

MEDIA RELEASE

Numburindi Festival goes from strength to strength



**Artback NT and the community of Numbulwar are thrilled to present
Numburindi Festival 2018**

**Joshua Park, Numbulwar
Thurs 13th September – Saturday 15th September**

For the third year running, Numbulwar is coming together as a community to celebrate youth and culture at Numburindi Festival.

Numburindi Festival is a unique community-driven event which celebrates traditional and contemporary arts and cultural practices from four clan groups in Numbulwar: Ngalmi, Nundhirribala, Murrungun and Nunggarragalu. Held over three nights, Numburindi Festival includes traditional Wungubul performance, award ceremonies, visiting dance groups, arts activities, market stalls and a band night. Festival activity is particularly focused on inter-generational exchange and mentorship – with the first performance evening focusing on performances by Numbulwar's young people.

2018 programming includes special performances from local and external dance groups from Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island, bands and youth acts each night, as well as community marketplace, bush tucker and youth activities in Joshua Park during the day on Saturday. This year will see Numbulwar Roper Gulf Regional Council staff kick off sports activities with a Women's and Men's basketball competition.

Free entry – this event is family friendly and alcohol free.

Numburindi Festival is delivered by Festival Director Ella Geia and Artistic Director Grant Nundhirribala and presented by Artback NT.



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The cultural outcomes of Numburindi Festival are supported throughout the year with ongoing workshops, language projects and the Numburindi Culture Camps.

A further component of this year's Festival is the first stage of Artback NT's 'Community Festivals in Dialogue' project. Supported by the Northern Territory Government, this strategic arts project sees Festival Directors and key creatives attending other community festivals to promote dialogue, collaboration and exchange. At Numburindi Festival 2018, Director's Ella Geia and Grant Nundhirribala will host visiting Artistic Directors from the Malandarri Festival in Borrooloola and the Milingimbi Gattjirrk Cultural Festival in Milingimbi.

IMAGE: Young Layton getting prepared for dancing, 2017 Numburindi Festival.
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