

Annette Liddle

As a fifth generation Central Arrente woman I am very proud of my heritage and connection to this country. I was born and raised in Alice Springs and have seen many changes over time. It has certainly grown since I was a child.

During my early years, days were spent playing out bush with family and friends. Here we would create our own entertainment using what was in our environment; so different from today with computers, Xbox' s and television etc. Instead we would be out hunting and exploring.

I had a strict upbringing, but when asked who influenced me the most I would say my grandparents, on both sides. As traditional owners they instilled in me the importance of culture and language. At school I would learn English, at home my language. I now speak Central Arrernte, Luritja and English!

I have vivid memories of sitting with my grandmother, Emily Perkins nee Liddle as she passed on her story through drawings in the sand. As the eldest granddaughter I am the holder of this story and now have the responsibility of passing this to my eldest daughter.

Strong family, strong culture creates firm roots. I am firmly planted in Alice Springs Central Arrente country!