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**FUNDRAISING
ART AUCTION
2011**



**Sunday 13 November
2.00 - 4.30pm
STILLS GALLERY
36 Gosbell Street,
Paddington, Sydney**

ABORIGINAL BENEFITS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING ART AUCTION 2011

Art Auction Tickets \$50 - includes drinks and canapés, Entertainment by NAISDA E-mail: info@aboriginal.org.au

The ABF is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) organisation. All monetary gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

In March 2011, after days of heavy rainfall, floodwaters engulfed the remote Kimberley Aboriginal community of Warmun. Despite the efforts of Art Centre coordinator Maggie Fletcher & husband Gary to protect the Warmun Art Centre & its contents, a wall of water rushed through the building & smashed through the gallery. The Centre was devastated & piles of canvases washed into the creek. The support Warmun has received has been for temporary relief only, they have not received anything from insurance & there has been no financial assistance for rebuilding or refurbishment. Warmun Arts Centre is essential to this remote community - its art, central to the lives of the Gija people of Turkey Creek. On Sunday 13 November 2011, the ABF is holding an Art Auction of work by major artists from Warmun Art Centre (<http://www.warmunart.com/home.htm>) part of the sale proceeds will be provided to Warmun Art Centre for the restoration of the flood damaged building. Please support this important cause through the Art Auction or by direct donation to the ABF.

Banner Images: Flood damage- Warmun Art Centre; Lena Nyadbi at work, Warmun Art Centre, 2010; Flood damage - Warmun Art Centre

THE THAPICH EDUCATION BURSARY: The ABF Directors are proud to announce the launch of the Thapich Education Bursary. As requested by Dr Thapich Gloria Fletcher AO in her legacy. This Education Bursary has been formed to aid the further study of Cape York Students by annual bursary.

NEWS: THE BOARD - In 2011 Dawn Casey stepped down as a Director of the ABF, having come to the end of her tenure. The board would like to thank Dawn Casey for her time & assistance over the years. New Board Members joining the ABF in 2011 are: **Philip Cox AO**, Founding Partner &

Director, Cox Architecture; **Peter Driscoll**, Chartered Accountant; & **Pat Corrigan AM**, Businessman, Art Advocate, Patron & Collector. The ABF Directors would like to extend their thanks & a very warm welcome. **INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY** - on the International Day of Peace 2010, Monk Bodhi Dharma café in Balaclava, Melbourne, held its first International Day of Peace charity dinner. Funds raised from the night were generously donated to the ABF & another organisation. The ABF would like to pass on its heartfelt thanks to all the generous donors & give a very big thanks to the owners & staff of Monk Bodhi Dharma.

The Directors of the Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Ltd cordially invite you to the launch of

THE THAPICH EDUCATIONAL BURSARY

at Cairns Regional Gallery
Sunday 21 August, 11am.

Hosted by Jennifer Isaacs AM, Trustee & Executor of the Gloria Fletcher Estate
Special Guests: Steven Hall, Thaynakwith people, Primary elder from Weipa
Ray Crooke AO, Patron and Donor
Jean Little OAM

RSVP requested to 07 4046 4810

Significant artworks are available for sale to benefit the Bursary Fund.
Cash donations to the Aboriginal Benefits Foundation are Tax Deductible.
For further information regarding the Thapich Educational Bursary, contact Jennifer Isaacs on 0425 233447.

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Cairns Regional Gallery, Cnr Abbott & Shields Sts, Cairns,



Dr Thapich Gloria Fletcher AO [Detail]

Grants Up-date - The following projects have been supported by the ABF:

THROUGH THE GAP EDUCATION MENTORING: Through the Gap Education Mentoring was granted funding by the ABF for its mentoring & personal development program offered to young indigenous members of the Glebe community & more specifically young members of the community involved in the Glebe PCYC. <http://www.pcyctsw.org/glebe>. **NAUIYU NAMBIYU INCORPORATED:** In 2010 a grant was awarded to Nauiyu Nambiyu Incorporated, Nauiyu Nambiyu (Daly River), Northern Territory, in support of its project to engage disadvantaged youth in activities designed to help prepare them for meaningful employment & to give them pride in their culture. The funds also assisted the organisation to establish a women's group & to arrange for minor renovations to a 'Men's Shed' used as a meeting place for men's business which allows elders to teach & mentor younger generations.

2011 ABF Board of Directors:

Shane Simpson AM (Chair) / Simon Chan (Treasurer) / Christopher Chow (Company Secretary) / Robert Edwards AO / Adrian Newstead / Robert Simkin / Philip Cox AO / Peter Driscoll / Pat Corrigan AM (Immediate past Chair, Jennifer Isaacs)

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