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YOLNGU HEROES TO BE HONOURED AT GARMA 2014

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A special group of men and women will be honoured as Yolngu Heroes at Garma 2014, the Yothu Yindu Foundation said today.

CEO Denise Bowden said the awards ceremony was a great way of celebrating the achievements of local role models, mentors, community leaders and other inspiring individuals.

"The Yolngu Heroes recognises those people making a lasting and positive difference to community life," she said.

"Their names aren't always the ones in the limelight; often they are the people working behind the scenes, setting the right example, leading the right way."

In previous years, teachers, social workers, youth leaders and artists have been among those honoured as Yolngu Heroes at Garma.

"It's always a difficult choice because there are so many people doing important and inspiring work in the community.

"Garma is a great place to showcase this work and pay tribute to the people behind it.

"It's our way of saying thank-you to the champions of the Yolngu community."

Garma 2014 will take place in northeast Arnhem Land on 1-4 August.

The theme for this year's event is Responsibility, Reform and Recognition.

"Garma 2014 is shaping up as the very best Garma of them all," Mrs Bowden said.

"The opening of the new Garma Knowledge Centre will be a real highlight and a wonderful addition to the beautiful Gulkula site.

"Garma is a unique experience, and - for some of our guests - a life-changing one.

"No other event in Australia gives you front row seats to compelling discussions on Indigenous affairs during the day, and spectacular cultural and artistic performances on the bunggul ceremonial ground by night."

Online ticket registrations for Garma 2014 close on the 11th July, so book now to secure your place.

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