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**Statement - State Memorial Service for Mr Wunungmurra**

20 August 2015

The family of late former Northern Land Council chairman Mr Wunungmurra have accepted the Northern Territory Government’s offer of a State Memorial Service.

The service will be held at Rika Park, Yirrkala Community (via Nhulunbuy) at 10am on Friday 4 September.

As a signatory to the 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petitions, Mr Wunungmurra was a champion of Aboriginal rights who worked tirelessly for Indigenous Territorians, their land and their culture throughout his lifetime.

A State Memorial Service is a fitting way to remember a very senior Aboriginal leader who was widely respected not just throughout the Northern Territory, but right around Australia.

The Northern Land Council advises that Yirrkala, is on Aboriginal land. A permit is not required for attendees who fly to Gove and drive directly to Yirrkala.

Relatives, friends, representatives or organisations, and members of the public are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend or be represented in an official capacity please contact Protocol NT on (08) 8999 6238 or email to protocol.dcm@nt.gov.au

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Those who intend to travel by road will need to respect the Traditional Aboriginal Owners of the area by applying for a permit through the Northern Land Council.

A permit application can be accessed via the NLC website on [www.nlcl.org.au](http://www.nlcl.org.au) or by contacting the Permits Officer on 08 8920 5178. Permits for attendance at the Memorial Service will be automatically granted for entry and exit via the Central Arnhem Road.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

Media wishing to attend and cover the service are asked to contact the Department of the Chief Minister Communications and Marketing Bureau on (08) 8946 9544 or email DCM.media@nt.gov.au