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ABC PARTNERSHIP A BIG BOOST FOR GARMA 2022

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The Yothu Yindi Foundation is delighted to welcome back the ABC as the Official Media Partner for this year's Garma Festival, continuing a long-standing partnership that will see the national broadcaster deliver comprehensive coverage from Gulkula throughout the four-day event.

YYF CEO Denise Bowden said the ABC played a vital role shaping the discussion and debate of Indigenous issues, and sharing the Garma experience with a national audience.

"The ABC's coverage across all its platforms – on radio, television and online – has become an important part of the event, ensuring people across Australia can take part in the policy conversation and gain insight into Yolngu customs and traditions," she said.

"We're also excited that the team from *Behind the News* will again be supporting our Youth Forum participants, helping to improve their media literacy and inspire the next generation of budding journalists."

The 22nd annual Garma begins on Friday, with theme for this year's event being Nhangá Ngathilyurra, a Yolngu phrase meaning "to look ahead", or "look towards the future".

ABC Managing Director David Anderson said the theme had special meaning given the challenging events of the past two years.

"The Garma Festival is an important opportunity to focus our audiences on the important issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities." he said.

"It is also an opportunity to celebrate the incredible culture and achievements of the world's oldest continuous storytellers."

The ABC's coverage will be led by Indigenous Affairs Editor Bridget Brennan and can be seen and heard on the ABC News channel, Local Radio and across digital and social platforms during the festival and beyond.

On Sunday 31 July, *Insiders* will be broadcast from the festival for the first time, and a special episode of Q+A hosted by Stan Grant will also be filmed in Arnhem Land and broadcast on ABC TV at 9:35pm on Monday 1 August.

RN Breakfast presenter Patricia Karvelas will be back at Garma this year reporting for ABC News and ABC Radio, and ABC News host Dan Bouchier will also be at the festival reporting for ABC News.

ABC TV program *Artworks* will capture the unique art, songs, and dancing from the festival and kids' news program *Behind The News* will again support Garma's Youth Forum.

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