

# Tjapukai

## Tjapukai Time Line

1987	Launch of Tjapukai Dance Theatre in Kuranda basement. Instrumental in starting the first Kuranda day tour and centre of a burgeoning industry.
1988	Invited to perform at Expo 88 in Brisbane.
1989	Moves into its own-purpose built \$1 million theatre in Kuranda. First international tours - France and New Zealand. Wins Pacific Asia Travel Association Gold Award for cultural development.
1990	World Tour with Australian Tourist Commission, Qantas and Ansett to lead Australia's tourism recovery giving 58 shows in 60 days on four continents. Performs at World Expo in Japan. Represents Australia at USA Fair. Wins Queensland Small Business Award and Queensland Tourism Award for Heritage and Cultural Tourism.
1991	Tour of United States. Tjapukai documentary wins the award for Creative Excellence at the 24th Annual US Film and Video Show.
1992	Overseas tours to Korea, Japan and Singapore. Wins Australian Tourism Award, Queensland Tourism Award.
1993	Performs at the Kennedy Centre, Washington D.C. and Expo'93 in Korea. Tours Austria, Canada and US. Wins Queensland Tourism Award and Australian Tourism Award (Minister's Award).
1994	Features at Commonwealth Games - Canada, with TV audience of 100 million and performs for the Queen.
1995	Tours Japan, Minister's Award for Outstanding Overall Contribution at Australian Tourism Awards.
1996	Performs at Eco-Challenge '96 in Canada, tours Canada and US. Opens \$9 million Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park near Cairns. Enters Guinness Book of Records as Australia's longest running show.
1997	Tours New Zealand. Wins Queensland Tourism Award and Reconciliation Award.
1998	Tours Singapore and Guam, wins Queensland Tourism Award and Australian Tourism Award and is voted Most Popular Venue by the Institute of Australian Tour Guides.
1999	Tours Japan and USA. Wins Queensland Tourism Award, Australian Tourism Award and the Pacific Asia Travel Association Culture Award in Nagoya, Japan.
2000	Presents Welcome Ceremony for the Sydney Olympic Torch. Enters Queensland Tourism Awards Hall of Fame. Wins Queensland Tourism Award and Australian Tourism Award for Tjapukai Retail Gallery. Tours Japan.
2001	Tours Japan. Performs at Australian Tourism Exchange - Brisbane. Wins Australian Tourism Export Council Award for Attraction Excellence.
2002	Hosts Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park during the Royal Visit to Cairns. 'Tjapukai By Night' opens.
2003	Tour of Taiwan.
2004	Tour of Singapore. Winner of the ATEC Award for Australia's Top Attraction.
2005	Winner of Queensland Tourism Award for Best Significant Tourist Attraction, The Queensland Premier's Award for Reconciliation and The Gnunkai Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal Tourism.
2006	Selected by the Australian Government (DFAT) to represent Aboriginal Australia at "G'Day LA Australia Week 2006" held in LA. Selected to represent Queensland by Tourism Queensland during the European tour "Queensland on stage".
2007	Runner up to the Australian Newspaper Annual Tourism Awards. Tour of Singapore in conjunction with Chan Brothers.
2008	Tour of Malaysia with Tourism Australia for the MATA trade fair. Tjapukai hosts the first NAIDOC celebration day at the park.
2009	Indigenous Business Australia become the sole owners of Tjapukai Aboriginal Culutral Park.
2010	Under new ownership Tjapukai introduces a brand new theatrical show 'Didgeridoo A Journey' - which is a contemporary performance of the traditional yigi yigi (didgeridoo).
2011	Redevelopment of the entire park begins.