

BLUE
MOUNTAINS
THEATRE

2026 - PART 2



SPOTLIGHT

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Welcome

to this second edition of

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We are thrilled to bring you an unforgettable line-up of live music, captivating theatre, world-class comedy and international film to carry you through the second half of 2026. To help you plan your next night out, here is a taste of what is coming to our stage...

MUSIC LOVERS

Get ready for an electrifying evening of ancestral Romani music, tango, swing jazz, and British pop with **Lolo Lovina - DRrOM – Balkan Fire!**

Follow that up with the legendary **Choirboys** bringing wild rock 'n' roll storytelling and classic anthems, and **The Killer Queen Experience** - a massive spectacle delivering stadium

rock energy. For something more intimate, **Darren Coggan and Damien Leith** present **Two Of Us**, a beautiful tribute to Lennon and McCartney, while the **Creedence Clearwater Collective** delivers a definitive tribute to rock royalty.

COMEDY & DRAMA

Theatre lovers will be spellbound by the hit play **Bombshells**, from acclaimed Australian playwright **Joanna Murray-Smith**.

Prepare for non-stop laughs with comedians **Lawrence Mooney** and **Dave Hughes**, the riotous **Nurse Georgie Carroll**, and a delightfully twisted Christmas party courtesy of **The Kransky Sisters**.

CHILDREN & FAMILY THEATRE

For the young and young at heart, we have **Tim Winton's** classic **The Bugalugs Bum Thief** and **A Little Bit of Blue** - an interactive environmental detective story told with innovative and beautiful puppetry.

Meanwhile, film buffs can cast their votes in the annual global phenomenon of the **MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival**.

As always we thank you for continuing to champion live performance in our community. After all, it's our incredible audience that keeps the magic of the stage alive!

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In this brochure you'll find a selection of exciting performers and events.

For details of all upcoming shows, visit www.bluemountainstheatre.com.au

BOOKINGS

Bookings can be made through our Box Office in person or by phone during the hours outlined below, or online at any time.

Blue Mountains Theatre Box Office

106 Macquarie Rd, Springwood NSW 2777

Email: hubreception@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 4780 5050

Box Office phone service hours:

9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Box Office counter service* hours:

9.30am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday
and one hour prior to performances.

**subject to change without notice.*

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CHOIRBOYS

Reckon you know Aussie rock? Think again.

Choirboys are pulling back the curtain with a one-of-a-kind live show packed with wild stories, cheeky laughs and the legendary Aussie rock anthems you love. Expect classics from AC/DC, Dragon, Rose Tattoo, Iggy Pop, Divinyls, The Angels, Screaming Jets, Deep Purple and more - performed live on stage.

Part concert, part story, *Run to Paradise* is a raw, hilarious, and jaw-dropping journey through the golden era of Australian pub rock. Told in their own words, the Choirboys share stories you were never meant to hear - wild nights, backstage madness, and the kind of insanity only a rock band could survive, as they recall it.

Frontman Mark Gable says it best: "There were no rules... and the stories are incredibly funny."

Don't miss your chance to see living legends relive it all - live, loud and unapologetically real.

Age recommendation 18+

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST, 8PM

TICKETS Adult \$79 | Concession \$75
VIP Experience \$150

DAVE HUGHES - COOKED

There is no one else that comes close to the phenomenon that is Dave Hughes. Behind that cooked looking facade is a mind that works like no other.

Dave has carved out a large place in the Australian cultural landscape for good reason. His take on the world around him is unique, ever changing, and not to be missed. His shows are events that live long in the memory.

Now more honest than ever, not only is he Australia's best stand up comedian, he is as good as it gets anywhere on the planet.

"A master of his trade."



- The Advertiser

Recommended for ages 15+

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST, 4:30PM

TICKETS Adults \$54 | Students \$49
Concession \$49 | Group 6+ \$49





BLUE MOUNTAINS THEATRE PRESENTS

LOLO LOVINA



DRROM - BALKAN FIRE

An electrifying evening of Ancestral Romani music, tango, swing jazz and British pop!

