



## **Wurridjal Djalang - Poets in the Park**

### **Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal Poets**

#### **Be a part of the 2021 Wurridjal Festival- It's Mullet season on the Cooks River!**

The festival marks the start of a season when thousands of mullet – known as 'wurridjal' in the Sydney Aboriginal languages – enter the Cooks River during their pre-spawning migration along the east coast of Australia.

The Wurridjal Festival reminds us that for tens of thousands of years the river was healthy and a source of food for Aboriginal people. With 40+ free events throughout March, the festival highlights the river is highly valued and celebrated and that there is a determination to continue to restore it.

From Caring for Country activities and cultural learning experiences, to wildlife encounters and riverside recreation, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Mullet season is one of the happiest times of the year for Aboriginal communities in and around Kamay (Botany Bay). It recalls a time of plenty and community gatherings.

#### **Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal Poets**

The festival is looking for eight performers. Come and share a poem about yourself, your families and your country in unique settings across the Cooks River catchment.

The events are outdoors with no amplification or staging and with a booked audience of up to 40 people. Each performer will be provided with a space by the river to perform for no longer than 20 minutes.

Two poets will perform each night over four Wednesday evenings in March between 6.30-7.30. Performers will be included in the festival program and media and paid \$200 for each performance.

We encourage all Aboriginal people who have a poem to perform to apply and be part of the first Wurridjal Djalang event.



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# Application

Expressions of interest close at 9AM MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY.

Send this page to [info@cooksriver.org.au](mailto:info@cooksriver.org.au).

Name	
Mobile	
Email	
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 March <input type="checkbox"/> 17 March <input type="checkbox"/> 24 March <input type="checkbox"/> 31 March

Please tell us a bit about yourself. This may be used to promote the event.

Please provide a description of the work that you are planning to do. Note it needs to be your own work or you need permission to perform it.

## Terms and Conditions

It is a condition of entry that all terms and conditions are accepted without reservation

1. I give my permission for Wurridjal Festival to use my name for promotional purposes.
2. Any self-promotion for this event must include Wurridjal and Landcare logos.
3. The performance will be compliant with all relevant laws, regulations and guidelines that are applicable, including workplace, health and safety legislation.

*I have read and understood the Festival Program's terms and conditions and accept all as outlined*

Signature	
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## What Happens Next?

The Wurridjal Festival committee be contacting you on Tuesday 23 February if you are successful.

## Need More Information?

See the website regarding Wurridjal Festival; <https://cooksriver.org.au/> For further information, please contact Ciaron Dunn at the Cooks River Alliance.

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