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In the spirit of reconciliation, Tourism Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

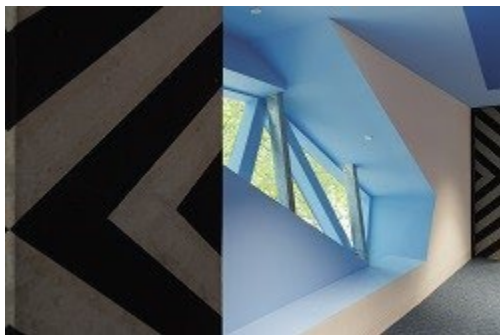
SEASONS GREETINGS

In addition to showcasing our members at trade events across Australia, we have been updating our resources to incorporate the latest member experiences. These enhancements encompass our website, media kit, and a freshly designed digital brochure detailing all our member offerings. Starting January, you can access and download these resources from the [Trade and Media portal](#) on our website and we will notify you once these resources are finalised.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our trade partners for their support this year and we wish you all a relaxing break over the holiday season.

Many thanks, Nicole and Liz

EXPERIENCES UPDATE



Koorie Heritage Trust, VIC

The [Koorie Heritage Trust](#) has reopened across all three floors of the newly renovated Birrarung Building at Federation Square in Melbourne/Narrm. This stand-alone First Peoples arts and



Kakadu Tourism, NT

Warradjan Cultural Centre, which tells the story of Kakadu's Indigenous population over the region's 65,000 years of continuous habitation, has launched a new [website](#) which allows visitors to view and purchase locally crafted paintings,

cultural centre is first of its kind in an Australian capital city.

The collection houses over 3,900 items including historic artefacts and contemporary artworks ranging from boomerangs, shields, spear throwers, clubs, canoes, baskets, eel traps and possum-skin cloaks to carved emu eggs, ceramics, t-shirts, jewellery, and sculpture.



Koomal Dreaming, WA

The new Ngilgi Cave Ancient Lands Experience in the Margaret River region of Western Australia is a self-guided experience along a scenic pathway to the entrance of Ngilgi Cave. A series of interactive installations explain the cultural connections to the land, flora and fauna of the area. Tour operator [Koomal Dreaming](#) offers cultural tours at this location in a new purpose-built meeting place and

weavings, jewellery, carvings and other items.

Open throughout the year, [Warradjian Cultural Centre](#) is located five minutes from Kakadu's largest accommodation and tour centre, Cooinda Lodge. Through interactive displays and exhibits visitors can gain an understanding of the relationship Bininj/Mungguy community have with their families and their land.



Kingfisher Tours, WA

Kingfisher Tours has introduced a new Indigenous tour in conjunction with luxury property, Bullo River Station. Set on 400,000 acres of privately owned countryside at the convergence of the Bullo and Victoria Rivers, [Bullo River Station](#) is a working cattle station in the Northern Territory near the Western Australian border. The newly designed tour, led by local Djarrany-Djarrany guides, will

will be running a series of public food tour departures from this site in December with the view to commencing set departures for groups in February.



Sealink NT – Tiwi Islands, NT

Sealink NT – Tiwi Islands has developed a new [2-day Luxury Tiwi Island Escape](#). The experience includes accommodation at the luxurious Tiwi Island Retreat, ferry transfers to Bathurst Island (Wurrumiyanga), a smoking ceremony, meet and greet with Tiwi artists, a guided walking tour of the Patakitjiyali Museum and Mission Precinct, and creation of a screen-printed souvenir.

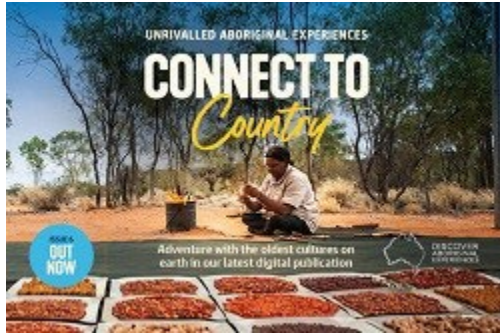
depart Bullo River Station after breakfast taking guests via helicopter to Legune Station for a day of cultural education and immersion.



Wilpena Pound Resort, SA

Wilpena Pound Resort has adjusted the guiding arrangements for the Time Travel and Gorgeous Gorges tour and Sunset Spectacular Tour. These tours will now be guided by a combination of both Yura and non-Yura guides. The other cultural tours will continue to be guided authentically by Indigenous guides. To access rates, images and fact sheets, click [here](#).

RESOURCES UPDATE



Connect to Country 6

Issue 6 of the quarterly Connect to Country digital magazine, dedicated to telling the stories of Discover Aboriginal Experiences members, is out now. It's packed with stories to inspire your next DAE adventure. Read all about the experiences you can have after dark with Discover Aboriginal Experiences members; take a deep dive into the offerings of Tiwi by Design in the Northern Territory; discover the activities that not only inform but get your heart pumping; and better understand the Aboriginal cultural stories that mark some of our biggest cities. Read the latest issue [here](#).



YouTube Playlist

Discover Aboriginal Experiences has a dedicated [YouTube playlist](#) featuring short clips on each of the members that make up the collective. These videos can also be downloaded from Tourism Australia's [Asset Hub](#). Embed them in your websites and socials to inspire travellers to include a unique Australian cultural experience on their next trip.

To view the playlist, click [here](#). We often add new videos to the playlist so please follow us to keep up to date.

