

Opening Ceremony Information

Opening Ceremony for a three day Indigenous Ceremony

- WHERE:** Lyell Deer Farm, Lyell Ct, Mt Samson (off Foggs Road).
Approx 40mins North West of Brisbane CBD. For directions go to <http://www.lyelldeerfarm.com/directions.htm>
- WHEN:** Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. Registrations at the office from 6.00pm. Please let us know if you require assistance. Disabled and elderly access is available to the site via a Lyell Deer Farm car.
- WHAT TO WEAR:** In honour of the elders women are asked to wear a long skirt and a top which covers the arms and men long pants and a long sleeved top. Closed shoes are essential. No shorts, tank tops or thongs. You may also like to bring something warm.
- WHAT TO BRING:** The path to the site will be lit but please bring a torch if you require more light. Also bring a blanket or fold up chair to sit on. The site is on a slope so a blanket is best if you can manage it.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **No drugs, alcohol or intoxicants** of any kind are allowed. Anyone under the influence of any substance will not be permitted to participate. Prescription drugs are permitted.
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- **Children** are welcome and are to be supervised at all times. Children and adults who are disrespectful and fail to act in a responsible manner will be asked to leave immediately.
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- **Pets** are not permitted on the premises.
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- **Smoking:** There is a designated smoking area. No smoking is allowed in the ceremonial or eating areas.
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- **Photos:** Photos are welcome but please ask permission. You are requested not to take photos during the 'Welcome to Country' portion of the program.
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- **Mobile Phones** are to be turned off during the Opening Ceremony.
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- **Car Parking:** is available.

Weekend Event information.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sun Screen
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Torch or headlamp
- Insect Repellant
- Closed walking shoes
- Sleeping bag and mat and/or tent
- Towel(s)
- Clothes for ceremony, sweat lodge and give-away feast
- Chair or blanket to sit on during Ceremonies and Opening Ceremony
- Giveaway gift (optional)
- Notebook and/or journal and pen
- Your completed event participation form

WHAT TO WEAR:

It is traditional that women wear skirts that cover their knees. Otherwise a dressy long sleeve shirt, skirt/sarong and soft soled shoes. Something warm i.e. cotton jumper is also good. Also bring something to sit on while in ceremony (a blanket is good and/or folding chair) and any medicine bundles that you wish or power items. The men should a long sleeved shirt if they have one, pants and soft soled shoes. Otherwise dressy long sleeve shirt and pants are good. No tank tops, shorts or thongs.

Appropriate attire is required for the lodge. Natural fibre shorts for the men and 'sweat' dresses for the women are recommended. Alternatively, women can wear a skirt that covers their knees or sarong. No tank tops. Please refrain from wearing make up. No jewellery is permitted in the lodge. Both men and women should bring a towel.

Women on their moon (i.e. your period) should follow traditional guidelines and not participate in the lodge ceremony.

If you have a small leather pouch please bring it to hang around your neck for Sage, Tobacco and Spirit food.

You can also bring a change of clothes for the feast.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR INTOXICANTS:

NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR INTOXICANTS of any kind are allowed. Anyone under the influence of any substance will not be permitted to participate. You are encouraged to abstain from intoxicants for several days prior to the ceremony.