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Dear Denise

On behalf of ARDS I am pleased to provide the Yothu Yindi Foundation with a letter supporting the annual 2017 Garma Festival.

ARDS has provided event production services to Garma festival over the last 2 years, enabling the opportunity for the mentoring and employment of local Indigenous people. This partnership contributes to the growth of the local event sector capacity and regional economic development. We strongly value this important partnership with YYF and look forward to its continuation and development in the future.

Yolngu Radio is proud to broadcast live from Garma festival to bring the wide-ranging benefits of Garma to Yolngu people across the region and our web audience across the world. Locally it provides access to the transmission and maintenance of Indigenous culture through the broadcast of the bunggul and main stage performances.

The live broadcast over 4 days also features interviews, conducted in or translated into Yolngu languages to ensure that the rich and valuable key forum themes are accessible to a Yolngu audience across the region, contributing to improved outcomes and equality for Indigenous people across Australia.

The value and importance of this media partnership was recognized nationally with ARDS being awarded 'Best Outside Broadcast' in IRCA's Remote Indigenous Media Awards 2015 - for the OB at Garma Festival.

Garma offers a personal cultural experience in which our staff are able to engage, learn and proudly represent their communities, culture and languages.

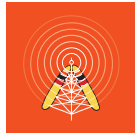
We look to Garma as an example of policy development to government, of sharing across a national Indigenous platform, best practice business development from a regional grass roots approach, and reconciliation in action.

Each year the Yothu Yindi Foundation delivers a professional and world class global event. We have been fortunate to witness the continuing



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growth and innovation of the Garma program scheduling and look forward to another inspiring, educating and entertaining four days come 4 – 7 August next year.

Our organisation is a proud supporter of Garma. We look forward to joining the Yolngu clans on their traditional ceremonial meeting ground at the 19th annual Garma event hosted by the Yothu Yindi Foundation.

Yours sincerely

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