

Media Release

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Djalkiri: We are standing on their names – Blue Mud Bay

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is proud to present a unique and exquisite series of prints, in the new exhibition ***Djalkiri: We are standing on their names – Blue Mud Bay***. The works on display are the culmination of a vibrant and intensive cross-cultural exchange between five highly respected Yithuwa Madarrpa artists and four renowned artists from across Australia. They capture essential aspects of country at Blue Mud Bay in Eastern Arnhem Land, recognised as one of the most pristine and culturally significant places in Australia.

In October 2009, artists Djambawa Marawili, Marrirra Marawili, Liyawaday Wirrpanda, Marrnyula Mununggurr and Mulkun Wirrpanda participated in a printmaking workshop with master printmaker Basil Hall at the community of Yilpara, working alongside visiting artists Fiona Hall, John Wolseley, Jörg Schmeisser and Judy Watson.

At Yilpara, accompanied by ethno-biologist Glenn Wightman, anthropologist Howard Morphy and photographer Peter Eve, the artists made trips to country, visiting ancestral sites and sharing traditional and scientific knowledge. Around the campfire at night they discussed culture, history, sea rights and events, each of the artists responding to the experience in their own way. The twenty-three works on show in ***Djalkiri: We are standing on their names*** are the result of this vibrant cultural exchange.

The title, ***Djalkiri: We are standing on their names – Blue Mud Bay***, is drawn from the words of Djambawa Marawili; *Djalkiri* literally means 'footprint', but when applied to Yolngu law it takes on a more profound meaning, forming the 'spiritual foundation of the world'. It is an acknowledgement of cultural inheritance based on understanding and mutual respect. It is about walking together in the footsteps of the ancestors.

Djalkiri: We are standing on their names – Blue Mud Bay will be open to the public from Saturday 14 September until Sunday 27 October, 2013. The exhibition will be officially launched on Friday 27 September, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.



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Exhibition Dates

When: Saturday 14 September – Sunday 27 October, 2013
Hours: Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm – 4:00pm
(closed Mondays, public holidays)

Exhibition Launch

When: Friday 27 September, 2013, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Where: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery
Cost: Free