



Garma
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OFFICIAL GARMA 2017 PROGRAM GOES PUBLIC

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The Yothu Yindi Foundation is pleased to announce the release of the official Garma 2017 Program Booklet.

The Program Booklet is the comprehensive guide for guests travelling to Gulkula, near the township of Gove in northeast Arnhem Land, Northern Territory.

YYF CEO Denise Bowden said it contained the schedules for all activities, forums and workshops taking place over the course of the four days.

“YYF prides itself on offering an innovative program that pushes the boundaries, and we’re excited to again bring new elements to the Garma experience this year,” she said.

“We continue to reflect our Board’s value on learning by devoting the first day of Garma to a day of education, with a cultural curriculum and a specific education forum on the Friday,” she said.

“We’ve put a strong emphasis on literacy by introducing a Poetry Slam competition, overseen by legendary Australian actor Jack Thompson, all of which is open to anyone who wants to participate.

“We’re also pleased to present Garma’s first ever Comedy Night, which will provide some light relief to balance out the serious conversations taking place during the day.

“The Program Booklet also highlights the many talented artists whose work will be on display at the new-look Gapan outdoor art gallery. Guests will find a Garma photographic



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exhibition on display, our chance to share the images that have been very popular over the many years we've hosted Garma.

"The booklet also places in the spotlight the talented musicians set to rock the musical stage when the sun goes down."

Mrs Bowden said the Program Booklet would also be of interest to those not able to attend Garma this year.

"You can read about the feats of our Yolngu Heroes, the significance of the Gulkula site, an explanation of the Yolngu seasons, the importance of the bunggul performances, and the meaning behind Yolngu clan designs.

"There's also an introduction to *Yolngu matha* for those wanting to learn the basics of the local language."

The Official Garma Program Booklet can be viewed on the YYF site at <http://www.yyf.com.au/pages/?ParentPageID=116&PageID=128>

Garma 2017 will take place between 4-7 August, with over 2500 attendees expected to walk through the ticketing gates.

For more information on this year's event, please visit garma.com.au

*Please note the program is subject to change due to the very remote nature of this event. Organisers will endeavor to keep to a bare minimum any significant changes.

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