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It's on!

Tomorrow night (Friday 1 October) a new, annual event comes to



Woorabinda, a celebration of community and culture through ceremony, song and dance Kulgoodah festival organiser Joel Cameron says.

"The purpose of Kulgoodah is to strengthen cultural ties and ensure this legacy

lives on in our communities," he said.

"It will become a significant event for our community because it's important for us to preserve and remain united through our culture, acknwledging our 52

tribal groups as well.

"This is about remembering our past and securing our future."

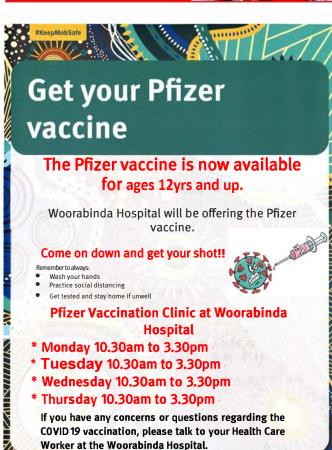
He said
Kulgoodah as a
festival was also
developed to
raise the profile
of the dance
group and the
community.

Joel Cameron - pic by Jacob McQuire

"The Festival, at this

first event, will also formally recognise the name of our traditional dance group: Kulgoodah," he said.

"We have a long term plan for invitations to be extended to traditional dance groups and performers from around Australia."



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A women's art camp held this week saw artists from Cairns, Yarrabah, Mossman and Hopevale connect with Woorabinda artists.

The four day camp, held at Blackboy Outstation, hosted a number of workshop – from weaving to painting – facilitated by FNQ artists Lynelle Flinders, Elverina Johnson, Merindi Shreiber and Esmae Bowen. Woorabinda Arts Manager Nickeema Williams said the program was not only an important step in developing the artistic practice of women in community, but a fantastic

opportunity to create a safe space for women to be together and engage with each other.

"Many of the women I had talked to before the campwith were very excited to learn about weaving practices," she said.

"So it was great to see community members really engage with that particular art form, hopefully in the coming months we'll see some great weavings come from Woorabinda.

"Creating a safe space for women was an essential part of this program, I'd like to thank all of the artists who came from up north to help facilitate that environment, for women to have spaces to come together and do art as well as just yarn and be around each other – it's something Woorabinda Arts is keen support."





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