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Long Way Home
A celebration of 21 years of Yunggorendi First Nations Centre

Long Way Home celebrates 21 years of Indigenous contribution to and achievement at Flinders University. In that time over 260 Indigenous people have graduated and there are currently nearly 200 students enrolled.

“Yunggorendi Centre for First Nations Higher Education and Research has developed as an innovative leader in student support, teaching, research and community engagement. The Centre continues to provide a ‘home’ for Indigenous students and staff of Flinders University, positively influencing many people’s life journey” said Simone Ulalka Tur, Director, Yunggorendi.

“There was little doubt that art would play its part in Yunggorendi’s twenty-first anniversary celebrations. The idea for this exhibition took a familiar form: invite the University’s Indigenous students and staff, and colleagues with a close relationship to the Centre, to choose works from the rich resources of the Flinders University Art Museum, write about them and share choice and response with others. The title Long Way Home grew out of these deeply personal but collectively understood offerings. It embraces country, identity and the myriad pathways that connect visions and voices to the pleasures of things made and people who care” said Emeritus Professor Gus Worby, former Director, Yunggorendi.

Eighteen staff and students of the University, including curators Ali Gumillya Baker, Natalie Wheeler and Jackie Wurm, have written for the fully illustrated catalogue in response to works by artists from across the country, including Ian W Abdulla, Michael Boiyoul Anning, Nici Cumpston, Destiny Deacon, Julie Dowling, Jonathon Jones, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Kerry Giles Kurwingie, Kunyi June McInerney, Tracey Moffatt, Eubena Nampitjinpa, Lin Onus, Shane Pickett, Wenten Rubuntja, Yhonnie Scarce, Darren Siwes, Jacob Stengle, Ellen Trevorrow and HJ Wedge.

Exhibition opening 6 - 8pm Friday 16 December 2011
Opening speakers Professor Michael Barber, Vice-Chancellor, Flinders University & Welcome to Country by Kaurna Elder
Exhibition dates 17 December 2011 – 19 February 2012
Location Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of SA, North Tce, Adelaide
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Gallery hours Tue - Fri 11 - 4, Sat & Sun 12 - 4

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