



MEDIA RELEASE

Rangers heading interstate

NT Parks and Wildlife Service senior ranger Phil Wise and his colleague Dhimurru sea ranger Djawulu Mununggurr have been sponsored by the University of Tasmania to deliver a presentation in Hobart for their "Parks, People & Passions" forum series on 27 July 2007.

Mr Wise said their presentation - *Both Ways: Land Management in North East Arnhem Land* - focuses on joint management partnerships.

"The presentation has a particular focus on the work done in the Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area near Nhulunbuy," Mr Wise said.

"NT Parks and Wildlife and the Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation have had a formal agreement to jointly manage the Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area since 2003.

"In the spirit of "both ways" management, we are able to share and practice aspects of traditional and contemporary land management on a day to day basis, with the care and control remaining in the hands of the Traditional Owners, according to the vision of their elders.

"Many aspects of the partnership will be discussed including governance, the combination of Yolgnu traditional knowledge and contemporary land management, as well as some of the current projects being undertaken in the area."

In addition to delivering their presentation, Mr Wise and Mr Mununggurr have arranged an information exchange visit to a Tasmanian Indigenous Protected Area with the local managers.

"It's a great opportunity for myself and Djawulu to be able to exchange information with our Tasmanian colleagues and see first-hand what is happening in their area," Mr Wise said.

The pair will then meet up with Dhimurru Chairman Witiyana Marika in Melbourne where all three were sponsored to attend the Gala Premiere of *The Thin Green Line*, and Mr Marika will perform a traditional song.

Mr Wise revealed all three men appear extensively in the documentary.

"There's quite a bit of footage that made it into the documentary," Mr Wise said.

"Everything from a crocodile capture, Djawulu removing a snake from a residence, sea rangers removing turtles from ghost nets and erecting signage signifying sacred sites that traditional owners had requested."

The simultaneous World Premiere of the documentary *The Thin Green Line* will take place on World Ranger Day, 31 July 2007, including a screening at the Deckchair Cinema.

All profits from *The Thin Green Line* go to supporting the International Ranger Dependency Fund to assist Rangers and the families of those killed in action around the world.

More information on *The Thin Green Line* can be found at <http://www.thingreenline.info/newsfront>

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