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100 years Logo and events launched

As the first Parliamentary session kicks off in this Centenary year, a specially commissioned logo to commemorate 100 years of the Northern Territory, a calendar of events and a Centenary website was today unveiled in Darwin.

Minister for Statehood, Malarndirri McCarthy said the logo was collaboration by three prominent Territory artists’ Yalmay Yunupingu, Jane Young and Chips Mackinolty.

“I am very proud to unveil our Centenary logo which will be on display throughout the year at our various centenary events – including the Arafura Games,” said Ms McCarthy.

“Yalmay Yunupingu is a Yolngu woman from the Rirratjingu clan and the prominent Marika family in north east Arnhem Land – her design marks a very significant history of black and white living together, building a strong sustainable foundation with strength, courage and pride.

“Jane Young is a founding member of Tangentyere Artists in Alice Springs and Chair of DesArt – the peak body of Aboriginal art centres in Central Australia -and her country lies on the north-west perimeter of the Simpson Desert.

“The red kangaroo and emu footprints in Jane’s design were chosen to represent Australia’s national coat of arms.

“Chips Mackinolty is a Darwin based graphic artist with a long history of working with Indigenous and non Indigenous artists and artforms. In 2010 he won the 4th Togart Award for contemporary visual art.

“2010 also marks 100 years of International Women’s Day so I am especially proud to have two women artists involved in the design of our Centenary logo.

“The theme for our Centenary year is “100 years of the Territory, over 50,000 years of stories” and there will be a number of events held throughout the year including a schools art competition, a history forum and a Constitutional Convention in November.

“The Territory Government will also mark the year with a limited number of commemorative number plates which will be available for free from 1 July, and a pre-paid envelope with our Centenary logo available through Australia Post.

“I encourage all Territorians to reflect on our 100 years of a Territory, and to tell your friends family from around the country to help us mark the year.”

For more information on all events please go to our Centenary website: www.dcm.nt.gov.au/centenary

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