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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.

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION

This month we are proud to announce that Discover Aboriginal Experiences has been awarded a [Global Vision Award 2024](#) by Travel + Leisure for our role in leading the way in developing a more sustainable travel industry. Twenty-six companies, individuals, destinations and nonprofit organisations were selected and recognised for their commitment for making travel better for the planet and its communities.

In this newsletter we feature some new tours offered by our members including a range of new experiences available in Kakadu when the season starts in May.

All our resources are now available for download from the [Trade and Media portal](#) on our website. These include a digital brochure with videos on each of our members, an updated Media Kit with a wealth of new stories for you to repurpose in your newsletters, and some itineraries.

For those of you who are Aussie Specialists, the Discover Aboriginal Experiences Course on the Aussie Specialist website has been updated with new experiences. Find out more below.

We will be running a double appointment schedule at the upcoming [Australian Tourism Exchange](#) and hope to meet with some of you at the event in Melbourne / Narm in May.

Many thanks Nicole

EXPERIENCES UPDATE



Kingfisher Tours, the Kimberley, WA

The dry season in the Kimberley typically runs from May to October. In an early start to the season, Kingfisher Tours are operating the [Waterfall Wanderer](#) tour which explores secret swimming holes in the Kimberley. Discover art, bush, botanicals and stories of Miriwoong and Gija Country on this 4WD tour.

Kingfisher has also introduced two new tours:

[Bullo to Bungles Air safari](#) – departing Darwin, stay at Bullo River Station on the edge of the Kimberley then travel to the Bungle Bungles and visit Cathedral Gorge with a local Gija guide

[Marralam Cultural Day Tour on Legune Station](#) – guided tour



Kakadu Tourism, Kakadu, NT

Kakadu Tourism has announced a range of [new tours](#) in 2024.

Overnight Indigenous cultural experience

Experience the culture of Kakadu with one of the region's Traditional Owner families. The all-inclusive overnight package at [Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp](#) includes a cultural induction at Patonga.

Visitors will be taught to forage and hunt for bush tucker, learn Indigenous crafts, and experience first-hand how the family group of the Murumburr Clan continues cultural practices and manages the landscape and wildlife as their ancestors have done for thousands of years.

Culture of Kakadu

Embark on a profound cultural

across NT border, cultural tour with Indigenous guides, fishing, and swimming. Exclusive touring rights with Traditional Owners on Legune Station. The Marralam Cultural Day Tour and other tours will commence in April subject to road conditions.

journey into Indigenous Australian life with Kakadu's Traditionally Owned Communities on a [Culture of Kakadu](#) tour. Discover the rich history, culture, and bush tucker, and try your hand at traditional art and weaving.

Kakadu Adventure Tours

A new 5-hour tour will explore the Indigenous communities of Kakadu, with guided cultural activities and a sunset experience from Nawurlandja lookout.



World Heritage Walking Tour

Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures has introduced a new [World Heritage Walking Tour](#). Explore stunning coastline and wildlife on this 3-day walking tour of two national parks located in the Shark Bay World Heritage area - Francois Peron National Park and Dirk Hartog Island. Learn about local Aboriginal culture and history, spot wildlife, explore



Chef's Hat for Tali Wiru

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia's outdoor fine dining experience, Tali Wiru, has been awarded an Australian Good Food Guide Chef Hat for 2024 and a Readers' Choice Award, becoming the highest rated restaurant in the NT and the only entirely outdoor dining experience in Australia to be recognised.

spectacular natural landscapes and sit under the stars listening to the ancient sounds of the didgeridoo. The tour includes meals, boat transfers, marine safari, Didgeridoo Dreaming Night Tour and 1 night's accommodation at Dirk Hartog Eco Lodge.

Photo credit: Will Wardle Media

With a score of 15, the Australian Good Food Guide said Tali Wiru's unique blend of modern Australian with Indigenous and native flavours represents "Food Quite Out of the Ordinary".

Read about Voyages' Indigenous Chef, Jayden Weetra, in our Media Kit available for download from our [Trade and Media Portal](#).