Join us at the theatre for a virtuosic musical journey through Romani and Balkan traditions, weaving personal heartfelt Romani stories, fiery instrumentation, and immersive projections into an evening of raw energy, resilience, and cultural pride.

Performed by Lolo Lovina, a Sydney-based band who inspire audiences worldwide - from Cuba to Serbia, France to the Pacific Islands - to celebrate connection, culture, and community through their virtuosic, high-energy performances.

Led by vocalist Sarah Bedák and drummer, musical director Nenad Radić, they blend ancestral Romani music, tango, swing jazz, and British pop, creating a sound that's as unpredictable as it is electrifying. Their live shows are tight, interactive, and explosive, tangibly sharing their love for each other, their ancestors, and their audience.



Multicultural
NSW

Featuring:

Sarah Bedák on vocals
(Hungarian Romani)

Ilirija Ampevski on sax
(Macedonian Romani)

Ivaylo Karamenliev on kaval
(Bulgaria)

Jess Randall on violin

George Nikolopoulos on bass
(Greece)

Dave Carr on guitar

Leonid Beshlei on keys
(Ukraine)

Nenad Radić on drums
(Serbian Romani)

DRROM - Balkan Fire is a Lolo Lovina and Romani Arts & Culture Collective production.

Proudly supported by Multicultural NSW and Blue Mountains Theatre.

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST, 7:30PM

TICKETS Adult \$47 | Concession \$44 | Group 6+ \$44pp

Blue Mountains Theatre presents A Red Line Production

TIM WINTON'S *THE BUGALUGS BUM THIEF*

Adapted by Sandra Eldridge, Tim McGarry and Eva Di Cesare

Skeeta Anderson and the whole town of Bugalugs wake up one morning to find that their bums are gone. They can't sit, they can't keep their pants up, and they can barely stand. There's just a big hollow where a bum should be!

Join Skeeta Anderson, Mick Misery and Billy Marbles on an adventure to catch the thief and get their bums back!

Who is the Bugalugs bum thief?

The Bugalugs Bum Thief takes audiences on a whimsical journey through the imaginative world created by Australian author and National Treasure, Tim Winton.

This literacy-based play with music, vividly brings to life the colourful characters and quirky adventures from Winton's beloved book.

For ages 4 to 10, families, school, educator and vacation care groups

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 10AM + 12:30PM

TICKETS Adult \$26 | Student \$22 | 1 Free Teacher per 20 Students



Bum believable fun and chuckles galore!

- What's the show

The Bugalugs Bum Thief is a must-see production that perfectly blends humour, heart and creativity. It's a bum-ping good time that leaves the audience laughing, cheering, and even dancing in their seats.

- What's On Sydney



Red Line
PRODUCTIONS



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KILLER QUEEN

The Killer Queen Experience is widely regarded as Australia's most sought-after Queen tribute act.

The show has toured extensively across the globe, including the UK, Norway, Singapore, India and Russia, and has shared stages with legendary artists such as Jeff Beck, Foreigner, Journey, Twisted Sister, Thin Lizzy and Kelly Rowland.

Frontman John Blunt delivers an astonishing portrayal of Freddie Mercury, having performed to over 7 million viewers on French television and appearing in the UK docu-drama *The Freddie Mercury Story – Who Wants to Live Forever*.

This spectacular two-hour live show features all of Queen's greatest hits, including **Bohemian Rhapsody**, **We Will Rock You**, **We Are the Champions**, **Somebody to Love**, **Radio Ga Ga**, **Another One Bites the Dust** and many more, brought to life with authentic costumes, energy and musicianship - an unforgettable concert experience.

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 8PM

TICKETS Adult \$75 | Youth 16 and under \$45

"John Blunt has reincarnated Freddie Mercury so perfectly, it gives you chills."





