Media Release

Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

Oh, they want to dance with somebody...in Borroloola

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Borroloola will come alive with dance and music this coming weekend with the 2015 DanceSite event.

On 18 and 19 September, the township will hold the annual DanceSite Borroloola showcasing traditional Indigenous dance from the Gulf of Carpentaria region while also providing a platform for local Indigenous knowledge keepers to meet, exchange and maintain their cultural practices.

“This is the third annual DanceSite event in Borroloola and it will showcase five different dance groups from the Gulf Region: Yanyuwa, Mara, Garrwa, Gurdanji and Wanda Ngula,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“What a wonderful celebration of culture and the Territory Government is proud to support the event with $15,000 through Community Festivals funding.”

DanceSite Borroloola, through Artback NT, provides employment for more than 100 local community members in a variety of capacities including performers, artists, security, catering and logistical and production support.

Artback NT receives $276,000 annually through the NT Arts Grants program to support the delivery of identified arts services and programs for arts development, visual arts and performing arts touring that contribute to the Territory’s cultural, social and economic development.

“DanceSite continues to grow and this year’s event sounds like it’s shaping up to again be a dynamic time with hundreds expected to attend,” Minister Higgins said.

“The headline act this year is Darwin based Pacific Island group the Kailani Dancers who have performed throughout the Top End and interstate.”

DanceSite Borroloola will be at the Borroloola Showgrounds from 5pm on Friday and from 2pm on Saturday. Entry is $5 to those over 16 years old.

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