

BIRI BULMBA BUDANG

National Custodians of Country Gathering 2023

MONDAY 21 - FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023

Tjapukai (Djagugay) Cairns,
Far North Queensland



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The National Custodians of Country Gathering is a week to connect with Traditional Owners, First Nations people, community, partner representatives, individuals, groups including landcare, and organisations involved in looking after Country. Immerse yourself in local cultural practices and Country hosted by Traditional custodians.

The Gathering will include practical on-country workshops led by Indigenous people and symposia discussing current and emerging issues for caring for Country, kin, self and economic opportunities connected to this practice that benefit the whole of society.

The event includes workshops, speaker presentations and evening events.

DAY 1 - MONDAY 21 AUGUST

TRAVEL DAY | REGISTRATIONS OPEN | COMMUNITY MARKET DAY | OPENING CEREMONY

- Travel to Cairns
- Set up camp and introduction to facilities
- Registrations open for delegates from 8.30am - 4.00pm
- Indigenous community markets set up from 9.00am - 4.00pm
- Welcome Event 4.00pm – 8.00pm:
 - > Drinks and canapés 4.00pm - 5.00 pm
 - > Opening ceremony 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
 - > Dinner 6.00 pm - 8.00pm

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 22 AUGUST

MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS and SYMPOSIA SESSIONS | FIRESTICK RACE | EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Provided

The Masterclasses will focus on practical, hands on Indigenous led fire training and mentoring for aspiring and practising fire practitioners, land and sea managers and their enabling community and industry partners. Masterclasses in ethnobotany, Cultural Fire indicators and monitoring, art, tool making, dancing, weaving, Indigenous knowledge of plants and agriculture.

The Symposia sessions will showcase Indigenous practitioners in their fields leading presentations and panel discussions on Indigenous knowledge and agriculture, partnerships in agriculture, Indigenous led research and partnerships - knowledge and water, cultural and environmental markets, economic opportunities and education.

Don't miss out on registering for firestick race when you register for your ticket from 4.30pm-6.00pm Places are limited to 25 people.

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST

MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS and SYMPOSIA SESSIONS | COOKING WORKSHOPS | SPEAR THROWING COMPETITION | EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Provided

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Wednesday we will offer the following activities:

- Special workshops which you can register for when you register your ticket in Kup Murri making for both men and women in preparation of different elements of the meal, however spaces are limited so get in quick to register!
- Don't miss the spear throwing competition, places are limited to 25 people.

DAY 4 - THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST

A CULTURAL LAND AND SEA SCAPE FIELD TRIPS | COOKING CLASSES AND MURRI KITCHEN RULES | CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AT BASE CAMP | EVENING CLOSING CEREMONY

Breakfast Lunch and Dinner Provided

Explore the Wet Tropics World Heritage area in good hands learning first hand from local Indigenous custodians. Tours are an additional cost which you can choose when you register.

- Mundingulpi Authentic Indigenous Tours - 2 x tours of 40 people
- Djabugay Bulmba Custodians and Rangers Cultural Fire Tour 1 x tour of 100 people
- Buluwai Rock Art and Fire Tour 1 x tour of 30 people
- Kuku Yalanji Cultural Habitat Tours 1 x tour of 110 people
- Yirraakanji and Gungunggi Reef Tour 1 x tour of 250 people
- Dreamtime Walk Mossman Gorge 2 x tours of 50 people

Tribal Voice Connections Cooking workshop and Murri Kitchen Rules - Come and cook with Bush Tucker Woman Samantha Martin using Native foods, herbs and spices and get ready to cook off in Murri Kitchen Rules Places are limited to 30 people so bookings are required.

DAY 5 - FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

MORNING CLOSING CEREMONY | BUMP OUT OF SITE

Breakfast Provided

- Farewell ceremony:
> 9.00am - 10.00am



Cultural burning: healthy communities, healthy landscapes

