

## Mulbari Boudhi

Welcome to Mulbari Boudhi

the heart of the dance.

We the Darkinjung community invite you to join us in celebrating the spirit of the land, come and listen to our story's of creation and immerse yourself in the heart of the dance around a camp fire light.

Experience generations of storytelling through our art installations as told by our elders generation after generation. Hear the voices from the land through music and song, come join and share our circle of wisdom and knowledge journey together, Experience our Culture-Share our Dreaming.

Gabby. - Darkinjung Community

Welcome to Darkinjung Country-Whale Dreaming

Darkinjung (People of the Sea)

The whale is the spiritual totem of Darkinjung Country; which borders extend from the Hawkesberry River to the South, to Lake McQuarie in the North and Wollombi. To the West.

The Darkinjung people have been here for over 25000 years. The clan groups are the Narara, Erina, WoyWoy, Patonga, Wyong, Kulnura, Tuggerah and Wolombi. The dialect was Darkinjung. They were hunters and gatherers of their land. Ceremonies of importance were conducted at Ourimbah.

The Darkinjung peoples' lives were dictated by the seasons and the seasonal travels throughout their lands from the Mountains during winter to the lakes, wetlands and beaches in summer. Evidence of shell middens along the dunes and bays of the Brisbane Waters and inlets can still be seen today.

Darkinjung customs and beliefs are etched into the sandstone on the surrounding ridgelines. There are well over 7000 rock carvings and over

3000 rock art sites. This makes Darkinjung Country one of the most extensive rock art sites areas in the world.

The Darkinjung believe in the Creator Baiyami (God). They have totemship with the land and all its creatures including the Sky World and the Sea. This is where the Dreamtime stories come from. Mt Yango, Wollombi, is their most sacred site - it is where the Great Spirit Baiyami descended from the sky world at the time of creation.

Darkinjung tribal neighbors include Garrigal of the Northern Beachs in Sydney, the Darrug of Western Sydney, Awabakal of Newcastle, the Wiradjuri to the west of the Blue Mountains and the Gomilaroi to the North West.

Kevin Duncan

Gomilaroi/Darkinjung

Friday

4.00 pm

Cleansing & Clearing Ceremony

5.30 pm

Opening Ceremony (Big WI.)

6.30 pm

Dreamtime Bush Theatre

Traditional Local Dreamtime Stories complemented with Aboriginal Artwork

by Local Artists

Saturday

11.00 am

Traditional Aboriginal Weapons and Tool MAKING

Traditional Basket Weaving

2.00 pm

Aboriginal Song & Dance Workshop

Bush Tucker/Medicine Yarn Up & Walk

Sunday

9.00 am

Yarn Up & Billy Tea Men's Circle Father's Day

12.00 noon

Native Fibre/Grass's & Local Wetland's

5.30 pm

Closing Ceremony (Big WI.)

Also see blackboard for other workshops and performance times