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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 respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

LATEST NEWS

Issue 5 of the quarterly [Connect to Country](#) digital magazine, dedicated to telling the stories of Discover Aboriginal Experiences members, is out now.

In this edition we provide you with a bucket list of experiences in areas so incredible that they have been recognised by UNESCO for their Outstanding Universal Value to Humanity.

We highlight Indigenous food experiences that combine a love of fine dining with an interest in Aboriginal cultures and in our Upskill feature you will discover where you can recreate the distinctive X-ray painting style found in rock art galleries throughout the Top End, or the more contemporary dot painting techniques that began in the Central Desert in the 1970s.

We also feature Shona Davidson, one of the First Nation storytellers who lead guests on the Burrawa Aboriginal Climb Experience at Sydney Harbour.

Finally, we take a look at some of the survival skills developed by Aboriginal peoples over thousands of years.

Read Issue 5 [here](#) and thank you for sharing widely via your networks. Feel free to re-purpose any content as well to promote DAE experiences.

EXPERIENCES UPDATE



Ngurrangga Tours, WA

Happening monthly on a new moon, Ngurrangga Tours are offering a [New Night Time Tour experience](#). Enjoy an idyllic Pilbara sunset in a secluded spot at Hearson's Cove whilst learning traditional hunting and foraging methods. Sit around a fire, under the stars, and learn Ancient Aboriginal stories shared for thousands of years. Finish up with a corroboree (Ngunda/ a traditional dance) by the campfire.



Aboriginal Art & Cultural Experience

Maruku Arts and AAT Kings are offering an Aboriginal Art & Cultural Experience with bus pick ups from Ayers Rock Resort every Tuesday and Thursday. This is a great way for guests without cars to experience the Mala Walk with an Anangu guide and a dot painting class. The tour departs 7.30 am (Nov-Mar) and 8.30 am (Apr-Oct) from Ayers Rock Resort. It returns at 12 noon (Nov-Mar) and 1.00pm (Apr-Oct). For more information click [here](#).



Indigenous experiences for groups



Deadly After Dark – new tour

Mandingalbay Authentic Indigenous Tours has launched Deadly After Dark,

Aboriginal-guided activities and experiences can be integrated into a business event in various ways and many DAE members offer immersive experiences providing business event participants with a deep connection to country and culture. These experiences can range from one-hour, half-day or full day experiences and include activities like tasting bush foods, participating in dot-painting art classes or superb outback dining under a canopy of stars. For some ideas click [here](#).



Spirits of the Red Sand, QLD

As we have previously advised, Spirits of the Red Sand has been seeking an alternative venue for their experience, with their operations currently on hold.

They are looking to re-launch their cultural heritage experience in a new venue, however as the experience is currently not operating it is therefore unable to be in the DAE collective.

a new F.I.T. two-hour experience which will operate every Friday night. Guests will cruise across the inlet learning about the cultural landscape before arriving at the specially built Yulu (stingray) Shelter. Here they'll be introduced to the incredible story of how the local Indigenous people reclaimed country and regenerated the badly damaged environment. The tour includes canapes and refreshments made from locally sourced native ingredients. For more information click [here](#).



Launch of Stretch RAP

Tourism Australia launched its fifth [Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\) - a Stretch RAP for 2023-26](#) – in Canberra this month. Our Stretch RAP will assist us in guiding our work as we continue to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and tourism experiences are at the heart of the Australian story.

To increase your knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

For further updates regarding this experience please refer directly to: mike@greataustralianexperiences.com.

cultures so that you can better inform your clients, complete the Aboriginal Australia course available on the [Aussie Specialist site](#).

RESOURCES UPDATE



Social channels for DAE

We have recently launched dedicated Facebook and Instagram channels for Discover Aboriginal Experiences.

Please like and follow us @discoveraboriginalexperiences and tag #dae and #discoveraboriginalexperiences in your posts.

You will be able to keep up with the latest news and great posts you can share that showcase Aboriginal Australia.

New images available

Tourism Australia has recently completed a nationwide content creation initiative. New imagery and footage for up to 1,500 tourism experiences, including many Discover Aboriginal Experiences product is now available on our [video](#) and [image](#) galleries.

You can search for DAE images and videos via a dedicated Discover Aboriginal Experiences drop down menu on the home page.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme is For Our Elders. During NAIDOC Week Burrawa Indigenous Climb Experience will be running [extra climbs](#) with \$100 of the ticket price donated to charity partner, [Tribal Warrior](#).

If you're based in Australia, celebrate the oldest continuous living cultures by participating in an Indigenous experience with one of the [DAE operators](#).

TRADE FAMILS



This quarter DAE supported a number of trade famils. Here is some feedback from one of the agents who experienced Kakadu Tourism's Yellow Water Cruise: *"The Yellow water cruise was awesome, after 30 seconds on the boat the first gigantic crocodile!! But especially the guide Dennis should be emphasized, an incredibly funny person with brilliant background knowledge... there is nothing he didn't know! This guide is absolutely brilliant!"*

Dennis is a Murrumbul man from Kakadu. Its experiences like these with local Indigenous guides that take an experience from good to brilliant.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PEOPLE



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. Wadandi Cultural Custodian, Josh Whiteland provides guests with the opportunity to taste native foods, discover bush medicine and experience traditional fire lighting on his tours in the Margaret River, Vallingup and Dunsborough regions south of Perth in Western Australia.

His tours to nearby Ngilgi Cave are truly special. "I was going into the cave to play the didgeridoo and I thought: 'Why not bring people with me?'" says Josh. It's a natural amphitheatre dripping in stalactites, stalagmites and beautifully coloured shawls. "The acoustics are incredible. You couldn't get a better sound with an amplifier. People love it."

[Koomal Dreaming](#) will be announcing new Food Tours departing summer 2023 with lunch and dinner options. We will share more information with you in our next newsletter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Last week the ABS released the [international arrivals figures](#) for April, and there are signs that the positive trend is continuing. Arrivals were back to 78 per cent compared to the same month in 2019, which is up from 73 per cent in March and 65 per cent in February. Some markets continue to return faster than others, and at this stage most arrivals to Australia came from New Zealand, the US and the UK.

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