

## Top Australian the guest speaker for annual music festival

THE Camden Haven Music Festival Committee is honoured to announce the Guest Speaker at the Festival Dinner on Monday March 14, will be Dr Patricia Davis Hurst AM.

Dr Davis Hurst is an Aboriginal cultural teacher, journalist, historian, author and publisher.

She was born in a humpy on Sunrise Station (now Purfleet) near Taree. From these humble beginnings she has become a highly respected Elder who has spent her life working towards reconciliation and to help the cause of her people.

In December 2004 Dr Davis Hurst was named as the Local Hero – Regional, in the 2005 Australian of the Year Award Finals. She holds voluntary positions in a host of local organisations.

Among a lifetime of struggle on behalf of her people, two key achievements stand out – the founding of the Gillawarra Medical Centre in 1980 and the Wonnai Aboriginal Corporation in 1983.

The 2005 Festival Dinner will break new ground in its format and presentation. Dr Davis Hurst will be joined in her address by Ms Shirley Ping and Ms Sue Russell, who with Dr Davis Hurst are elders of the Biripai Tribe, and like her,

grew up and spent their early adulthood in Taree.

Their “Conversation ‘round the Campfire” will explore what it means to be born an Aboriginal Australian, how their lives unfolded in the context of their Aboriginality and what changes they have experienced and helped to bring about.

In her writings and speaking engagements, Dr Davis Hurst says she has always “tried to help enlighten the wider community about Indigenous culture and lifestyle.

To help people understand and respect Aboriginal culture, not because it’s the oldest in the world and sacred to us, but because our people have suffered so much trying to retain what culture we have left”.

The Camden Haven Music Festival Dinner will be held at the Wauchope Country Club on Monday 14 March.

Bookings are essential. More information is available from the Festival website [www.camdenhavenmusicfestival.org.au](http://www.camdenhavenmusicfestival.org.au) or by phoning Festival Coordinator Alvena Ferguson on 6556-9622.

# A rare talent at arts hall

RARELY do you see such a complete musician as Jali Buba Kuyateh.

Born in The Gambia but resides between Casamance in the southern region of Senegal, and Bakau in The Gambia. Jali Buba comes from a griot (hereditary musician) family, where he has played kora since the age of ten. Jali comes from the famous Kuyateh family of Medina Wandifa. All his brothers play kora, sing and dance.

His father, Dembel Kuyateh and his mother Fenda Galissa, were well known throughout Senegambia. His older brother, Lamin Kuyateh, is the premier kora player with the Senegalese National Ballet.

A master of traditional kora tunes, Jali Buba has applied his kora to the Afro Manding styles, soukous of Mali

and Guinee Conakry, the mbalax made so popular by Youssou N’dour, reggae, salsa, jazz and the blues.

Jali Buba has played with Groupe Sop Xadim in Dakar, Baaba Maal’s second group Dandelenyool with Baaba Maal’s younger brother Ahmed Maal, Groupe Dia in Dakar, Groupe Buntaloo in Dakar, the famous Fisco Band and Foriyaa in The Gambia. He also plays with the Roots Kunta Kinteh Band and 5 Star Band in The Gambia.

Jali Buba Kuyateh has the ability to captivate an audience on his own or with a band.

He sings like Youssou N’dour and plays kora like Toumani Diabate. He’s a brilliant entertainer and to watch him play as he gets lost in his music is a delight to behold.

He not only plays and sings, but he dances while he plays. He has many fans right throughout Senegal and Gambia and he is recognised and greeted everywhere he goes by people in the street. He’s Senegambia’s best kept secret!

Click here for a list of Festivals, Gig’s, Workshops and other events that Jali Buba will perform in during his 2004-2005 Australian Tour.

For updated information of what people are saying about Jali Buba Kuyateh check the links/photos page.

Email Jali Buba Kuyateh at [info@jalibubakuyateh.com](mailto:info@jalibubakuyateh.com)

Jali Buba Kuyateh will be in concert for one night only at Wauchope Arts Hall, Saturday February 5 at 8pm. Tickets at the door from 7.30pm.



**IN CONCERT:** Jali Buba Kuyateh will be appearing at the Wauchope arts hall on Saturday February 5 at 8pm.