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Lunchtime Talk with Jimmy Little

Don't miss your chance to hear a talk by Australia's first Aboriginal pop star, Mr Jimmy Little, at the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House tomorrow at 11am Thursday, 28 August 2008.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said it would be a wonderful opportunity to hear the story of a musical pioneer who has defied incredible odds.

"We will hear from a remarkable survivor, who after spending nearly two years on dialysis received a kidney transplant in 2004, and is now entering his sixth decade in the entertainment business," Ms McGill said.

"Jimmy is a very proud Australian who has something in his repertoire to entertain all age groups, from his silky smooth crooning style to more traditional country sounds, Jimmy is also well known for his 'covers' albums *Messenger* and the follow up *Resonate*, which featured covers of well-known songs by artists such as Nick Cave, Ed Kuepper and Paul Kelly."

In 2004 he was voted by the public as a "National Living Treasure" and received an Order of Australia for his life in the entertainment industry and his ongoing work with indigenous education and health.

Aside from being an entertainer, Jimmy is committed to improving Indigenous education and health.

"The Jimmy Little Foundation aims to raise money to be used in the fight against kidney disease in the Australian Indigenous population," Ms McGill said.

Jimmy has been a mentor/teacher for the Indigenous Adult Education course at Eora College for Performing Arts, Redfern, NSW and remains committed to supporting Indigenous education.

The Northern Territory Library hosts regular lunchtime talks with guest speakers invited to share their knowledge, ideas and stories with the public.

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