



Wunambal Gaambera Country
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North Kimberley ready for worldwide audience

Wunambal Gaambera Country in the North Kimberley is gearing up for exposure to millions of television viewers worldwide following a recent visit by hugely popular program “Coast Australia”.

Hosted by Scottish historian and archaeologist Neil Oliver, Foxtel’s History Channel production of the BBC format looks at how people have interacted with the coast throughout history and today.

Wunambal Gaambera Traditional Owners valued the opportunity to share stories of their country and culture and as they showed the film crew across vast areas of their 2.5 million hectares of land and sea.

From ancient rock art sites to “right-way” burning by chopper, Coast Australia was given a rare insight to the traditional and modern lives of Wunambal Gaambera people.

Wunambal Gaambera Aboriginal Corporation chair Catherine Goonack said the crew was given access to sites and activities rarely seen by the public.

“Coast Australia is a wonderful opportunity for us to show the world not only the stories and wild beauty of Wunambal Gaambera country but also the great success story of our Healthy Country work, Uunguu Ranger program and how we live today,” Ms Goonack said.

Logistical assistance by air and sea was provided by Paspaley Group, which holds pearl farming leases on Wunambal Gaambera Country. The North Kimberley Fire Abatement Program coordinated by Kimberley Land Council assisted with aerial burning logistics.

World-renowned surf photographer Russell Ord helped document the trip with a portfolio of stunning still images.

The film crew visited other Kimberley locations over several weeks for the hour-long episode. Coast Australia –The Kimberley is now in post-production and expected to screen nationally on Foxtel over summer, followed by distribution internationally.

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