

NAIDOC BLAK MARKETS BRING REMOTE ABORIGINAL ARTISTS TO BARANGAROO

Sunday, 2 July 2017, 11am to 5pm

The iconic Blak Markets will return to Sydney's spectacular harbour headland park, Barangaroo Reserve to host a special Aboriginal art market on Sunday, 2 July at 11am-5pm.

Taking place at the beginning of NAIDOC Week, the family-friendly event will be a vibrant celebration of Australia's rich Aboriginal culture.

Aboriginal artists from 11 remote Australian arts centres will bring their artworks, sculptures, textiles and accessories to Sydney to exhibit and sell at the market; host Tjanpi weaving and Rarrk painting workshops, and a Pandanus weaving demonstration.

First Hand Solutions, Curator, **Lyndsay Urquhart** said: "This is an exciting first for the Blak Markets and a rare opportunity for Sydneysiders to buy high quality Aboriginal art directly from a diverse range of artists from remote art centres across Australia.

"We are thrilled to create the opportunity for visitors to meet these talented artists and browse a beautiful selection of their work, with a mix of price points to suit a range of budgets," said Urquhart.

Artists will travel to Sydney from art centres including:

- **APY Art Centre Collective** (Amata, SA)
- **Artists of Ampilatwatja** (Ampilatwatja, NT)
- **Babbarra Women's Centre** (Maningrida, NT)
- **Bula'bula Arts** (Ramingining, NT)
- **Martumili Artists** (Newman, WA)
- **Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Crafts** (Katherine, NT)
- **Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency** (Fitzroy Crossing, WA)
- **Rukaji Designs** (Fitzroy Crossing, WA)
- **Tangentyere Artists** (Alice Springs, NT)
- **Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation** (Yuendumu, NT)
- **Yarrenytye Arltene Artists** (Alice Springs, NT)

The artists are coming to Sydney on behalf of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority and First Hand Solutions to provide economic and professional development opportunities to Aboriginal artists working in remote communities around Australia.

Barangaroo Delivery Authority, Executive Director, Activation and Precinct Management, **Sandra Bender**, said: "We're delighted to bring Aboriginal artists from remote areas of the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia together at Barangaroo, alongside local Aboriginal artists to showcase and sell their work and join a special NAIDOC Week celebration."

The lively open-air market will also feature more than 30 stalls, bush tucker cooking demonstrations by **The Black Olive (Mark Olive)** and **Jody Orcher**; live music by **Jessie Lloyd** with **Emma Donovan**, **Marcus Corowa**, **Yallah Munde Mallin-gan**, and **Freshwater**; Aboriginal dance

performances by **Thikkabilla Vibrations** (Dubbo), **YadhaMayi** (Central Coast) and **Wagana Aboriginal Dancers** (Greater Sydney); an Aboriginal language and culture workshop; Aboriginal Cultural Tours of Barangaroo Reserve; and a Tribal Warrior Tour to Goat Island.

The Blak Markets is organised by First Hand Solutions, which is an Aboriginal social enterprise dedicated to providing hands-on solutions to issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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 the Wynyard Walk). Parking is available under Barangaroo Reserve via the entry at Towns Place (\$12 flat rate).

For more information about the [NAIDOC Blak Markets at Barangaroo](http://www.naidoc.gov.au/naidoc/markets-at-barangaroo), please visit www.barangaroo.sydney

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NAIDOC Blak Markets at Barangaroo Program Sunday 2 July 2017

11.00am	Opening Ceremony including Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
11.00am	Weaving commences (all day /weaving tent)
11.20am	Dance performance – Wagana Aboriginal Dancers (sand circle)
11.20am	Rarrk painting workshop – Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft (weaving tent)
11.30am	Me-mel (Goat Island) cultural tour (departs Town's Place, West Wharf, Walsh Bay)
11.40am	Cooking Demonstration – Blak Olive (cooking demo area)
12.15am	Music performance – Marcus Corowa (stage)
12.30pm	Pandanus weaving demonstration – Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft (weaving tent)
12.30pm	Aboriginal Cultural Tour of Barangaroo Reserve (departs from BDA Info Tent)
12.50pm	Dance performance – Wagana Aboriginal Dancers (sand circle)
1.10pm	Music/Dance performance – Yallah Mundee Mallin-gan (stage)
1.20pm	Music Performance – Jessie Lloyd and Emma Donovan (stage)
2.00pm	Cooking Demonstration – Jody Orcher (cooking demo area)
2.00pm	Tjanpi Weaving Workshop – APY Art Centre Collective (weaving tent)
2.00pm	Aboriginal Language and Culture Workshop (departs from BDA Info Tent)
2.30pm	Aboriginal Cultural Tour of Barangaroo Reserve (departs from BDA Info Tent)
2.30pm	Dance workshop/performance – YadhaMayi (sand circle)
2.50pm	Cooking Demonstration – (cooking demo area)
3.20pm	Music performance – Freshwater (stage)
3.30pm	Aboriginal Cultural Tour of Barangaroo Reserve (departs from BDA Info Tent)
4.00pm	Dance workshop/performance – Thikkabilla Vibrations (sand circle)
4.20pm	Closing Ceremony (sand circle)
5.00pm	Markets close