BLUE MOUNTAINS THEATRE PRESENTS AN ECHO THEATRE PRODUCTION

BOMBSHELLS

ORDINARY WOMEN, EXTRAORDINARY CHAOS

Written by Joanna Murray-Smith | Directed by Jordan Best

Starring Louise Bennet, Lainie Hart, Ella Buckley, Yanina Clifton and Sally Taylor

With singing, dancing, comedy and the joys of sheer honesty, Joanna Murray-Smith's acclaimed play **Bombshells** is a journey from crisis to hilarity, via the thoughts of a group of women all linked by more than just their proximity to the edge; a nervous bride-to-be, an exhausted young mother, a widow with a yearning for the unexpected, a broken-hearted cactus lover, and a feisty teenage talent-quest competitor.

Joy, drama, crisis, fear, revelation – there are times where you have to remain cool and calm on the outside. The inside, meanwhile, is a flailing monologue of personal pep talks, perish-the-thoughts and perpetual panic.

Bombshells strips back the masks we wear to reveal the things that sometimes we'd just love to say out loud.

A Q&A with the cast will follow this performance.

Age recommendation 15+

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

TICKETS Adult \$60 | Concession \$55

Student 30 & under \$35

Group 6+ \$55

"A blast of magnificent writing... a tale of Everywoman, beautifully told, insightfully directed, perfectly performed and creatively staged."

- Peter Wilkins, Canberra Critics Circle





DARREN COGGAN & DAMIEN LEITH

TWO OF US - THE SONGS OF LENNON & McCARTNEY

Two of Australia's most applauded performers, **Darren Coggan** and **Damien Leith**, are back on stage celebrating two of the most inspiring songwriters of all time, John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Two Of Us – The Songs Of Lennon & McCartney is a magical, intimate and acoustic portrait of the songs that changed the world.

The two-hour show is back-to-back hits with immortal songs from The Beatles treasure trove of pop history, along with the richness and diversity of Lennon and McCartney's solo careers including *Hey Jude*, *All You Need Is Love*, *Yesterday*, *Imagine*, *Mull Of Kintyre*, *Eleanor Rigby*, *Let It Be*, *Jealous Guy*, *Beautiful Boy*, *Blackbird* and more, accompanied

by the sounds of *The Strawberry Fields* Stringed Quartet.

Set against the backdrop of popular culture, the stories and the messages in these songs are timeless, they have become part of the fabric of our existence and the foundation of popular music as we know it today.

Damien Leith became a household name when he won *Australian Idol* in 2006, making an indelible imprint on the Australian music scene since.

Darren Coggan is a masterful storyteller who has carved an impressive career in the Australian country music industry with his latest release *Always Believe In Love* topping the charts.

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 8PM

TICKETS Adult \$65 | Concession \$60 | Group 8+ \$60

THE 29TH ANNUAL MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY BLUE MOUNTAINS THEATRE

Film lovers will unite in over 500 venues worldwide to view and judge the work of the next generation of filmmakers from around the world with the 29th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival - the world's first global film festival.

MANHATTAN SHORT is the only film festival of its kind. The final selections screen simultaneously across the world during a one-week period, where attendees vote for Best Film and Best Actor awards at each participating venue. Every short film selected will automatically qualify for the 2027 Oscars.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

TICKETS Adult \$24 | Concession \$20 | Youth \$18



MANHATTAN
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THE POWER OF OPTIMISM REALLY CAN SAVE THE WORLD!

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THE
SPONGEBOB
MUSICAL™

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea and became the hottest star on Broadway? Why, it's SpongeBob SquarePants!
And now he's ready to ride the wave to entertain and delight audiences in this brilliant,
bright, hilarious and brand-new musical.

17 OCT - 1 NOV 2026 | BLUE MOUNTAINS MUSICAL SOCIETY

Blue Mountains Theatre presents
A Little Bit of Blue

*Learn about a most curious creature
 with this interactive Detective Story!*

A Little Bit of Blue is an interactive environmental detective story, told with puppetry. As well as unravelling a mystery, it involves learning about the unique habits of an extraordinary Australian animal, the Satin Bowerbird, and their fascination for the colour blue.

