

EXPERIENCE THE ICONIC BLAK MARKETS AT BARANGAROO RESERVE

Sunday, 4 December 2016, 9:30am-3:00pm

Sydney's spectacular new harbour foreshore park, Barangaroo Reserve, will host the renowned Blak Markets on Sunday, 4 December, featuring outdoor market stalls, free entertainment and tours of the iconic site from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

The Blak Markets will take place at Barangaroo Reserve for one day only, transforming Nawi Cove into a lively marketplace showcasing Australia's rich Aboriginal culture.

The open-air markets are organised by First Hand Solutions and hosted by Barangaroo. They will feature bush tucker stalls, weaving workshops, a live performance by Sydney singer-songwriter Marcus Corowa, traditional storytelling with Tucky Cooley, traditional Aboriginal dance performances, shell workshops and markets showcasing Aboriginal arts and crafts.

A live outdoor cooking demonstration by renowned Aboriginal chef Mark Olive of The Black Olive, will be encouraging visitors to try bush tucker and learn about traditional cooking methods.

More than 25 stallholders will sell bushfoods, arts, crafts, skincare products and accessories. Stallholders include Fred's Bush Tucker, Lemon Myrtle Harvest, Cleonie Quayle Aboriginal Jewellery, John Odgen photography and books, contemporary Aboriginal artist Dennis Pitt and more.

First Hand Solutions is an Aboriginal charity providing cultural reconnection programs for urban Aboriginal young people, and all profits from the Blak Markets are reinvested into these programs.

Barangaroo Delivery Authority Chief Executive Craig van der Laan said: "We are delighted to welcome Blak Markets back to Barangaroo Reserve following the hugely successful event held during NAIDOC Week in July.

"It will be a fabulous day with something for everyone – and all in a very good cause. Come along and join us for plenty of family fun and the chance to learn more about the world's oldest living culture."

First Hand Solutions' CEO Peter Cooley said: "We're excited to bring the Blak Markets back to Barangaroo to highlight the extraordinary art, craft and creativity of the country's Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities, while providing training and casual employment opportunities to young Aboriginal people through food and beverage preparation, retail and event management."

Visitors to Barangaroo Reserve on 4 December can also learn more about Aboriginal history and culture by booking a cultural tour with Barangaroo's Visitor Services Guides, available on the hour between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Barangaroo Reserve is easily accessible by public transport and on foot from Walsh Bay, Millers Point and The Rocks. The closest stations are Wynyard and Circular Quay.

For more information about the Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve, and booking a cultural tour, please visit www.barangaroo.sydney.

EVENT DETAILS

Event: Blak Markets at Barangaroo Reserve

Date: Sunday, 4 December 2016

Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm

Location: Nawi Cove, Barangaroo Reserve, Barangaroo, NSW

URL: www.barangaroo.sydney

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