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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.

NEW HEIGHTS

The Discover Aboriginal Experiences portfolio never ceases to amaze me. The talent of our members is unsurpassed, and they continue to garner attention across Australia and the globe. Over the last 12 months, DAE members have been featured in publications and outlets from Hong Kong to the UK, Singapore to the USA. We thank you for your continued interest in the extraordinary experiences on offer – they are truly life changing. And they are constantly evolving. Read on below to learn about some of the new offerings available through the DAE portfolio – we now have 48 members, and more than 200 experiences.

You can also keep up to date on experiences and media opportunities via our [website](#), as well as our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) social media channels. Our fresh 2024 Media Kit can be found on our website, and it is packed with interviews, case studies, story ideas and so much more – and of course, we're here and ready to help should you want to explore a bespoke angle.

We hope you find inspiration in this newsletter (and via our digital channels) to continue your deep dive into this extraordinary collective in 2024.

Many thanks, Nicole

EXPERIENCES UPDATE



STARRY NIGHTS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are regarded as the world's [earliest astronomers](#), using the stars to anticipate seasonal shifts and identify vital food sources. Intricate pathways, known as Songlines, are a network of orally shared routes delineated by celestial markers. On night tours with DAE operators, you can gaze up at the night sky as guides share mesmerising stories decoding the constellations.

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

For another unforgettable celestial encounter, join [Jarramali Rock Art Tours](#) on an overnight camping excursion into the Queensland outback. The group's cutting-edge Celestron Telescope offers unprecedented views of the cosmos, revealing the intricate rings of Saturn and the majestic cloud bands of Jupiter. In this part of the state, far from your Laura departure point, there's no light pollution – no cars or streetlights. So when you visit this exclusive camp, all you have to do is immerse yourself in the wonder of the universe... under the guidance of knowledgeable hosts. By day you'll witness one of the world's most important outdoor art galleries, and by night you'll forge a deep connection with Australia's celestial wonders; there's a reason they have captivated humanity for millennia.

Commencing in June, explore the South Alligator River and Yellow Water Billabong at night on Kakadu Tourism's new two-hour [Stargazing Boat Tour](#), 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.



KAKADU IN FOCUS

Brimming with thunderous waterfalls, verdant wetlands and ochre-toned escarpments, Kakadu National Park covers almost 20,000 square kilometres – that's about half the size of Switzerland. Home to Aboriginal peoples for more than 65,000 years, it is World Heritage-listed for both its natural and cultural significance. Kakadu Tourism has announced a range of [new tours](#) in 2024 designed to make discovering the unique landscape even more attractive and authentic.

Among them are [Kakadu Adventure Tours](#): visiting the Indigenous communities of Kakadu, with guided cultural activities and a sunset experience from Nawurlandja lookout; an Overnight Indigenous Cultural Experience, which sees you spend a life-changing evening with a Traditional Owner family at [Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp](#), including a foraging session, crafts class and cultural immersion session.

KarrimanjbeKKan An-me Kakadu - A Taste of Kakadu, will take place across Kakadu National Park from Friday 24 May to Sunday 26 May 2024. The [program](#) will celebrate the heritage and culture of the local Bininj people through a menu of ancient cuisine with modern twists.



New World Heritage walking tour

You don't need a reason to visit Western Australia. But if you're looking for one, make it Wula Gura



Chef's Hat for Tali Wiru

At Uluru, in the heart of the Northern Territory, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia's outdoor fine-dining experience Tali

Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures new [World Heritage walking Tours](#). On this three-day walking tour you'll take in two national parks – Francois Peron National Park and Dirk Hartog Island – located in the Shark Bay World Heritage area. Learn about local Aboriginal culture and history, spot wildlife, explore spectacular landscapes and sit under the stars listening to the ancient sounds of the didgeridoo. The tour includes meals, boat transfers, a marine safari, a 'didgeridoo dreaming' session and a night's accommodation at Dirk Hartog Eco Lodge.

