

Connect to Kambarang 2026

Artisan Markets – Expression of Interest



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Acknowledgement

Rottnest Island Authority kaadatj Wadjak Noongar moort. Baalap Wadjemup kaaradjiny,
RIA acknowledge Whadjuk Noongar families. They Wadjemup caring,

baalabang malayin nakolak-ngat wer wirn kalyakoorl noyining koort boodja-k wer kep-ak.
their culture and spirits always connected Island-to and water-to.

Ngalak kaadatj nedingar, birdiya wer boordakan Noongar moort. Ngalak karnadjil kaadatj
We acknowledge ancestors, Elders and future Noongar families. We truly acknowledge men

maaman wer noba wirn ali kalka nginow noyiyang Wadjemap ngardak boodja-k.
and boys' spirits who still remain connected Wadjemup under ground-in.

Baalabang moort maambart-boort, ngooni-boort, kongk-boort wer Birdiya-boort.
Their family's father-without, brother-without, uncle-without and Elder-without.

Invitation to Participate

We're inviting Aboriginal artists, makers, and small business owners to be part of the 2026 Connect to Kambarang event on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island.

This package outlines everything you need to know about the event including:

- What the event is and who it's for
- What the RIA is offering to participating vendors
- What you'll need to provide
- How to express your interest

We're looking to engage with up to 15 stallholders to showcase and sell original Aboriginal-made arts and products. Some previous market examples are:

- Artworks and prints
- Textiles, fashion and gifts
- Jewelry and homewares
- Bushfoods and consumables

If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you!



Event Details

Event Name: Connect to Kambarang

Dates: Friday 9 through to Sunday 11 October 2026

Times:

- 3 pm – 7 pm Friday 9 October
- 11 am – 3 pm Saturday 10 October
- 11 am – 3 pm Sunday 11 October

Location: Thomson Lawn, Wadjemup / Rottnest Island (2-minute walk or 350 metres from the main jetty)

Event Summary:

Celebrate the season of Kambarang on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island with Connect to Kambarang, a vibrant, family-friendly event that honours Whadjuk Noongar culture, creativity, and connection to Country. As the island bursts into life with wildflowers and wildlife, visitors are invited to immerse themselves in a weekend of cultural experiences, including Aboriginal arts and crafts, bush tucker tastings, weaving and dance workshops, and live performances by local Aboriginal artists.

At the heart of the event is the Connect to Kambarang Artisan Markets, showcasing original works by emerging and established Aboriginal creatives, from paintings and textiles to fashion, homewares, and gifts. The event opens with a Welcome to Country and reflects the 2026 NAIDOC theme: “50 Years of Deadly”, celebrating five decades of honouring Indigenous voices and the bright future led by young leaders.

This free event is open to all, with registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Site Map



Attendee Details

Estimated Attendance

- Approximately 400 attendees per day
- Total of 1200+ visitors across the three days

Audience Demographics

- Primarily intrastate visitors to Wadjemup
- Includes young couples, families with children, and seniors
- A mix of day and overnight visitors

Why This Matters for Vendors

- High Visibility: Central event location with strong foot traffic
- Engaged Audience: Visitors are seeking authentic Aboriginal cultural experiences
- Sales Potential: Ideal environment for selling handmade or original products
- Cultural Alignment: Your work will be showcased in a respectful and relevant setting
- Brand Exposure: Opportunity to connect with new customers and collaborators



Support for Vendors

As part of our support for participating vendors, the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) will provide the following:

Return Ferry Tickets (daily)

- From Fremantle or Hillary's, depending on the vendors location and preference.
- Up to 3 x tickets for stall staff/volunteers and an additional 10 x tickets for family and friends to attend the event.

Crate Bookings for Equipment Transfers

- Assistance with transporting your stall equipment and materials to and from the island, as well as to the event site.

Stall Equipment and Setup

- 1 x 3m x 3m Gazebo
- Trestle tables
- White linen tablecloths
- White chairs

Noting that there will be no overnight accommodation provided to vendors.



Vendor Requirements

To participate in the Connect to Kambarang Artisan Markets, vendors are required to provide the following:

Registered Business Documentation

- ABN 'Australian Business Number'
- Public Liability Insurance
- Local Government Business Registration (if applicable)
- Food Handling Certificate/s (if selling food or beverages)
- Other relevant documentation

Payment Facilities

- Vendors must be able to accept card payments (e.g. EFTPOS, Square, etc.)

Staffing

- Vendors are responsible for providing staff or volunteers to operate their market stall for the full duration of the event.

Agreement

- Rottnest Island Authority will grant permission (regulation 57 *Rottnest Island Authority Regulations 1988*) to sell goods via an agreement that will require vendors to report turnover, following the event. Zero commission of sales will be applied at the 2026 event.



Next Steps

If you are interested in participating in the 2026 Connect to Kambarang Aboriginal Artisan Markets, please provide the following information as part of your expression of interest:

1. **Business or Artist Name**
2. **Business or Artist Bio**
 - A short introduction to your business or creative practice
3. **Photos**
 - Images of your product
 - Photos of your market stall setup (if previously attended a market, this is not a requirement of eligibility)
4. **Product List**
 - A list or brief description of the items you intend to sell at the event including pricing
5. **Equipment Requirements**
 - Let us know what equipment you require from the RIA (e.g. number of tables and chairs for your stall).

Please send your Expression of Interest to: events@rotnnestisland.com



Further Information

For any questions or further details, please contact:

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Thank You

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