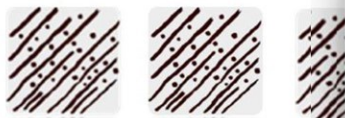


An Invitation to
Baraya-djukal Garuwa-ga
BIG SING by the SEA



In conjunction with
BIG SING INC



10th, 11th and 12th November 2023

Worimi and Mininbah Elders and Forster Neighbourhood Centre invite you to step into a Worimi space for our 5th *Baraya Djukal Garuwaga!*



The weekend program has been shaped to immerse us in Worimi/Aboriginal culture **AND** singing. Singing will be led by the much-loved **Rachel Hore**, OAM, founder of **Big Sing in the Desert** and our own stupendous **Sandra Kwa**, Conductor of **Wingsong** and **Baraya Wakulda** choirs.

The cultural experiences include a smoking ceremony, bush tucker inspired food, local art and jewellery (most for sale), weaving, an opportunity to view an award-winning short film, dancing and sharing stories.

Sunday Concert 3:00pm
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!

The Program

Friday 10th November: (Optional cruise)

For those who can arrive on **Friday afternoon**, we will take advantage of daylight saving and offer a late afternoon Cultural Cruise with several of our extraordinary Worimi Elders sharing stories and highlighting significant sites around the lake.

Leaving Little Street wharf at 3.30pm.
Take pictures, it will be beautiful.

Saturday 11th November:

9am: Registration and an opportunity to have a cuppa and catch up.

9:30ish: Warm up with **Sandra and Rachel** by refreshing 3 or 4 of last year's favourites. (If this is your first time, relax, the lyrics will be there, and you will have no trouble picking up these heart-warming favourites.)

10.00am: Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony.

10:30am: Singing with Rachel and Sandra.
We will be learning new songs, songs in language and old favourites too.

12:30 - 1:30pm: Lunch will be provided both days, so please advise us of any special dietary needs as you book.

1:30 - 3:00pm: More singing with **Rachel and Sandra**

3:00 - 3:30pm: Afternoon tea including some **bush tucker** surprises.

3:30 - 5pm: Singing, **Rachel and Sandra**

5:15 - 6:15pm: (Optional) Opportunity to stroll along Pebbly Beach up to the Tanks and back, with a **Worimi cultural and bush tucker knowledge holder**. If you prefer, there will be a **weaving workshop, a short film** viewing and time to view works by **local artists**.

6:30 - 9:30pm (Optional) Dinner which will include **delicious bush tucker inspired food** and salads.

Sunday 12th November

TBA: (Optional) early morning visit with the Elders, to the top of Tobwabba Hill which is considered one of the most significant cultural sites for the Worimi.

10:00 - 12:00noon: Polishing our singing in anticipation of "wowing" our friends and family at the 3:00pm concert.

12:00 - 12:30pm: Lunch

12:30 - 2:30pm: Concert rehearsal.

2:45: Welcome, **Worimi dancers**

3.00 - 4.00pm: Concert

Extra Information

**Venue: Holy Name School Hall,
41 Lake Street, Forster**

Where to Stay:

There is a range of motels in Forster and Tuncurry, also 2 caravan parks with cabins and camping options: Lani's and Smugglers Cove and the NRMA Holiday Park in Tuncurry.

Meals:

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

Cost:

Weekend Workshop: \$180, pensioners and volunteers \$150, Aboriginal sponsored singers, \$50

Optional Cruise: \$40

Optional Saturday Dinner: \$30

Concert: As we are the *performers*, we are only asking BSBTS admirers for **\$5 pp**.

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-we-are-back-this-november/>
If not, ring FNC on 6555 4351.

Sunday Concert:

3:00pm \$5.00

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