JXSH MVIR: Forever I Live

JXSH MVIR: Forever I Live is the first major solo retrospective exhibition of the late Josh Muir (born 1991), following his passing in 2022. The exhibition runs from until 14 July 2024 at the [Koorie Heritage Trust](#) (KHT).

During his relatively short, yet prolific career, Josh produced a vast range of paintings and digital artworks that were characterised by a unique vernacular of contemporary iconography,



Star gazing experiences

Embark on a star gazing journey with Ngurrangga tours based in the Pilbara region of Western Australia on their new [Night Time Tour](#). Nestled in a secluded spot in Hearson's Cove, gaze up at the brilliance of the night time sky learning ancient stories passed down through generations. Finish up with a Ngunda / traditional dance by the campfire.

For an unforgettable celestial encounter, join [Jarramali Rock Art](#)

developed by the artist over the course of his career. Muir embraced digital methods of production and a visual language influenced by street art, a pop aesthetic and incorporated various forms of design. His works simultaneously maintain the continuous tradition of storytelling that is inseparable from his cultural identity as a Gundiṯjmarā, Yorta Yorta and Barkindji man.

Image: We Will Survive



Mabu Buru Tours, Broome / Rubibi , WA

Mabu Buru Tours has amended its tour: [Broomes Ultimate Aboriginal Culture Expedition](#) from 4 nights to 3 nights and accommodation is now an optional add-on.

[Tours](#) on an overnight camping excursion. Their cutting-edge Celestron Telescope offers unprecedented views of the cosmos, revealing the intricate rings of Saturn and the majestic cloud bands of Jupiter.

Kakadu Tourism's new two-hour [Stargazing Boat Tour](#) (launching in May) is a unique cruise which intertwines the ancient wisdom of Bininj knowledge with classical constellations. Discover the night life and nocturnal sounds of the billabong while learning the history of the world as told in Dreaming stories and illustrated in the stars.



Aboriginal Food, Cave and Didge Tour

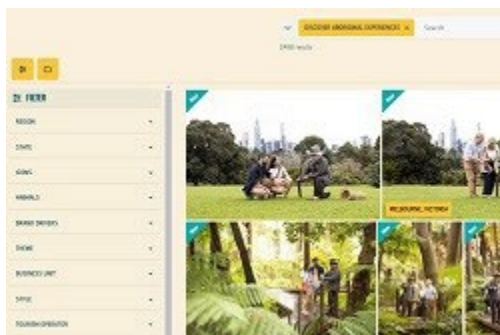
Koomal Dreaming are operating a set number of scheduled departures of their [Aboriginal Food, Cave and Didge Tour](#).

Hosted by experienced Aboriginal Tour Guides, this experience is perfect for those wishing to immerse themselves in the culture of Broome / Rubibi as participants are joined by a number of different local Aboriginal tourism operators throughout the experience including DAE member Bart Pigram from [Narliija Experiences Broome](#).

Private bookings are also available.

Join Josh Koomal Whiteland on a bushwalk and learn how to identify traditional plants, foods and medicines relating to the Aboriginal six seasonal changes. Journey into Ngilgi Cave and be mesmerised by a live didgeridoo performance, deep inside the cave. Discover the art of traditional fire lighting and tool making and participate in a Didgeridoo Music Session. Taste a variety of seasonal native foods and flavours at a bush BBQ lunch served in the new custom-made location.

RESOURCES UPDATE



Asset Hub

Tourism Australia's new [Asset Hub](#) has replaced the image and video galleries. The hub is a central



DAE Media Kit and Brochure

Digital versions of our brochure and media kit are now available for

repository for images and videos that you can download and share. Discover Aboriginal Experiences member assets can be found by typing in Discover Aboriginal Experiences into the search box. Use the filter box on the left-hand side to filter by Tourism Operator or Asset type (image or video). You will need to register to download assets. A [lightbox](#) of hero shots for DAE members is available.



New itineraries available

The following itineraries are now available on the Trade and Media Portal under the Itineraries button.

