

Alison Milyika Carroll was born in 1958 in the community which was then known as Ernabella Mission and is now known as Pukatja Community. Alison Milyika has five children, five grandchildren and is a trained health worker.

Alison Milyika's artwork reflects her identity as a contemporary and senior Pitjantjatara Yankunytjatjara woman. She is the current Chair of Ernabella Arts and was also Anangu Mayatja (Manager) at Ernabella Arts 2004 - 2007 and Chairperson of Ernabella Arts from 2007 - 2010.

Alison Milyika's husband Pepai Carroll is a former community policeman who joined the art centre on retiring. Both the Carrolls are strong leaders and excellent spokespeople for APY artists. Milyika is regularly called on to speak at the opening of exhibitions at public institutions such as the Art Gallery of South Australia.

As well as being a public leader, Alison Milyika is a respected artist working across multiple mediums. Her batik and ceramics are held in public collections, nationally and internationally. In 2011 she was awarded an Australia Council grant to undertake a residency within the Ceramics Department at ANU. The resulting work was exhibited in Canberra and collected by the National Museum of Australia and the Art Gallery of South Australia.

In 2014 she was selected as a finalist in the Indigenous Ceramic Art Awards, and her work was acquired by Shepparton Art Museum. In August 2016 she attended the Indigenous Ceramic Art Awards at Shepparton Art Museum as the lead potter on a collaborative ceramics installation that tells the important Seven Sisters (Kungkarangkalpa) tjukurpa created by eight Ernabella artists. The work was subsequently acquired by the National Museum of Australia and exhibited in Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters.

Alison Milyika's work continues to be exhibited in Australia and around the world. Alison Milyika is also a well known singer and member of Ernabella Choir. She appeared in the 2011 ABC TV documentaries 'No Ordinary Mission' and 'Nothing Rhymes With Ngapartji.'