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Nominations Open for Yolngu Hero Awards

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The Yothu Yindi Foundation is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted from local Yolngu organisations and communities for the annual northeast Arnhem Land Yolngu Hero Awards, which are presented at Garma each year.

CEO Denise Bowden said the awards recognised Yolngu men and women residing in the Arnhem region who have displayed outstanding leadership, community service, a commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of those around them, and educational and other significant achievements.

"We know there are many superstars in the communities of northeast Arnhem Land, and this is our way of acknowledging their feats," Mrs Bowden said.

"Our Yolngu heroes aren't always the ones in the spotlight; many of them are doing their work quietly and diligently in the background, without seeking accolades."

As in previous years, Garma 2016 will honour six heroes in a special ceremony involving Garma Ambassador Jack Thompson during the Key Forum.

"We want communities to nominate people who have made a difference in the lives of those around them, those who are setting the right example and leading the way," Mrs Bowden said.

Garma 2016 will take place at Gulkula, in northeast Arnhem Land in the NT, from 29 July - 1 August.

Nomination forms and more information can be found at <http://www.yyf.com.au/news/detail.aspx?SubjectID=1&ArticleID=89>

To lodge your nomination, email admin@garmafestival.com.au by Friday, 20 May, 2016.

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