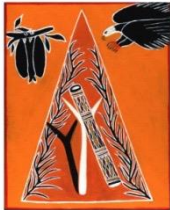




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## Truth-telling on the agenda at 20<sup>th</sup> annual Garma

**Tuesday, 6 March, 2018**

Truth-telling will be the centre of discussions at the Garma Key Forum in north-east Arnhem Land this year.

The Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) said the official theme for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Garma would be 'Yuwalk Lakaraja' – truth-telling.

YYF Chairman and Gumatj leader Dr Galarrwuy Yunupingu AM said the process of Makarrata – the settling of differences - could not be achieved without each party first giving an honest account of their grievances.

"Truth-telling is at the heart of the Makarrata process and essential to obtaining a lasting settlement and a united future," Dr Yunupingu said.

"In the lead-up to last year's Garma, I cautioned that finding the peace between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people would not be easy, and so it has proved, but we remain committed to a lasting settlement that will heal the divisions of the past and bring the nation together."

YYF CEO Denise Bowden said the Key Forum was the ideal setting for informed debate and discussion on achieving a lasting settlement for the nation.

"It is important that time is taken to get the right outcome for the right reason," she said.

This year's Garma – the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event – begins on Friday, 3 August and concludes on Monday, 6 August, at the culturally significant ceremonial grounds at Gulkula, near the township of Gove in north-east Arnhem Land.



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Mrs Bowden said Garma 2018 would be a chance to reflect on some of the achievements of the past.

“We’ve made a lot of progress in the past two decades, but the hard work still lies in front of us. As always, we will continue to ask the difficult questions and tackle the challenges that we face.”

As in previous years, it is anticipated that tickets to this year’s event will sell out many months in advance, with more than 2500 people expected to attend.

For more information and to book your place, visit [www.garma.com.au](http://www.garma.com.au)

Ticket registrations close on Friday, 27 April.

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