Mavis's world is turned upside-down by small disappearances. It's troubling at first, but the thief then takes it one step too far so Mavis calls in Detective Harry McGee, an adorable buffoon, to investigate!

For ages 3 to 10 and their families
 Special Q & A with puppeteer Jenny Ellis
 after the show.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 10AM

TICKETS Adult \$26 | Child \$22 | Family \$88

PUPPETRY OF PAPER WORKSHOP

Post-show from 11:30am | **TICKETS** \$22





NURSE GEORGIE CARROLL

Georgie Carroll is back with her brand-new show, **INFECTIOUS**. An undeniable live comedy powerhouse and a natural storyteller, she's razor sharp and riotous.

Nurse turned comedian, Georgie Carroll is not only brilliantly funny, she is unstoppable on the comedy circuit having performed her smash hit award winning show **Sista Flo 2.0** for three solid years of sold out seasons (UK, NZ, AU).

Don't miss her brand new show!

"Really Funny... Just Brilliant"
- Simon Cowell

★★★★★
"Rollicking, riotous comedy"
- The Age

★★★★★
"Sublime comedy"
- Glam Adelaide

★★★★★
"Exceptional"
- Mervyn Stutters Pick of The Fringe

★★★★★
*"Nurse Georgie Carroll proves that
laughter is the best medicine
& you cannot miss your dose!"*
- Lost in Theatre Land UK

Recommended for ages 15+

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

TICKETS Adult \$64.90
Concession \$59.90 | Group 8+ \$59.90

LAWRENCE MOONEY

Don't miss Lawrence Mooney as he brings his hilarious brand new show and all his fan favourite characters to the Blue Mountains for One Night Only!

Moonman has been playing with characters for years. Everyone loves his Malcolm Turnbull except of course Malcolm Turnbull. On **The Front Bar** in the past couple of years he's introduced us to Dr Tyler Wall, the AFL Mind Set Coach, French Chef de mission Jean Le Camembert and Port Adelaide tragic Gavin Muntberry, and now all of them are together at one **Full Moon Party**.

Join the Moonman as he helps each of these wonderful individuals come to life live on stage. They'll be fighting for the spotlight as Moonman tries to wrangle these much-loved characters in what will be an unforgettable, hilarious show. It's going to be a riot.

Recommended for ages 15+

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 8PM

TICKETS Adults \$69.90

Concession \$64.90 | Group 8+ \$64.90



CREEDENCE CLEARWATER COLLECTIVE

All the hits that defined a generation - and have become the soundtrack for many more – all in one night, live on stage.

We invite you to join us for a night celebrating the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty, as we present the music of one of the world's most iconic bands – from the songs they wrote and the songs they covered, to the songs they wrote for others.

Creedence Clearwater Collective brings to the stage a band that captures the unique CCR sound.

You do not want to hear through the grapevine that you missed out on this howling good time

Join us, a real-life travelling band!

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

TICKETS

Adult \$69 | Concession \$64

Youth \$49 | Group 6+ \$59



A photograph of three women dressed as The Krasky Sisters. They are wearing white polka-dot shirts with red bows at the neck. The woman on the left is eating a cracker. The woman in the middle is wearing glasses. The woman on the right is looking forward. They are in a room decorated for Christmas with pine branches, red bows, and dried orange slices. There are framed portraits on the wall behind them.

A Cracker Kransky Christmas

A Crock Pot of Cracker Hits

Pack your mince pies and Christmas spirit...
The Kransky Sisters are coming to town!

Travelling from their hometown of Esk in their trusty Morris, the sisters are eager to share their unravelling stories along with home spun renditions of popular songs deftly banged out on a wondrously odd-ball menagerie of instruments.

From Britney Spears to the Spice Girls, MC Hammer to AC/DC and carols like you've never heard them before, a night with this delightfully twisted trio will more than fill your Christmas stockings.

Lost love, home remedies, an old radio, and scrub turkeys, the sisters share their adventures and misadventures alike. Complete with their instruments - a tuba, toilet brush, kitchen pot, biscuit tin, saw, reed keyboard and an old guitar, this is a Christmas experience not to be missed.

