

BLAK MARKETS HOST AFTERNOON MARKET AT BARANGAROO RESERVE

Saturday, 11 March 2017, 2pm to 8pm

The iconic Blak Markets will return to Sydney's spectacular new Harbour headland park, Barangaroo Reserve, on Saturday 11 March for a vibrant celebration of Aboriginal culture and an afternoon of market stalls, food and free entertainment from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.

For the first time, the Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve will be held in the afternoon on the magnificent Stargazer Lawn, giving visitors extensive views of Sydney Harbour and an incredible autumn sunset.

The special autumn event is the third Blak Markets to be held at Barangaroo and is first of four for 2017, cementing Blak Markets as a fixture on Barangaroo's cultural calendar

Stargazer Lawn will transform into a lively marketplace showcasing Australia's rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The markets will feature bush tucker stalls, weaving workshops, a **live performance from Indigenous Australian band The Stiff Gins**, traditional storytelling by **Tuckey Cooley**, and traditional Aboriginal dance performances.

More than 20 stallholders from around NSW will sell bushfoods, arts, crafts, skincare products, and accessories, including Nulla Breeze Candles, Gillawarra Arts Aboriginal Jewellery, John Odgen photography and books, Fred's Bush Tucker, contemporary Aboriginal artist Vicki Golding and more.

In addition to workshops and live entertainment, community organisation Tribal Warrior will run two 90-minute Aboriginal cultural tours of Me-Mel (Goat Island) leaving from Barangaroo Reserve at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. (Bookings essential.)

The autumn Blak Markets at Barangaroo will take place in conjunction with the launch of *Barangaroo Ngangamay*, a pioneering multi-media art project celebrating the strength, resilience and diversity of Aboriginal women through five short films, accessible via an app that takes visitors on a discovery trail through Barangaroo Reserve.

The open-air markets are hosted by Barangaroo and organised by First Hand Solutions, an Aboriginal charity providing cultural reconnection programs for urban Aboriginal young people. All the profits from the Blak Markets are invested into First Hand Solutions' training and employment programs.

Sandra Bender, Executive Director, Activation and Precinct Management at the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, said: “We’re delighted to announce that Blak Markets will be a permanent seasonal event and an ongoing highlight on the city’s cultural calendar for Sydneysiders and visitors alike. Blak Markets have something for everyone. Come along and join us for a great family day out to not only support a good cause, but to learn more about the world’s oldest living culture,” Said Ms Bender.

Peter Cooley, First Hand Solutions CEO, said: “The markets provide training and employment opportunities for young Aboriginal people, through food and beverage preparation, retail and event management, and we’re proud to channel all market profits back into the Aboriginal community.”

Barangaroo Reserve is easily accessible by public transport and on foot from Walsh Bay, Millers Point and The Rocks. The closest train stations are Circular Quay and Wynyard (via Kent Street exit or Wynyard Walk). Parking is available under Barangaroo Reserve via the entry at Towns Place.

For more information visit www.barangaroo.sydney

EVENT DETAILS

Event: Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve

Date: Saturday, 11 March 2017

Time: 2:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: Stargazer Lawn, Barangaroo Reserve, Barangaroo, NSW

URL: www.barangaroo.sydney

Parking: <https://www.wilsonparking.com.au/park/2266-Barangaroo-Reserve-Car-Park-Barangaroo-Point>

Me-Mel tours: <https://tribalwarrior.rezdy.com/149228/aboriginal-cultural-cruise-to-me-mel-goat-island-blak-markets-at-barangaroo-saturday-11th-march-2017>