

# A Taste of Broome celebrates local Indigenous history

This year's A Taste of Broome (ATOB) will celebrate the history of Broome and its people, cementing its place as a highlight of the Broome tourism calendar for a sixth year in a row.

2018 will see the main music and picture show focus on the fusion of Asian and Aboriginal cultures whilst also acknowledging the community impact of World War II, the pearling industry, the stolen generation, the 1967 referendum, tourism and the past 40 years of the Kimberley Land Council. We will touch on the 2018 NAIDOC theme "Because of her we can", and introduce some incredible young and emerging local musical talent into the show in which local musical compositions and film feature so heavily.

You can hear the 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.

This year's celebration of culture will kick off for the public from 5.30pm on Thursday July 12th with festivities to follow on August 9th and September 6th.

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 forty years. He is best known for his starring roles in Jimmy Chi's hit musicals Corrugation Road and Bran Nue Dae. Other returning artists include Yoshi Hunter, Pauline Bin Sali 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 2018 ATOB will feature a number of new performances, artists and cuisines.

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."

A Taste of Broome is supported by Government of WA Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries; Goolarri; INPEX; Broome Visitor Centre; and Tourism WA's Regional Events Program, which is funded by the State Government's Royalties for Regions.

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.

#### TICKETS SALE INFO

For ticket information visit the Broome Visitor Centre or Goolarri Media Enterprises, [goolarri.com/atob](http://goolarri.com/atob)

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