

MEDIA RELEASE

One Last Chance to Experience Fibre Exhibition

A fibre exhibition full of vibrant colours celebrating western Arnhem Land culture ends at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) on Sunday.

MAGNT Director Anna Malgorzewicz said the Museum Victoria travelling exhibition *Twined Together: Kunmadj Njalehnjaleken* had been extremely popular with the public with almost 30,000 people viewing the exhibition since opening two months ago.

“The public has been able to come to MAGNT and enjoy the great variety of works on display such as string bags and coiled mats,” Ms Malgorzewicz said.

“People also responded very positively to the colour and material preparation demonstrations held during the exhibition’s opening weekend where the public saw how pandanus is stripped, colour is prepared and fibre is dyed.”

The exhibition showcases Australia’s first survey of contemporary and historical Aboriginal fibre art from the Gunbalanya community in western Arnhem Land where the artists are all associated with Injalak Arts and Crafts Association

“By securing funding to make this collaboration possible in collaboration with Museum Victoria, Injalak Arts and Crafts Association has been able to exhibit to a wider audience some of the remarkable fibre being produced in western Arnhem Land,” Ms Malgorzewicz said.

“I urge people, whether they have seen the exhibition or not, to visit MAGNT this weekend and view these great works before the exhibition moves on.”

The exhibition, supported by Visions Australia, includes baskets and bags collected about 100 years ago with these works demonstrating the cultural importance of twined baskets and string bags for both men and women.

MAGNT is open from 9am to 5pm on weekdays and from 10am to 5pm on weekends and public holidays except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day and Good Friday.

Ends

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