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Byron Pickett learned screenprinting as a trainee Community Artist in 1984-5 with the Eyre Peninsula Cultural Trust at Port Lincoln and perfected his impeccable technique as South Australia’s 150th Jubilee Artist-in-Residence at Flinders University in 1986.


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