



ABOUT SKY STORIES

Sky Stories is an evening to share our long connection to the sky through story tellings, language, song, dance and art.

CREATIVE DIRECTOR - NANCY PATTISON

Nancy is a proud Dunghutti woman, her connection to South West Rocks and her love for the ocean, sky & country has inspired the creative work for Sky Stories

OPENING CEREMONY

6:00pm-7:00pm

Introduction to Sky Stories and Welcome Dance by South West Rocks Figtree Descendants including Brolga Dance by Nancy Pattison and performance by Manduway

STORYTELLERS

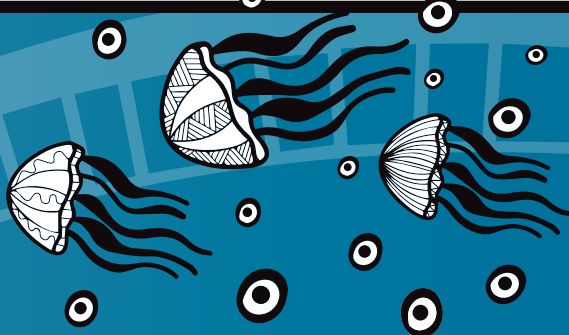
AUNTY CHERYL BLAIR - KING OF THE BIRDS

South West Rocks Dunghutti woman, Aunty Cheryl is a song woman, story teller, knowledge holder, language teacher, and artist

MICKLO JARRETT - "GIIDANYBA" THE MOON MAN STORYTELLER. Gumbaynggirr community member, culture and language teacher and song man Michael Jarrett (also known as Uncle Micklo)

BOB FULLER - INDIGENOUS ASTRONOMY

Bob has a PhD researching the cultural astronomy of the saltwater Aboriginal peoples of East Coast. He was the instigator of the documentary on Euahlayi astronomy 'Star stories of the Dreaming'



INSTALLATIONS

GAMAYI - SPEAR -

Figtree Descendants Men's Installation

DHULAWANG GIRIN - RAINBOW SERPENT INSTALLATION - Nancy Pattison

KIDS ART AREA INSTALLATION - WIRRWAYI - SHARK AND LANTERNS - by South West Rocks Public School, Class 5R - Mrs Reids class

NYRUYN AND GALA - EMU AND GOANNA -

Nick Warfield is an Australian contemporary Visual Artist that has developed an art practice over the last twelve years. He lives on Gumbaynggirr Country and has formal training in Engineering, Building Design and studied a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Newcastle.

PORT MACQUARIE OBSERVATORY - Be transported to the night skies as you look through the telescopes and hear the stories of the sky. Members of the Port Macquarie Astronomical Association are bringing the night sky closer at Sky Stories. As the only Observatory between Sydney and Brisbane, the PMAA have been sharing the night skies for 60 years. A recent Federal and State grant will enable new educational and economic opportunities for the region and, with the assistance of First Nations peoples, will showcase the knowledge of First Nations Astronomers and Scientists in recognition of this enduring legacy to Australia.

WUUYI - CANOE INSTALLATION - Figtree Descendants young men

MINGGAL MINGGAL - FIREFLY INSTALLATION - NASCA Melville High school and Kempsey High School, SWR Public School, Kempsey Adventist School and South Kempsey Public School.

MATAN GILAYN - SEVEN SISTERS LIGHTS - Designs by Freeda Roberts, installation design by Nancy Pattison

WUPU - STARS INSTALLATION - Aunty Thelma - shares her dancing with our Dunghutti Community, teaching traditional dance and cultural knowledge.

NEONS YARRI - KOALA, GURRGIYN-GURRGIYN - PRAYING MANTIS AND BURALGAN - BROLGA Designs by Freeda Roberts and Nancy Pattison, created by Michael from Neon Signs Australia and Ben Taranto from Fyreside Arts

GILII MANDHARR - JELLYFISH INSTALLATION - Aunty Cheryl and Nancy Pattison



An immersion in Dunghutti culture and stories from the stars through light installations, dance, kids activities, observatory, food stalls and much more!

July 22, 6pm
Brighton Park,
South West Rocks

For More Info Visit: ksc.pub/skystories



PROJECTION ARTISTS

KEVIN MORAN

Yawayi (Hello), I am a descendant from Anaiwan/Dunghutti tribal area. I am inspired by country and connecting to culture through dancing alongside my mob. I use what I have learnt to inspire our community to find there connections to the past. I started out dancing alongside my mob and this also led me to start creating art dedicated to the old ways and stories of our ancestors Song-lines.

URSULA CLARK-JACKY

My name is Urshula Clark-Jacky and I am a proud Dunghutti woman from South West Rocks in New South Wales. I graduated Kempsey High School in 2020 along with being school captain and obtaining my Assistance in Nursing Qualification. I currently mentor and support Indigenous students from rural and remote communities all over Australia who are attending Boarding School. I began painting as I am very passionate about my culture and our generational stories and would like to share our knowledge and experiences on. I was inspired through both my dad and my uncles work as they tell stories passed on through generations and are really skilful at what they do.

JADA QUINLAN

I am a young emerging Dunghutti Artist from South West Rocks & Kempsey. My artwork is inspired by family, country & the ocean. I look forward to sharing more of my artwork with my community in the near future.

FACES - Photography by Nancy Pattison

YAALIRR - WATER DRAGON - Artwork by Freeda Roberts, animated by Guy Robinson 3D Guy

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PERFORMANCES BY THE CREEK

OCEAN DANCE

Dhanggati Dhariiy Dancers
Choreography and costumes
by Nancy Pattison

7:15pm
8:15pm
8:45pm

THE TURTLE

Gabby the turtle, bought to you by GotYaBack will be roaming at Sky Stories and joining the Dhanggati Dhariiy Dancers in the Ocean and Dolphin dances at the Performance area.

Got Ya Back is based on Biripai Country, a theatrical production house, also producing theatre, films and music videos since their establishment in 2017.

We are proud to be building stories on land that has heard story shared for thousands of years beforehand. In our own way, we aim to keep the story-telling tradition alive for the next generations. Got Ya Back is delighted to be involved in Sky Stories 2023.

MANDUWAY DUTTON

7:30pm-8:00pm

Gumbaynggirr and Barkindji singer/songwriter, Manduway transports his audience with his multi-lingual lyrics, warm vocals and silky skills on the piano. Performing for more than 15 years in dance, theatre and various bands, Manduway has found empowerment in writing and performing his own music influenced by his Indigenous heritage.

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EVENT MAP

