

A Taste of Broome celebrates Broome's unique multiculturalism

This year's A Taste of Broome (ATOB) will pay tribute to the people of the Torres Strait Islands and their strong connection to Broome and pearling.

Natives of the Land and Sea will recognise the rich multiculturalism of Broome and its people, cementing its place as a highlight of the Broome tourism calendar for the seventh year in a row.

In 2019, the main music and picture show will focus on the influence of the Torres Strait Island people, who contributed their knowledge of diving for pearls to the history of Broome's pearling industry. This will include a beautiful rendition of Natives of the Land and Sea, this year's namesake, as well as some variations of songs from past shows.

ATOB will feature three new emerging Indigenous artists this year – Annika Moore, Tornina Torres and AJ Moore. These extremely talented young people grew up in Broome and have a strong understanding of the importance of the town's rich history.

You can hear their stories and walk with us hand in hand as together we experience the sentimental and emotion-filled journey of Broome's history re-enacted through local live music and traditional and contemporary dance.

ATOB Show Director, Tania McKenna says this year's show will be a fascinating blend of education and talent.

"It's set to be an entertaining, educational and moving show celebrating the history and culture of Broome," she said.

This year's celebration of culture will open to the public from 5.30pm on Thursday July 4th with festivities to follow on August 1st and September 5th.

ATOB continues to be a unique music and picture show experience that combines Broome's distinctive Indigenous culture and its multicultural community to promote its vibrant soul through music, dance, food, arts and crafts, tradition and heritage.

Acclaimed artists returning for this year's show include Stephen "Baamba" Albert who has been entertaining audiences on stages and television sets around the country for 40 years. Other returning artists include Bart Pigram, Isaiah McKenna and Susie Quicke. You'll be able to catch all of these outstanding performers on all three nights of the festival.

Building on the success of previous events, the 2019 ATOB will feature a number of new performances, artists and cuisines. New food stalls will include the Barefoot Cafe and an Indian fusion offering, while the arts and crafts line up will include Balu Australia, an Indigenous owned and operated textiles brand, which focuses on connecting people to Mother Earth through spirituality and our sacred ancient Indigenous culture.

Goolarri Media Enterprises Chief Operations officer Kira Fong says ATOB continues to promote Broome's unique lifestyle and cultural history and is the region's premier Indigenous arts event.

"ATOB is an award-winning multi-arts performance and cuisine-based project, primarily focused on the unique multiculturalism within the community of Broome and the Indigenous heritage and culture inherent in the region," Kira says.

"It combines the performing arts mediums of dance, music and film to create a dynamic and rich production that celebrates Broome's identity."

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Since the show's beginning in 2013, A Taste of Broome continues to achieve greater social, cultural and economic fulfilment, and prosperity. With six years under its belt, it is a testament to the strength of the community and culture and will hopefully continue to help share important stories for many years to come.

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