

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



9th and 10th November 2024

Worimi Elders, Aunty Janice Paulson, Aunty Lynette Davis and off-country Aunts Noelene, Evelyn and Kerry, invite you to be part of what will be an unforgettable singing and cultural workshop. “We see it as a way of contributing to “Real Conciliation” by creating new friendships and experiences through singing and learning together.” Says Aunty Janice.

Our teachers will be much-loved Sandra Kwa, Musical Director of the fantastic Wingsong Choir and *Baraya Wakulda* choir and, Tash Rusterholz who was with us last year and leads several choirs in Newcastle.

To continue our First Nations cultural learning journeys, optional workshops will include painting, weaving and cultural appreciation, shared by local Knowledge Holders.

A delicious fish barbecue dinner will be followed by a community sing-a-long so bring your ukes, kazoos, spoons or musical instrument of choice!

And, if you have a particular party piece you'd like to share, remember the Sunday afternoon concert.

To encourage younger participants, we will be running a children's cultural day in parallel, supervised by emerging Worimi leaders.

First Nations participants, no cost.



The Program

Saturday 9th November:

9.00am Registration:

An opportunity to have a cuppa and catch up. Please bring your own reuseable cup each day.

9.30am Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony: Aunty Lynette Davis

10.00am Introductions: To our Leaders Sandra and Tash and our Worimi hosts.

Warming up with some familiar and new songs, including some in language.

11.15am Morning Tea

11.30am More Singing

12.45pm Lunch:

Provided both days. Check out what the kids have been doing and add your own touch to our BSPTS artwork.

1.30pm More Singing

3.00pm Arvo Tea: Try some delicious damper made by the kids.

3.30pm Singing and wind up for the day

4.30pm Choice of Painting, Weaving or Cultural Appreciation workshops:

Please indicate when booking which you will choose to ensure enough resources are available.

6.30 - 9.00pm Dinner: (Optional)

Please indicate when booking.

A delicious fish barbecue and salads.

Sunday 10th November:

9.30am Polishing our singing in anticipation of wowing our friends and families.

12.00pm Lunch

12.30pm Rehearsal

2.00pm Concert set up

3.00pm Concert

4.00pm Thank you and farewell.

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Extra Information

Venue: Holy Name School

41 Lake Street Forster.

Enter through Carawa Street gate.

Meals:

BSPTS provides morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch each day. Please indicate vegetarian or gluten free options if you need when booking.

Cost:

Singing Workshop: \$150, pensioners and volunteers \$130, Aboriginal participant - NO COST.

Saturday Fish Barbecue: \$30

Sunday Concert: As we are the *performers*, we ask people attending the concert for \$5.

Booking:

Numbers will be strictly limited so get yourselves organised! If you have internet, please book on-line at: [Big Sing by the Sea - Forster Neighbourhood Centre \(fnc.org.au\)](http://BigSingbytheSea-ForsterNeighbourhoodCentre(fnc.org.au)) If not, ring FNC on 6555 4351, ask for Kitana Paulson or Steve Davis.

Contacts:

For Aboriginal participants tickets and for catering purposes Phone: 6555 4351.

General Enquiries: Felicity Carter 0411 566 593

Aunty Janice Paulson 0408 674 604

Aunty Lynette Davis 0421 844 940

Kids Program:

Children are welcome anytime to join and sing, however, there will be a range of supervised cultural activities outside, under cover.

Saturday:

10.30am Story telling by local knowledge holders

11.30am Paint your favourite story

12.45pm Lunch (provided)

1.30pm Groups will be taking turns to weave or learn to cook damper.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea: DAMPER! and honey etc.

4.00pm Finish.

Sunday:

10.30am Come and sing a few songs, painting, weaving and eating.

3.00pm Come and be part of the concert.

If you would like transport for your children to be picked up, on either day, please call Kitana on 0456 182 090