

EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIA DAY 2016 AT BARANGAROO RESERVE

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority, on behalf of the NSW Government, will host spectacular Australia Day events at Sydney's new Harbour headland park, Barangaroo Reserve, on 26 January 2016.

Events include the WugulOra morning ceremony, a concert at Nawi Cove, Barangaroo's beautiful new Harbour sandstone cove, and a special ceremony to welcome the setting of the sun on Australia Day.

Events will take place from 7:30am to 8:15pm, starting with the **WugulOra Morning Ceremony** (7:30am–8:00am) at Walumil Lawn on the northern side of Barangaroo Reserve. The symbolic ceremony, which has been held at Sydney Opera House in previous years, will be held at Barangaroo for the first time this year.

WugulOra, meaning One Mob in the Sydney area Aboriginal language, is a special moment to begin Australia Day in Sydney by acknowledging our shared history. The ceremony celebrates Australia's Traditional Custodians and features performances from young Indigenous artists, the Jannawi Dance Clan with Creative Director and proud Darug woman, **Peta Strachan**.

Barangaroo Reserve provides visitors with a perfect vantage point to see **Jessica Mauboy** sing the national anthem in Sydney language and English on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge as the Aboriginal and Australian flags are raised.

Craig van der Laan, CEO of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, said it was an honour to be hosting these events for the first time. "This year's Australia Day events reflect the importance for Barangaroo of celebrating Australia's First Peoples and their culture, and we hope they will be an exciting and enjoyable experience for everyone."

Clarence Slockee, well known Aboriginal educator and Team Leader of Barangaroo's Visitor Services Guides, is event coordinator for the WugulOra ceremony. He said: "January 26 has a complexity of meaning for our First Nations Peoples. The first event of the day at Barangaroo Reserve will be an opportunity to come together, to be reminded that we are the world's oldest living culture, to reflect on our shared history and to contemplate an inclusive future for all Australians."

Visitors are invited to bring a picnic, find a beautiful patch of lawn and spend the day watching the parade of magnificent Australia Day events in Barangaroo Reserve and on Sydney Harbour.

- **At 11:40am**, spectators can catch the finish of the Ferrython and the Tall Ships under the Sydney Harbour Bridge from a whole new vantage point on the CBD's western foreshore.

- **At 12:35pm**, visitors on Walumil Lawn and Barangaroo's stunning sandstone foreshore will be treated to live music from the **Junkyard Beats** Cruising Concert barge as it comes past Barangaroo Reserve.
- **From 2:20pm–2:50pm**, enjoy the **Enormous Horns** band on the Cruising Concert as it rounds the Barangaroo headland and moors in Nawi Cove.
- **From 5:00pm–8:00pm**, discover Sydney's most spectacular sunset and settle into Nawi Cove's natural sandstone amphitheatre for **Nawi Sunset Sounds**, a series of performances on Dukes Pier from some of Australia's favourite young entertainers: **Ellie Drennan**, crowned the winner of The Voice Australia 2015 at 16 years of age; and the series runner-up, **Joe Moore**; with singer **Luke Antony**.
- **7:50pm–8:10pm**: The day at Barangaroo will end with a traditional **Aboriginal Sunset Ceremony** featuring dancers and music to say goodbye to Grandfather Sun. This will feature traditional performances coordinated by creative director Clarence Slockee.

For more information about Australia Day 2016 at Barangaroo Reserve, please visit barangaroo.sydney/whats-on/australia-day-2016/

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