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NEW-LOOK GAPAN GALLERY TO LIGHT UP GARMA SKY

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A new-look Gapan Gallery featuring work from two regional arts centres and a photographic exhibition of Garma images over the years will light up the night at this year's Garma.

Yothu Yindi Foundation CEO Denise Bowden said the Gapan Gallery was renowned for its focus on new and emerging talent from across Arnhem Land.

"Yolngu art is widely celebrated in Australia and internationally as a complex expression of cultural identity," Mrs Bowden said.

"Set among the stringy-bark trees and lit up under the canopy of stars, the opening of the Gapan Gallery is one of the highlights of the Garma experience."

This year's gallery features work from the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre in Yirrkala and the Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation based in Ramingining.

The name Bula-bula refers to the message embodied in the song cycle of the area's principal creative being, Gandayala the Red Kangaroo, and loosely translates to mean 'knowledge'. Its main aim is to preserve and strengthen Yolngu culture.

An Arts Collective comprising work from local family members will also be on display this year, with the artists making themselves available to engage with Garma guests and explain the meaning, significance and inspiration behind various works.

The Gallery will also feature a photographic exhibition of some of the striking images captured at Garma over the years.



“Our archives are filled with memorable moments from earlier Garma events – the colour and movement of the bunggul ceremonies, the excitement and energy of the Youth Forum, the connections and friendships formed among strangers.

“We’re delighted to share a selection of these images with our guests this year.”

The Gallery will also feature for the first time a number of works by prisoners from the Alice and Darwin Correctional Centre.

Garma 2017 begins this Friday, 4 August, and runs through to until Monday, 7 August, at Gulkula in northeast Arnhem Land.

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