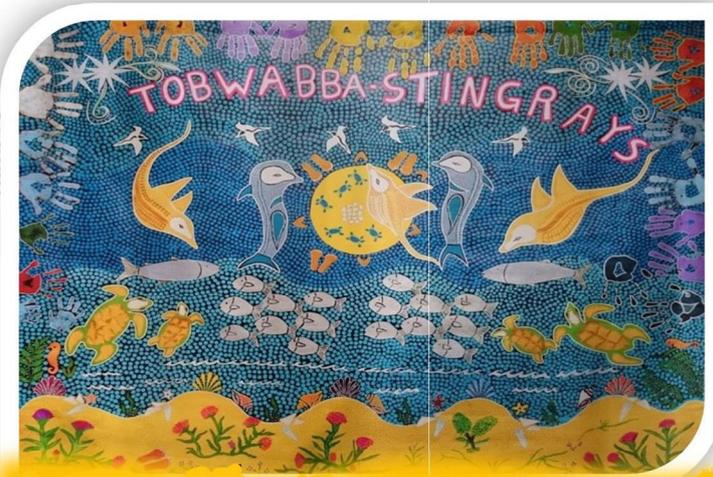


*An Invitation to*  
**Baraya-djukal Garuwa-ga**  
**the BIG SING by the SEA**



In conjunction with  
**BIGSING** INC



*Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th Sept 2022*

**We're back!!**

Worimi elders and Forster Neighbourhood Centre invite you to share in our fourth Big Sing by the Sea - *Baraya Djukal Garuwaga*. This is a musical Worimi cultural experience where Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal people come together to sing.

Because COVID continues to impact our communities we will be limiting our numbers to one hundred to minimise risk of infection. To compensate for this and to ensure smaller groups, we will be mixing cultural activities with our singing. Except for the cruise and the dinner, these will all be included in the ticket price.

For those arriving early, by popular demand, we will again be running our Cultural Cruise where two of the extraordinary Worimi elders share stories and point out significant sites.

Singing begins on Saturday, led by Rachel Hore, OAM, founder of Big Sing in the Desert and Sandra Kwa, Conductor of *Wingsong* and *Baraya Wakulda*. Initially we will break into two groups till morning tea, and then all come together again till lunch, learning new songs, some in language and familiarising ourselves with old favourites.

During the two-hour lunch break, we will offer two workshops - a weaving workshop and an art workshop, both led by Worimi locals to accommodate both adults and children. (When booking we ask you to nominate which workshop you would prefer - "first in, best dressed"). Then after arvo tea, more singing!

We thought we'd continue the local cultural immersion theme by having a dinner hosted by Great Lakes Museum, for \$30 you will get dinner plus an opportunity to view the fantastic exhibitions which will be open to us over the weekend.

Sunday is all about polishing our singing so that we can demonstrate our collective musicality to friends and family at our 2.30 afternoon concert and a few closing words. Then, over a cup of tea take the opportunity to view (and/or buy) artworks by local artists.



# The Program

## Friday Sept 23rd

### Cultural Cruise

1.30 - 3.30 pm (optional)

- \$30

## Saturday Sept 24th

### Singing Workshop

Tuncurry Memorial Hall, 7 Point Road Tuncurry

8.30am Registration

9.00am Welcome to Country and Welcome Dance by Worimi Girls Dancers

9.30am - 11.00am Singing led by Rachel & Sandra

11.00am - 11.30am Morning tea

11.30am - 1.00pm Singing, all together

1.00pm - 3.00pm Lunch (provided) and Weaving and Art Workshops

3.00pm - 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm - 5.00pm Singing all together

4.00pm - 5.30pm

6.30pm Dinner - Great Lakes Museum

## Sunday Sept 25th

9.00am - 11.00am Singing in two groups

11.00am - 11.30am Morning Tea

11.30am - 1.00pm Singing together

1.00pm - 1.45pm Lunch (provided)

1.45pm - 2.30pm Concert rehearsal

2.30pm - 3.30pm Concert and Close

3:30 Afternoon tea and exhibition of local artists (for sale)

## Sunday Concert

**Celebration of Singing and Worimi Culture.**

Be prepared to be amazed!

We are keen to show off the songs we have learnt together, some of which will be in Gathang.

As well, we will invite groups to perform who have a special song to share.

There may even be a ukulele or two.

Please invite all your friends and family!

## Contacts:

Forster Neighbourhood Centre

For sponsored tickets phone: 6555 4351

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## Extra Information

### Friday afternoon Cultural Cruise

For those Out of Towners AND locals, we are offering a spectacular cruise on Wallis Lake. Several of the Aunts tell stories about growing up on the *Mish* and around the lake. They also point out significant aspects of the lake's flora and fauna.

**A wonderful start to the weekend.**

### Where to Stay

**Smugglers Cove** on Macintosh Street, Forster offers cabin and camping accommodation. The Big Sing by the Sea event is the first week of school holidays so accommodation will need to be booked as soon as possible. Cabins that sleep up to 6 people start from \$419 for Friday and Saturday night. There are plenty of powered camping sites for \$121 for Friday and Saturday nights. Rates are based on 2 Adults and additional charges apply for extras. Fires are allowed and there are camp kitchen facilities for preparing breakfasts. Please call Smugglers Cove direct on 65 546666 to make a booking. There are also many other motels in the area if you would prefer.

### Meals Lunch (included)

BSBTS will provide morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch on both days. Please indicate vegetarian and/or gluten free options when booking.

**Dinner and Museum tour** (optional extra, \$30/ticket; \$20/student) On Saturday 24 September at 6:30pm, Tuncurry Museum will host a smorgasbord dinner for attendees. Your ticket price will include Dinner and entry into the Museum.

### Local Art on Display

Bring Cash! Local artists will display their art, most will be on sale.

### Cost

**Weekend Workshop:** \$160, pensioners concession \$130, Aboriginal sponsored singers \$50.

**Saturday Dinner:** Fish barbecue at Great Lakes Museum \$30. Please include payment when booking for catering purposes.

**Concert:** We are the *performers*, so we are asking BSBTS admirers for \$5 pp or \$10 for 4.

### Booking

Numbers will be strictly limited so get yourselves organised! If you have internet, please book on - line at <https://fnc.org.au/big-sing-by-the-sea-tickets/> If not, ring FNC on 6555 4351

### Donations

We hope to be able to send more of our Worimi singers to next year's Big Sing in the Desert. Any profit and all donations will go towards the next Big Sings.