[5 Days in Central Australia](#)

[5 Days Broome/Rubibi & Kimberley region](#)

[6 Day Kakadu and Katherine Road Trip](#)

[7 Days Tropical North Queensland](#)

[8 Days Adelaide/Tarntanya & Ikara-Flinders Ranges Road Trip](#)

download from the [Trade and Media Portal](#).

The Media Kit contains a comprehensive portfolio of stories and ideas to inspire features and the brochure contains detailed information and videos for each member including departure days, experience listings and more. We encourage you to use this content in your newsletters and on your websites.



Discover Aboriginal Experiences course

The Discover Aboriginal Experiences training course has been updated with new experiences and is available for [Aussie Specialists](#) under the Aboriginal Australia curriculum. We recommend agents take the Indigenous Australia course first to gain an overview of Indigenous Australia before taking the

Discover Aboriginal Experiences
course.



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. Kurna man Corey Turner began his life in Aboriginal tourism at an early age, when he worked on tours of South Australia's postcard- perfect Fleurieu Peninsula with his mother. It sparked a passion that saw him take over the Living Kurna Cultural Centre at Warriparinga, a nature reserve south of Adelaide/Tarntanya. He nurtured an art gallery and retail space on the culturally significant grounds, and began expanding operations – cultural training, workshops, performances and tours through his company Southern Cultural Immersion.

Corey's reason for growing Southern Cultural Immersion comes down to a single point: demystifying Aboriginal culture. "People who don't

understand or know about our culture have this romance about what it is... they generally think we dance around in loin cloths and play the didgeridoo. Our tours are about telling the truth, and informing people so we can move forward. They're also about showing people how absolutely incredible and beautiful this country is, and what a natural bounty we have offered to us. Aboriginal people have been conserving it for millennia. And we want to share our knowledge on how to do this for future generations," Corey says.

For more information click [here](#).

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES OF AUSTRALIA NEWS



Great Golf Courses of Australia

The iconic Bonville Golf Resort on New South Wales' Coff Coast has joined [Great Golf Courses of Australia](#). DAE member, [Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours](#) is also located in the vicinity. Golfing enthusiasts can spend a day on the beautiful waterways of Gumbaynggirr Country on a SUP



13th Great Walk of Australia

Great Walks of Australia has welcomed their 13th member to the collective.

Located on Flinders Island off the North-Eastern tip of Tasmania, the [Flinders Island Walking Adventure in Comfort](#) is a six-day/five night, day-pack-only walking adventure covering 42 kilometres of easy to moderate walking. Walkers can

tour that combines culture and fun.

[Lonsdale Links](#) located on the coastline of Victoria's Geelong and Bellarine region has also joined the Great Golf Courses community.

enjoy a diverse and rewarding itinerary that includes sweeping coastal views, crystal clear swimming spots and dramatic granite peaks.



Signature Experiences magazine

[Discover](#) Aboriginal Experiences is featured in [Issue 3](#) of the Signature Experiences of Australia digital magazine for Aussie Specialists. This issue also puts a spotlight on the Luxury Lodges of Australia collective and looks at some of the latest and most exceptional Signature Experiences.



Allure Magazine

The next issue of [Allure](#), a digital publication presented by Great Fishing Adventures of Australia, is out now. Read all about fly fishing, heli fishing and sustainable fishing adventures on the Great Barrier Reef and explore 'Rough Luxe' experiences where adventure meets comfort.

NEWS IN BRIEF

[Saltwater Eco Tours](#) will cease its Saltwater Cultural Tour and will incorporate the cultural component of the tour into the Bushtucker Cruise.

A Taste of Kakadu will take place across Kakadu National Park from Friday 24 May to Sunday 26 May 2024.

Taste of Kakadu is presented by Parks Australia, with the full program and bookings available [here](#).

[Bundyi Cultural Tours](#) are now offering full day and half day Motorcycle Tag A Long Tours. Join Wiradjuri Tour guide Mark Saddler and visit Wiradjuri cultural sites, learning about bush tucker, native animals and the culture of Wiradjuri people.

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