

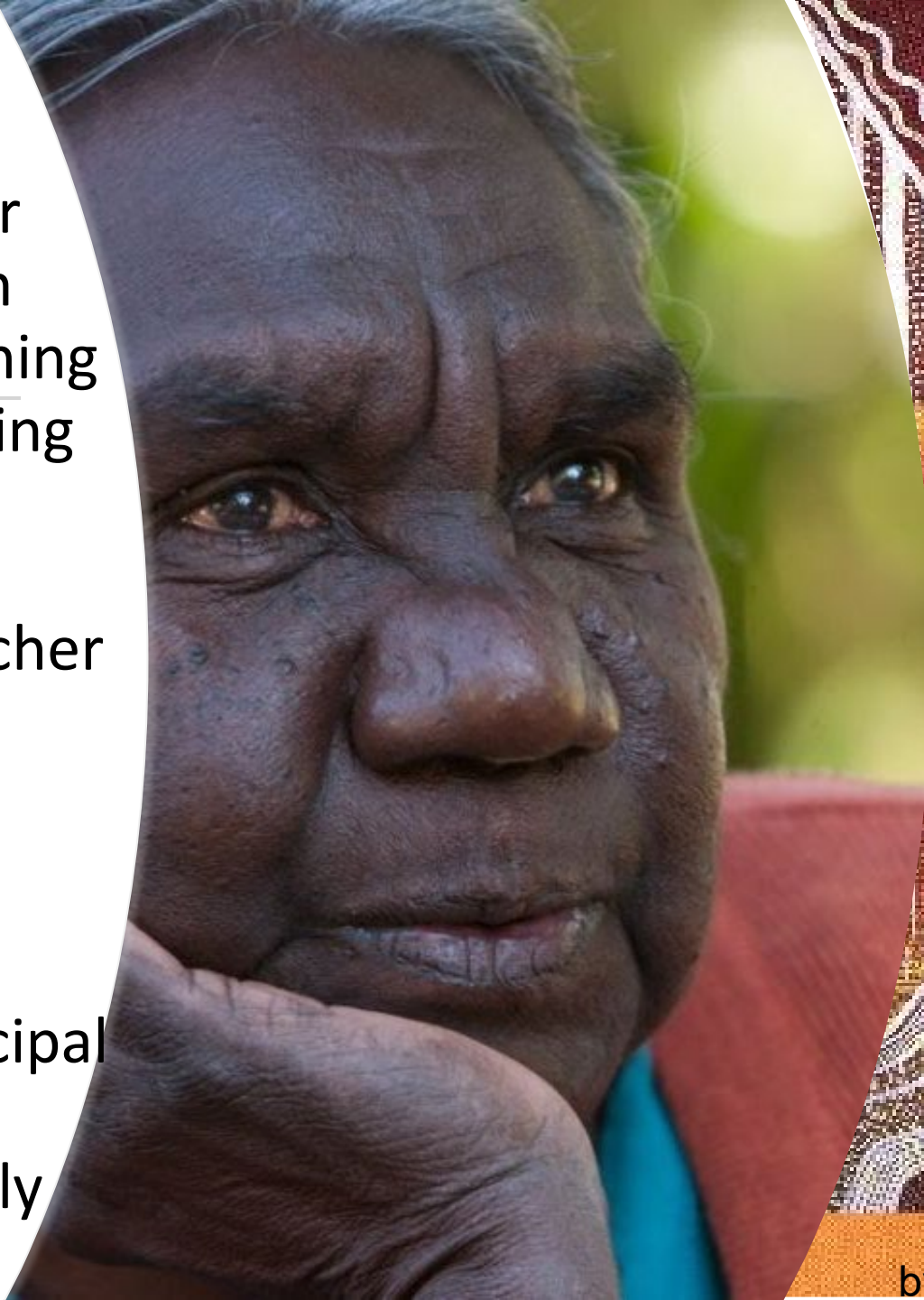
**Miriam Rose
Ungunmerr-Baumann**

Is an Australian
Aboriginal activist,
educator and artist from
the Daly River region of
the Northern Territory.



Working as a Teacher Assistant she grew in her passion for teaching and education, training to become the first Aboriginal person to fully qualify as a teacher in the Northern Territory.

She later went on to become School Principal at St Francis Xavier mission school in Daly River.



Tree of Life
by Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Bauman

In 1988, Miriam Rose shared
with the nation the gift of
Dadirri.

Dadirri –

*Inner Deep Listening
and Quiet Still
Awareness*



Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM

➤ **Senior**
Australian
of the Year
2021



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“When I experience dadirri, I am made whole again. I can sit on the riverbank or walk through the trees; even if someone close to me has passed away, I can find my peace in this silent awareness. There is no need of words. A big part of dadirri is listening.”



"Dadirri is not an Aboriginal spirituality only, it is within everyone."

Miriam explains:

"Once we become aware to this and see our sameness, we heal together, in our relationships, with all of nature.

This is the deepest form of reconciliation."



“To be still brings peace – and it brings understanding.

Our culture is different.

We are asking our fellow Australians to take time to know us; to be still and to listen to us...

We are hoping people will come closer.

We keep on longing for the things that we have always hoped for – respect and understanding...”





*“There are deep
springs within each of
us.*

*Within this deep
spring, which is the
very Spirit of God, is a
sound.*

*The sound of Deep
calling to Deep.
The sound is the word
of God – Jesus.”*

Loving God who dwells in the depths of our being,
Help us to receive and practise the gift of Dadirri in our lives.
Help us to be still, to be quiet, to listen deeply, to know that we are all
connected at a deeper level to you, to creation and to each other.
Help us to be still and present to the stories of others, their pain,
their joys, their dreams, their ways of seeing.
Help us to look beyond the noise of our world to receive your healing
presence in nature, in silence and in the sacredness of each person.
As a nation bring us back to wholeness through words and actions of
mutual respect and reconciliation.
May we as the Chisholm community walk humbly, act justly and love
tenderly as we walk the path of reconciliation together.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen