

# BATIK, IKAT, TENUN, SONGKET: Exhibition of Wearable Indonesian Art

Opening 2pm-4pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Then 31st May - 26th June 2011

Tuesday-Friday 10 am – 5 pm

Saturday-Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm

## **MONASH GALLERY OF ART**

860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill, Victoria, 3150

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Tel: 9562-1569 (Monash Gallery of Art)

or 9525-2683 (Museum of Indonesian Arts)

## **Admission Free**

Ample Parking

Cafe on site



Indonesian artefacts collector Evelyn Diradji with her travelling exhibit.

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# Weaving a history

THE culture and spirit of Indonesia is embodied in the newest exhibition at Monash Gallery of Art.

BITS is a collection of wearable art made in Batik, Ikat, Tenun and Songket methods compiled by the Museum of Indonesian Art's enthusiastic collectors

Museum founding member Evelyn Diradji said the group of eight former volunteer workers

in Indonesia had joined their art collections to give the pieces new life.

"We didn't want to keep such fascinating things at home with nobody but us to appreciate them," Ms Diradji said.

"By making the collection and starting a museum which travels through Melbourne's art spaces, we can show people the amazing and intricate work and rich

history." Ms Diradji said the woven wonders employed the varied techniques of different regions.

"These aren't just things made in factories, there's a story behind them and the technique used," she said.

BITS runs at Monash Gallery of Art, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill, until June 26. Details: 9562 1569.