



RECORD-BREAKING SHOW YULDEA COMES TO DUBBO REGION

Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, is bringing Frances Rings' powerful production of *Yuldea* to the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC).

Yuldea explores the abrupt moment the traditional life of the Anangu people collided with the industrial ambition of a growing nation in South Australia's Yuldea (Ooldea) settlement. In Yuldea, the ancient waterhole, Yooldil Kapi, connected important trading routes and dreaming stories that crossed through the site for thousands of years. As a result of the industrial pressures placed on the permanent waterhole, the water quickly ran dry.

Yuldea is Frances Rings' first work as Artistic Director of Bangarra Dance Theatre and represents a deeply personal ceremonial affirmation of history and heritage, inspired by her family's connection to the area.

Manager Regional Events Linda Christof said the DRTCC is honoured to bring *Yuldea* to local audiences, highlighting the production also has a strong connection to the Dubbo Region.

“*Yuldea* is a fantastic production, and we look forward to welcoming the Bangarra Dance Theatre to the DRTCC stage.”

“One of the company dancers, Amberlilly Gordon, is a Dubbo local and proud Wiradjuri and Ngemba woman.”

“Amber started her journey in dance at age 14 in Dubbo with Bangarra’s Rekindling program. In 2022, she joined the company as the Youth Programs Trainee then joined the performing company as the 2023 Russell Page Professional Development Scholarship recipient. This year she performs with Bangarra as a full-time company dancer,” Ms Christof said.

As part of DRTCC’s commitment to community engagement and investing in local performers, the theatre is hosting a free dance workshop for school students facilitated by Bangarra company dancers.

A free master class for dance students is also available, with several spaces still available. For further information contact drtcc@dubbo.nsw.gov.au.

Bangarra Dance Theatre is performing for one night only at the DRTCC on Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm.

Secure your tickets by booking online at drtcc.com.au, visiting the Box Office or calling 6801 4378.

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