

Baaka Cultural Centre Wilcannia Aboriginal Corporation ICN8560



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Ground-Breaking Celebration Tuesday August 15

We are celebrating a significant step forward in the \$9.5 million Baaka Cultural Centre project with the contract to build the center having been signed.

To mark this milestone, the Baaka Cultural Centre and Central Darling Shire Council are hosting a Ground-Breaking Celebration. This will also be an opportunity to showcase the state's far west.

The program for the day will include traditional dancers, musical performances, plus art and craft stalls.

Current and past board members will join supporters of the project and community members as we mark this historic occasion.

The successful contractor is David Payne Constructions Dubbo. During construction it is estimated that about 20 workers will be on site at any given time, and this will include Indigenous workers.

The Baaka Cultural Centre will repurpose the Knox and Downs building in the center of Wilcannia. It will be a keeping place for important Baakantji artefacts and be a place for past, present, and future artists to display their works. It will include a language lab with the intent to help to preserve local dialects. The center also has a range of strategic objectives that include employment and economic development opportunities for Aboriginal people living in the Far West.

The project is being funded by both the Australian and NSW Governments.

This is an exciting time for the Far West.

Event: Ground Breaking Celebration

When: Tuesday August 15, 2023

Time: 11 am – 2 pm

Location: Baker Park Wilcannia.

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