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***Ngapartji Ngapartji* Choir teach Peter Garrett to sing!**

Labor Party MP, Shadow Minister for the Arts Mr. Peter Garrett will be launching *Ngapartji Ngapartji*'s next tour this Wednesday 6th June in Alice Springs, NT. *Ngapartji Ngapartji* has been invited to the Dreaming Festival, Queensland and **Adelaide Cabaret Festival, South Australia.**

Ngapartji Ngapartji is a long-term, inter-generational language and arts project based on Arrernte country in *Mparntwe* (Alice Springs) which is co-ordinated by award-winning social change arts company Big *hART*.

Ngapartji Ngapartji translates as 'I give you something, you give me something,' a concept of reciprocity which governs relationships in Pitjantjatjara society and culture and in an act of *Ngapartji Ngapartji* the company choir will perform 'Beds are Burning' in Pitjantjatjara for Mr. Garrett this Wednesday in exchange for his support of the project.

The concept of *Ngapartji Ngapartji* is at the heart of this multilayered arts project which encompasses an online Pitjantjatjara language and culture site, touring theatre works, a long term community development process and a communications strategy designed to raise awareness of the dire status of indigenous languages across Australia.

Over the last three months community workshops with young people from town camps in Alice Springs have been focusing on communicating about the project. As a result the homepage - [_<http://ngapartji.org>](http://ngapartji.org) - has been redesigned using content from workshops.

As well as redesigning the website over the past month project participants have scripted voiceovers, selected images and shot footage to put together a fantastic new project film with Arts Mentor Suzy Bates to be screened publicly for the first time on Wednesday. (Also available for viewing online).

Peter Garrett will be joining Trevor Jamieson, key performer and co-creator, and the cast and crew of the *Ngapartji Ngapartji* project in launching their tour, website and film.

The Dreaming and **Adelaide Cabaret Festival** seasons will be *Ngapartji Ngapartji*'s fifth and sixth performance seasons in the last 12 months.

LAUNCH DETAILS: Wednesday June 6th 2007 1.00pm - 1.30pm Alice Springs Town Council Civic Centre Function Room Entry through Council Chamber Main door, Todd Street

A short press conference will be held from 1.35 - 1.45pm after the event with Peter Garrett, Trevor Jamieson, Pantjiti McKenzie, Scott Rankin and Alex Kelly.

Project team also available for interviews in studio Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Website: <http://ngapartji.org> by Makeshift Design and the *Ngapartji Ngapartji* team

Online Pitjantjatjara language and culture site: <http://ninti.ngapartji.org>

The Dreaming Festival, Queensland 8-11th June
<http://www.thedreamingfestival.com/>

Adelaide Cabaret Festival 14-17th June <http://www.adelaidecabaret.com/>

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