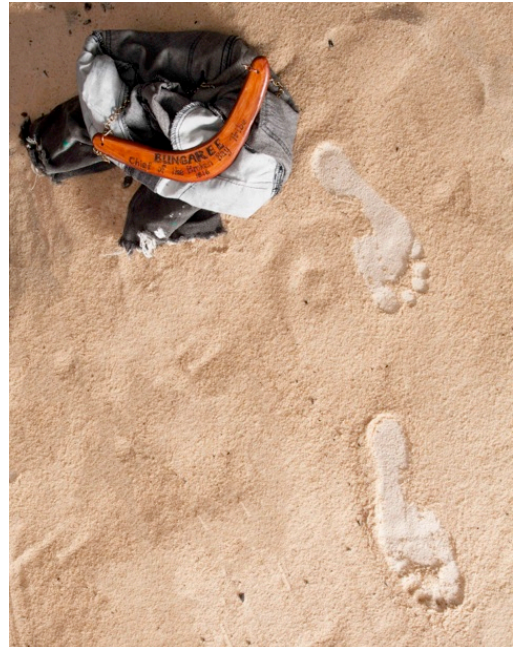


BUNGAREE: the First Australian OPEN DAY CELEBRATIONS at Balmoral Beach & Mosman Art Gallery Saturday 1st September 2012

Join us for a day celebrating Aboriginal art and culture.

The Bungaree Open Day starts with an Ancient Whale Dreaming Ceremony of the Yuin and Gadigal people at Balmoral Beach at daybreak, followed by a range of activities at Mosman Art Gallery. Hear talks by exhibition curator Djon Mundine and meet the participating artists. Kids join in the fun of creating your own Cornet hat – the best one wins a prize! Hear Peter McKenzie perform 'The Ballad of Bungaree'. You might even meet Bungaree himself!



OPEN DAY HIGHLIGHTS

at BALMORAL BEACH

5.30am – 8.00am: Ancient Whale Dreaming Ceremony of the Yuin & Gadigal people at Balmoral Beach. Join in a celebration the rising of Grandfather (the Sun) and the singing up of Guruwal (the Whale).

The greeting of the Sun is to celebrate the first day of the rest of our lives. The Whale Dreaming Ceremony is for the safety of whales that are carrying their young North and to give them safe passage – the whales were once tribal people and are following ancient songlines. The ceremony will be led by Uncle Max Harrison, an elder of the Yuin people.

>>> This is a free event and all are welcome to attend however places are limited so please book at www.trybooking.com/BTHT. This project marks the opening of the Sydney Sacred Music Festival and is a partnership between Mosman Art Gallery, Cultural Arts Collective and Gadigal Information Services.

at MOSMAN ART GALLERY

10.30am: PERFORMANCE - 'The Ballad of Bungaree' by exhibiting artist Peter McKenzie and EXHIBITION TOUR with Aboriginal Curator Djon Mundine OAM

Join the Curator of *Bungaree: The First Australian* Djon Mundine, for a gallery tour examining the exhibition rationale, the artists and artworks within the exhibition, while discussing the life story and character of Bungaree, the man.

12.30pm and 2.30pm: ARTISTS TALKS - meet the artists from the Bungaree exhibition

Hear from some of the participating artists for an informal discussion about their individual responses to Bungaree, the man, his life story and the complexities of the times he navigated as a leader of his people.

10.00am – 4.00pm: ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS! Free Art Activity

Families are welcome to join in the fun of making and decorating your own Bungaree style 'cornet' hat using collage materials. Have your photo taken with 'Bungaree', post it on the Gallery's Facebook page and go in a draw to win a prize!

WHAT'S ON EXHIBITION AT MOSMAN ART GALLERY – *from Saturday 1 September 10:00am-5.00pm

*Bungaree: the First Australian** / In Profile: Paul Williams* / The Balnaves Gift.

MOSMAN VILLAGE MARKETS – 8.00am-3.00pm

A quality art and craft market located in the heart of the Village Green at Spit Junction, Mosman! 150 art and craft stalls, with gourmet food, musical entertainment and a lively atmosphere. Next to Art Gallery.

Further information and bookings: www.mosmanartgallery.org.au PH: 02 9978 4178

Mosman Art Gallery – cnr Art Gallery Way & Myahgah Road Mosman NSW

***Bungaree: the First Australian* exhibition 1 September – 25 November 2012**

Free Admission. Open every day 10am-5pm.

image: Leanne Tobin, *Clothes don't always maketh the man*, 2012 installation - sand, textile, wood variable dimensions