Photo credit: Will Wardle Media



Koorie Heritage Trust spotlight

In its stunning new building, Melbourne's [Koorie Heritage Trust](#) is hosting *JXSH MVIR: Forever I Live* (9 March to 14 July 2024), the first major solo retrospective

Wiru has been awarded an *Australian Good Food Guide* Chef Hat for 2024 as well as a Readers' Choice Award, becoming the highest-rated restaurant in the state and the only entirely outdoor-dining experience in Australia to be recognised.

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](#).



Splash about in WA

The dry season is about to hit the Kimberley region of Western Australia, running from May to October. But before we get there, Kingfisher Tours is launching the

exhibition of the late Josh Muir, following his passing in 2022.

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



A deep dive into Broome

Based in Broome in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, Mabu Buru Tours has launched a three-

[Waterfall Wanderer](#) tour, which explores secret swimming holes in this stunning part of the northwest. Discover art, bush foods, botanicals and stories of Miriwoong and Gija Country on this 4WD tour.

Kingfisher has also introduced two other 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

And the Marralam Cultural Day Tour on Legune Station: a guided tour across the NT border with Indigenous guides, including activities such as fishing, swimming and foraging.



Aboriginal Food, Cave and Didge Tour

Wadandi custodian and owner of Koomal Dreaming, Josh 'Koomal'

day [Broome Ultimate Aboriginal Culture Expedition](#).

Hosted by experienced Aboriginal tour guides, this experience is perfect for those wishing to immerse themselves in the culture of Broome/Rubibi, with a number of notable experiences from the likes of DAE member Bart Pigram from [Narlijia Experiences Broome](#). Accommodation is an optional add-on to the tour.



Looking for story inspiration?

World Earth Day falls on 22 April. And DAE members have a lot to say about the preservation of Country – it makes sense, given that they're some of the earliest conservationists on the planet.

Whiteland is a musician, dancer and didgeridoo player. On his [Aboriginal Food, Cave and Didge Tour](#) you will experience three of his passions – music, art and food. Departing from Ngiligi Cave Ancient Lands Experience in the Margaret River region, the tour includes a bushwalk where you'll learn how to identify traditional plants, foods and medicines, a mesmerising live didgeridoo performance deep inside Ngiligi cave, a cultural talk, and a delicious BBQ lunch incorporating seasonal native foods and flavours in a new custom-built location.



Want to learn Noongar? Mooditj!

Every newsletter going forward we'll talk to a different Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community around Australia to bring you a few words and phrases to enhance

“Aboriginal people are the world’s earliest conservationists. From the beginning we knew about the importance of rotating the land and not overfishing. We’d use middens as a sign to show what had been consumed at a particular campsite. If there were oyster shells, the next mob would know to eat scallops instead, to make sure the oysters could regenerate. We’d never take more than we needed,” says Dalara Williams, Dreamtime Southern X.

Want more quotes and insights? Get in touch with us today or download our [media kit](#).

your deep dive into all things DAE.

Today is brought to you by Noongar, a language spoken by Aboriginal peoples in the southwest of Western Australia.

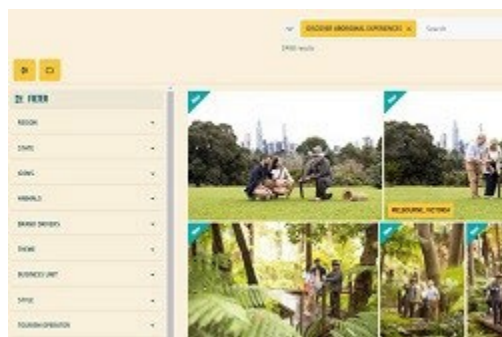
Kaya, nganyang korl ... – Hello, my name is ...

Ngany kaadidj nidja Noongar moort boodja – I acknowledge this is Noongar peoples’ Country.

Ngany djerapin nidja boodja-k – I am happy to be on this Country.

Mooditj – Awesome!

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.

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.

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