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GARMA TO FOCUS ON *RESPONSIBILITY, REFORM AND RECOGNITION*

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A compelling program focussing on *Responsibility, Reform and Recognition* will ensure that Garma 2014 continues to set the national agenda on Indigenous affairs, the Yothu Yindi Foundation said today.

The Foundation's CEO, Denise Bowden, said Garma's *Key Forum* would run over three days, with each day devoted to an aspect of the *Responsibility, Reform and Recognition* theme.

Garma 2014 will take place between 1-4 August, with the *Key Forum* starting on the morning of Saturday, 2 August.

"The *Key Forum* is a chance to discuss ideas, debate policies, and share knowledge," she said.

"These are fascinating talks for the audience at Garma, but they are part of a bigger conversation we're having with Australians everywhere.

"Through this conversation, the Yolngu can share their vision for a better future, and together we can work towards that vision and make it a reality."

The Chairman of the YYF, Galarrwuy Yunupingu AM, will deliver the annual Garma Institute Keynote Lecture, addressing the issue of land rights and land ownership.

"Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders, politicians of all persuasions and from all levels of Government, academics and others will also share their thoughts and insights throughout the *Key Forum*.

“There will be a special focus on education, an update on the important Empowered Communities initiative launched last year, and sessions on the push for constitutional recognition.”

In addition to the *Key Forum* program, the Garma schedule is also packed with a range of artistic and cultural performances, workshops, exhibitions and other activities.

The full program will be released in the coming weeks as Garma 2014 nears.

A limited number of places remain open for for media representatives wishing to cover this year's event.

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