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Kumalie also delivers art workshops, explaining that through symbols and oral history aboriginal people were taught where to go and what to look for when hunting and gathering food. The use of hand signs also provided direction during hunting trips or used in special ceremonies.

Kumalie explains where these symbols representing footprints, tracks, bush tucker, tools and weapons, people and animals are used in art, giving participants a greater understanding of the spiritual journeys on land and sky created by the Ancestral spirits and an appreciation of the cultural stories behind the artwork they see in Central Australia.

Art and Culture workshops are offered individually or can be done in group bookings of 5-10 people and participants are provided with resources to create their own art piece under Kumalie's cultural guidance.

Through Tinkerbee, Kumalie also provides cultural advice and interpretation/translation services, organises cultural performances and is training young Arrernte people to enhance their interpreting skills.

Tinkerbee is a new business but is already receiving consistent bookings in advance. Kumalie's plan is to acquire office space and become accredited, and her vision is to employ 2 indigenous people in the near future as her client base grows.

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