

# Media Release



## NSW State Library to launch 'pop up' Corroboree Lounge

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The State Library's 'pop up' Corroboree Lounge will show Sydney's rich Indigenous culture to local and international visitors during Corroboree Sydney 2013 (14 – 24 November 2013).

The Corroboree Lounge, situated on the ground floor of the State Library of NSW in Macquarie Street, will offer a relaxed meeting point for festival goers and a place to discover local languages and family history links.

According to Melissa Jackson, from the State Library's Indigenous Unit, "We hope elders will come along to the Corroboree Lounge and share culture with younger generations."

The new annual festival is being created by nine of Sydney's major arts and cultural institutions which have strong Indigenous programs, including the State Library of NSW, Bangarra Dance Theatre, Sydney Opera House and the Royal Botanic Gardens.

"The State Library has a long-standing history in connecting Indigenous people across NSW with stories and resources unique to community, thanks largely to the team of dynamic staff in our Indigenous Unit and our rich collections," said Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian and Chief Executive.

"The State Library is also playing an active, leading role in Indigenous language revitalisation and we're thrilled to be sharing recent language discoveries from the Sydney area, uncovered recently as part of our landmark *Indigenous Languages Project*," Dr Byrne said.

Visitors to the Corroboree Lounge and the adjoining Metcalfe Auditorium can enjoy a range of experiences, including:

- Intimate viewings of previously unknown Indigenous language lists from the Sydney area;
- A series of 'Lounge talks' by invited experts and the Library's Indigenous Unit staff on Sydney Aboriginal languages, researching your Indigenous family history and discovering where Aboriginal communities of Sydney lived; and
- Mini film festival featuring a selection of award winning documentaries by Blackfella Films, including *The Buckskin*, *First Australians* and *Freedom Rides*.

For more information about Corroboree Sydney at the State Library of NSW, visit [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/corroboree](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/corroboree)

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