Recommended for ages 12+

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER, 7:30PM

TICKETS \$60

HUBBUB

HUBBUB unites Springwood Library, Braemar House and Blue Mountains Theatre + Community Hub in celebration of community and creativity.

This vibrant, family-friendly event features free hands-on activities, interactive workshops, stunning art exhibitions and bustling artisan markets. Don't miss the spectacular Book Week parade!

Packing excitement and inspiration for all ages, this is a truly special neighborhood gathering that is absolutely not to be missed.

Saturday 29 August, from 9am



Love Local Makers Market

The Love Local Makers Market is an artisan crafts market held on the forecourt of Blue Mountains Theatre & Community Hub.

This curated market brings together a range of contemporary local artists and producers, with all goods crafted by hand in the Blue Mountains.

Market visitors can browse a variety of unique handmade wares, relax with a coffee and sweet treat, enjoy free entertainment and live demonstrations.

Saturday 29 August
Sunday 22 November
8:30am to 1pm



Hub Day Out

Hub Day Out brings the community together for free, low-stress, and creative school holiday activities.

Hosted on the forecourt and ground floor of The Hub - a welcoming space for young people and their families - the event features local organisations hosting games, crafts, and imagination-led play.

Guided by friendly staff, attendees can also enjoy music, free food and drinks, and a dedicated chillout space to relax, connect, and be inspired.

Wednesday 7 October
11am to 2pm



Braemar Gallery

Braemar House is part of the Blue Mountains and Community Hub precinct, and home to Braemar Gallery, Braemar Creative Programs and the Public Sculpture Garden.

Opening in 1988, Braemar Gallery is a community non-commercial gallery hosting monthly exhibitions that showcase works of local and regional artists. The exhibitions are part of an annual program selected and coordinated by a volunteer Reference Group.

Braemar Gallery is open 10am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday. Admission is free.

The Public Sculpture Garden is always open on the lawns of Braemar House.



Volunteer at Braemar Gallery

Braemar Gallery is open thanks to a dedicated team of individuals who open and close the space and welcome visitors.

No experience is necessary, just an appreciation of art and an eagerness to greet visitors and provide general information with a monthly commitment to a three hour shift.

Volunteers have the opportunity to participate in an annual exhibition and receive invitations to special events. There are also opportunities to join the volunteer Reference Group.

To learn more, email braemargallery@gmail.com



Braemar Creative Projects Residency

This residency supports artists and creatives with the space and time to create new work, present workshops, write, reflect or develop new ideas.

The residency will provide access to a room at Braemar House in Springwood on a weekly or hourly basis at a subsidised rate, with opportunities for support around performances, public programs or other residency outcomes.

Expressions of interest are open on an on-going basis.

To learn more visit bluemountainstheatre.com.au/braemar-house/opportunities/



IMAGES: HUBBUB 2024. Photo: Maja Baska | Love Local Makers Markets (supplied) | Children enjoying an event at the Hub 2025. Photo: Maja Baska | Braemar House and Public Sculpture Garden (supplied) | Braemar Gallery volunteers Mandy Galbraith and Jennifer Gardiner (supplied) | Pom-pom Picnic outside of Braemar House facilitated by Estee Sarsfield (supplied).

Hub Gallery

The Hub Gallery showcases our vibrant local arts community and supports artists with a new gallery space accessible to all visitors.

Expressions of interest are now open for submissions. For more information, email hubreception@bmcc.nsw.gov.au

Located in the foyer and on level 1 of Blue Mountains Theatre + Community Hub, the Hub Gallery is open 9am to 3pm weekdays and 10am to 4pm weekends.

Admission is free.



Recreate Artist Residency

Calling all artists who are interested in creating with waste materials!

This residency welcomes artists to the Katoomba Waste Management and Resource Recovery Facility with access to a dedicated maker space for up to three months and the chance to develop a project using or inspired by green waste, e-waste and cardboard.