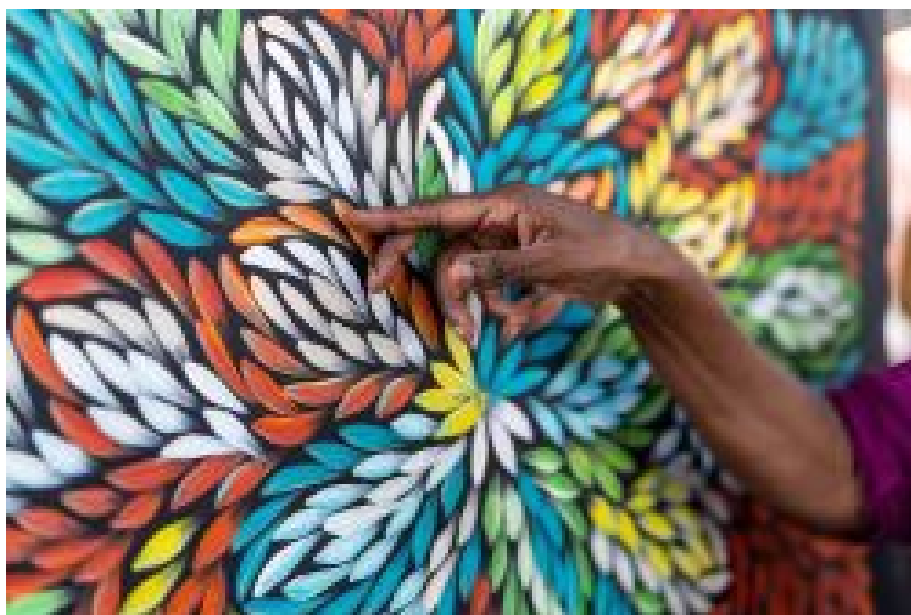
SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PEOPLE



GARY CREEK, FLAMES OF THE FOREST, QLD

It's not only the remarkable adventures and extraordinary destinations that make the Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio so memorable - it's also the people, from Indigenous artists to knowledgeable guides and bush-tucker gurus. Gary Creek and his brother Yanganda curated the performance that lies at the heart of [Flames of the Forest](#), a spectacular rainforest dining experience in Port Douglas that is given a twist every Thursday evening. Under the cover of darkness, with fairy lights and candles all around, Gary and his brother Yanganda take things to the next level, highlighting their Kuku Yalanji heritage through music, songs, stories and performance.

"It's hard to put into words our lifetime of knowledge. Through Flames of the Forest we're able to bring together so many elements that reveal 65,000 years of culture."



DARWIN ABORIGINAL ART FOUNDATION

The Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation (DAAF) provides platforms to showcase the amazing art and design of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and designers. They have launched a new digital platform that celebrates, promotes, and educates the world about [Australian Indigenous Art Centres](#). The online platform will be a gateway to encourage audiences to learn and deepen their knowledge of Indigenous art and Art Centres, as well as stay up to date with exhibitions that are happening in Australia and around the world.

Trying your hand at producing your own piece of Aboriginal art is another way to deepen your appreciation for it. Give it your best shot on a Pamagirri Art experience at [Rainforestation Nature Park](#) in Kuranda, Queensland (groups only); or take a hands-on workshop with the Anangu people – the Traditional Owners of Uluru – where you'll create desert dot paintings and wood carvings at [Maruku Arts](#), a corporation representing some 900 artists from over 20 desert communities. Conversely, the works at [Janbal Gallery](#) in Tropical North are understandably hooked in reef and rainforest culture; here, paint a boomerang or canvas, share stories with artists and observe the many works. You can also get to know Polynesian-influenced Aboriginal culture on a [Tiwi by Design](#) tour

with SeaLink NT – watch a demonstration of screen-printing techniques before attempting your own screen-printing textile.

And if you're looking to purchase some art, check out DAAF's article – [Six Questions You Should Always Ask When Buying Australian Indigenous Art](#).

Image: Aboriginal Bush Trader, Darwin, NT

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES OF AUSTRALIA NEWS



Signature Experiences Digital Magazine

Discover Aboriginal Experiences and its members are featured in the third edition of the Aussie Specialist Signature Experiences magazine. To view this issue, click [here](#).



Great Fishing Adventures of Australia

GFAOA has welcomed a new Queensland member to the collective, bringing the total



Great Golf Courses of Australia

Queensland's iconic [Noosa Springs Golf and Spa Resort](#) has joined Great Golf Courses of Australia's (GGCA) Premier Tier. Ranked in Australia's top 100

membership to 24 fishing professionals in Australia.

[Topnotch Game Fishing](#) is based in the stunning Whitsunday Islands and is anchored at the prestigious Hamilton Island Marina, offering a diverse array of fishing experiences to their guests.



Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia

UWEA member, [Seppeltsfield](#), has announced that construction of a new A\$50m luxury hotel, Oscar Seppeltsfield, will soon commence. For more news from UWEA, click [here](#).

courses, the exceptional Noosa Springs golf facility, located just a few minutes from the popular holiday destination of Noosa on Queensland's Sunshine Coast is one of just two courses in the state selected to participate in the collective.



Luxury Lodges of Australia

Luxury Lodges of Australia has welcomed Tasmania's [On Board](#) to the collection. On Board's signature five-day experience is to Port Davey, a vast, fragile and spectacular harbour in Southwest Tasmania.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience & Tours are building a new retail art centre with building due for completion in April 2024.



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