

dambimangari
Aboriginal Corporation

WELCOME TO UMBAGARAMBA / BALANYOO





Wednesday 30 September

Time	Timeframe	Location	Responsible Party	Broome guests	Derby guests	Rangers Coppermine guests
7:00	30 min	Broome Derby	DAC	Broome pick ups (who & what vehicle)	Derby pick ups (who & what vehicle)	
7:30	60 min	Broome Airport Derby Airport	Aviair Air Kimberly	Fly to Cockatoo Island	Fly to Cockatoo Island	Boat to Cockatoo Island
8:00						
8:30	30 min	TBA	RHT	Bus to celebration area Morning tea	Bus to celebration area Morning tea	Walk to celebration area Morning tea
9:00	60 min	TBA	DAC CEO CLK CEO	Formal Welcome Overview of event Gifts	Formal Welcome Overview of event Gifts	Formal Welcome Overview of event Gifts
9:30						
10:00	90 min	TBA	Gary Umbagai Leah Umbagai	Smoking Ceremony Junba Celebrations	Smoking Ceremony Junba Celebrations	Smoking Ceremony Junba Celebrations
10:30						
11:00						
11:30	60 min	Dry Mess	CIM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00						
12:30	120 min	Bus Vessels Top House	RHT DAC Vessels CLK	Island Tour by Bus Island Tour by Boat Relax	Island Tour by Bus Island Tour by Boat Relax	Island Tour by Bus Island Tour by Boat Relax
1:00						
1:30						
2:00						
2:30	30 min	CI	RHT	Transit to airstrip	Transit to airstrip	Load items onto vessels
3:00	60 min	CI Airstrip	Aviair Air Kimberly	Fly to Broome	Fly to Derby	Depart for Coppermine / Derby
3:30						
4pm	30 min	Broome Derby	DAC	Broome pick ups (who & what vehicle)	Derby pick ups (who & what vehicle)	
5pm		Broome	DAC	Overnight in Broome	Overnight in Derby	

Cockatoo Island also known as Umbagaramba/ Balanyoo is part of Oomeday country.

Oomeday is the country that takes in Coastal areas on the northeastern side of the Yampi Peninsula and Islands in Yampi sound.



According to Lalai this island is linked to Godanoo (Koolin) and Wanganiyn (Irvine) Islands by the activities and presence of the Woongudd (Snake). The Woongudd was called Gaaran- ngarinying, which is the name that comes from the place Gaaran - ngaddim (Horizontal Water Falls)

Travelling and creating Oomeday country including the 3 Islands and Gaarang - ngaddim, as well as the numerous bays and reefs. The Woongudd left part of her body along the way.





Woongudd woman is the spiritual snake. Her writhing body created the country we call ours, by using her tail to hit or strike the country as she moved. Woongudd doubled back and went under the sea where she hid her body, just showing herself from time to time.

Woongudd dug holes for fresh water. She stood observed and created other land formations. When Woongudd is moving and creating, the saltwaters are moving. She is in the whirlpools. When the tides are slow she is at rest.



The Islands are the manifestation of Woonguuds body. Other manifestations are her Yook (Vomit), as well as her scales. She hid her iron under the sea, making it hard to find.

THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf of Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation (DAC), we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our Dambimangari Elders, members, Crestlink staff and special guests who joined us for the Cockatoo Island Celebration.

Your presence helped make this occasion truly special.

It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate, connect, and share an important moment for Dambimangari people and the broader community.

A very special thank you to the DAC staff, Crestlink, Cockatoo Island Mining, RHT Contracting, Air Kimberley, Kacey Umbagai, and all of the individuals, contractors, suppliers and supporters who contributed their time, effort and assistance in bringing the celebration together.

Events like this are only possible through teamwork, cooperation, and the commitment of many people working behind the scenes.

We sincerely appreciate everyone who played a part, whether through planning, coordination, transport, logistics, cultural support, hospitality or simply lending a hand when it was needed.

Most importantly, we acknowledge and thank our Dambimangari Elders and members.

Having our people come together on Country made the occasion especially meaningful and reminded us of the importance of connection to Country, culture, community and each other.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Cockatoo Island Celebration a day to remember.

We hope the memories, connections and spirit of the day remain with everyone who was fortunate enough to be part of it.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,

Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation

