

The Karijini Experience 2023 - New dates in its Banjima Homeland

The Karijini Experience event will deepen its roots in its Banjima Homeland during NAIDOC Week 2023.

Banjima Traditional Owners are excited as ownership of the event has passed to Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC) with a primary focus to celebrate and promote Pilbara Aboriginal culture, history, and achievements.

Senior Banjima Elder Maitland Parker has played a main role in the activities of the event since it began. Maitland said Banjima people always look forward to sharing their culture and country with visitors, and the Karijini Experience is always a highlight of the year to be a part of.

“We are very excited to welcome people to our homeland, and especially in 2023 we hope to really help people dive deeper into experiencing and understanding our culture, us as people and why country is so important for all of us.”

Maitland said with a larger focus on Aboriginal content being planned, moving the event dates to July made perfect sense.

The 2023 Karijini Experience will be held from 5th to 9th July during NAIDOC Week. It will be a five-day celebration of culture and the arts set in the spectacular gorges and surrounds of the remote and rugged Karijini National Park in Western Australia’s Pilbara region.

“Traditional Owners love to share and celebrate our culture, and what better time than NAIDOC Week? We also want to involve Traditional Owners from across the Pilbara to participate so people really are going to see something special that you won’t see anywhere else. It’s going to be a big task, but we are up for it.”

Community group The Nintirri Centre, has managed the event since 2015, with BNTAC as the principal sponsor. Under Nintirri’s stewardship The Karijini Experience has earned a reputation as one of the most sought out events of the tourism calendar.

“We appreciate the hard work Nintirri has done over the years to develop the event. We feel now it is time we own it and run it,” Maitland said.

As part of the change in management, CMS Events has been appointed as event organiser. CMS Director, Richard Campbell said they would seek to build on the work The Nintirri Centre had done to continue to build the reputation of the event as a mix of culture, food, music and art on country, with an increased recognition of traditional owners.

As performers and events are locked in and tickets become available, they will be featured on the website www.karijiniexperience.com. Be sure to keep your eye for some brand-new options to travel and stay and experience the Banjima Homeland.

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