To learn more, please email culturaldevelopment@bmcc.nsw.gov.au



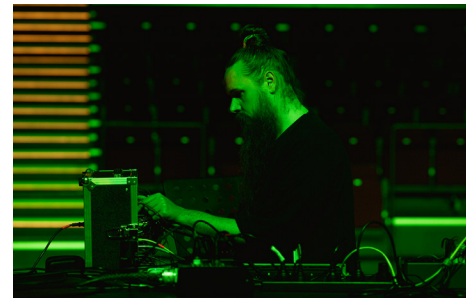
Propel: Performance Pathways

Propel is returning later this year, this time based out of the Wentworth Falls School of Arts!

Open to theatre makers, dancers, musicians and experimental performance artists, the residency provides space to create, rehearse and perform.

Residents can also connect with mentors and seek additional support to hone their craft and propel their art to the next level.

To register for updates, please email culturaldevelopment@bmcc.nsw.gov.au



Blue Mountains Cultural Centre

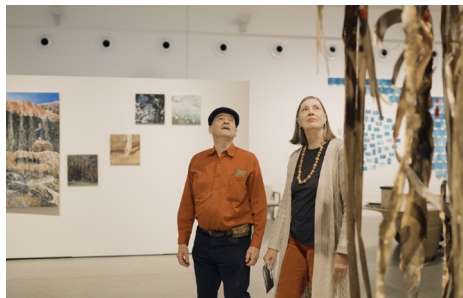
Home to the Blue Mountains City Art Gallery, the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre offers an inspiring exhibition program featuring local and national artists, touring exhibitions, and in-house curated displays.

Enjoy the Viewing Platform after immersing yourself in art and the World Heritage Interpretive Exhibition.

Located on Level 1, 30 Parke St Katoomba

Open 9am to 5pm weekdays
and 9am to 4pm weekends

For more information, please visit
www.culturalcentre@bmcc.nsw.gov.au



Gallery Shop

Housed within the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, the Gallery Shop offers a unique retail experience, showcasing an extensive range of local and Australian made products.

Their range of gifts, homewares, stationery, books and toys are carefully selected to complement gallery exhibitions and the Blue Mountains region.

The Gallery Shop stocks over 40 local suppliers and Blue Mountains Cultural Centre InSight Members receive a 10% discount in the shop, plus invitations to exclusive sales through the year.



Gallery Café

The newly refreshed Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Gallery Café offers a contemporary space celebrating local flavours and mountain hospitality.

The menu highlights handcrafted toasties on premium Sonoma sourdough, featuring classics like ham and cheese alongside seasonal creations like honey-roasted pumpkin and halloumi.

Sweet treats include artisan cakes and slices from local bakers Sublime Cakes and Postmistress, plus in-house baked goods. Coffee lovers can enjoy smooth, locally roasted blends from Little Coffee Co.



IMAGES: Hub Gallery (supplied) | Em Yali at Katoomba Waste Facility for their 2024 residency. Photographer: Maja Baska | Robert Frost performing *Resonant Frequency Scanning* at the Festival of New Work as part of their 2024 residency. Photo by Maja Baska | The Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Art Gallery *Disruptor: for all that matters*. Photo: Cloudbird | A sample of local wares in the Cultural Centre Shop (supplied) | A variety of meals available in the Cultural Centre Gallery Café (supplied).

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A one off fee of \$4.70 (for service and handling) applies per transaction.

This is regardless of the number or value of items purchased.

Visit bluemountainstheatre.com.au for all ticketing terms and conditions.

GROUP DISCOUNTS

Gather a group of friends for a night out and receive a discount for selected shows.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please contact our Box Office for assistance with wheelchair and companion card bookings, to request a hearing loop, or if you have any mobility concerns.

GIFT VOUCHERS

An ideal present for any occasion, gift vouchers are available in any denomination and are valid for 3 years. Gift vouchers can be purchased online or at the Box Office.

The City of the Blue Mountains is located within the Country of the Darug and Gundungurra peoples.

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