

**BANGARRA'S FIRST CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATION  
*THE LIGHT INSIDE* RETURNS FOR 2025 REGIONAL TOUR  
TO NEW SOUTH WALES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA & VICTORIA**



★★★★  
**TimeOut Melbourne**

★★★★  
"A new artistic frontier."  
**The Age**

★★★★½  
"A feast of cultural richness and groundbreaking innovation.  
One of the best things on Australian dance stages this year."  
**Sydney Morning Herald**

*There is a place between sea and sky – a sacred realm, where the sun rises and falls,  
and the light is new.*

After its acclaimed premiere in 2024 as part of the national tour of *Horizon*, Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, brings their first cross-cultural collaboration, *The Light Inside*, to regional Australia in 2025.

This powerful work from two of the world's great First Nations choreographers will visit Wollongong, Newcastle, and Adelaide in February and March, and Bendigo, Geelong, Wangaratta, and Ballarat in October.

Māori choreographer and Arts Laureate **Moss Te Ururangi Patterson** joins beloved Bangarra alumna **Deborah Brown** to guide the company's award-winning ensemble in stories that honour their mother countries and the spirit that guides them home.

*The Light Inside* honours the First Peoples of the Oceania region, spanning across the continent now known as Australia, the Torres Strait Islands and our southern neighbour, Aotearoa. This story of resilience explores the cultural forces that bind us together, across oceans and eons.

Patterson, a proud mokopuna (grandson) of the Ngāti Tūwharetoa tribe, was born near Lake Taupō. He has created a significant body of work for Atamira Dance Company; New Zealand's pioneering contemporary Māori dance theatre and this year, brought his extensive experience to the role of Chief Executive and Artistic Director at The New Zealand Dance Company. Throughout his career, Patterson has choreographed for major events and grassroots levels with acclaimed Indigenous artists and has been honoured with choreographic awards from Tempo Dance Festival, Toi Māori, and Creative New Zealand. Describing his sense of home as a living entity, he carries it within like a beating heart.

Brown is a proud descendant of the Wakaid Clan and Meriam people in the Torres Strait with Scottish heritage. A Senior Dancer with Bangarra for thirteen years, Deborah was awarded the Helpmann Award for her mesmerising performance in Frances Rings' critically acclaimed *Terrain*. In 2013, Brown made her choreographic and directorial debut with *Dive*. Since then, she has collaborated with leading artists across the country in works of powerful storytelling.

As part of the tour, the company will deliver workshops to schools and communities across these regions. Bangarra's regional workshop program commits to sharing their stories and cultures with audiences across the country and fostering the next generation of cultural leaders.

Bangarra Dance Theatre's artistic director, Frances Rings, says, "*The Light Inside* is the fresh and dynamic product of an important relationship between two First Nations artists, exploring cultural kinship with water and sky, and what it means to call somewhere home.

I can't wait to share this story with the communities across regional New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria. This tour is an opportunity to open audiences up to a broader global First Nations perspective, sharing issues that impact our People and Country across the ocean."

For more information and tickets, visit <https://www.bangarra.com.au/productions/the-light-inside/>

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#### **THE LIGHT INSIDE 2025 TOUR DATES:**

DHARAWAL COUNTRY	Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, Wollongong, New South Wales	13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<a href="https://aumtco.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/140486">https://aumtco.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/140486</a>
AWABAKAL AND WORIMI COUNTRY	Civic Theatre, Newcastle, New South Wales	20 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<a href="https://civictheatrenewcastle.com.au/what-s-on/all-shows/the-light-inside">https://civictheatrenewcastle.com.au/what-s-on/all-shows/the-light-inside</a>
KAURNA COUNTRY	WOMADelaide, Tainmuntillangka	7 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="https://www.womadelaide.com.au/tickets">https://www.womadelaide.com.au/tickets</a>



	Adelaide, South Australia		
DJA DJA WURRUNG COUNTRY	Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo, Victoria	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<a href="https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres/event/the-light-inside">https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres/event/the-light-inside</a>
DJILANG COUNTRY	Geelong Arts Centre, Geelong, Victoria	10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<a href="https://geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/creative-learning/the-light-inside/">https://geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/creative-learning/the-light-inside/</a>
BPANGERANG, GUNAIKURNAI, TAUNGURUNG AND YORTA YORTA COUNTRY	Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre, Wangaratta, Victoria	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Coming Soon
WADAWURRUNG COUNTRY	Her Majesty's Theatre, Ballarat, Victoria	25 <sup>th</sup> October	Coming Soon