

Clarence Slockee

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Clarence Slockee doesn't just make you see the importance of plants and trees, he makes you feel it deep within you.

As an Aboriginal man from the Mindjimbingal clan of the Bundjalung tribe on the far north coast of NSW, Clarence comes from a strong lineage of bushmen, farmers and fishermen. He combines his extensive knowledge of agricultural methods and permaculture principles with story-telling, art and culture to truly bring green spaces to life for everyone around him.

Clarence has worked as an environmental and cultural educator for more than 10 years at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney and is now enriching the experiences of visitors to Sydney's spectacular new headland park, Barangaroo Reserve.

He promotes Aboriginal culture and enables visitors to experience Indigenous plants, traditional stories and the cultural heritage of Aboriginal Australia. He is putting these talents to work as part of the Visitor Services team at the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, educating visitors about the site's rich Aboriginal history and cultural significance.

Clarence inspires everyone, visitors and staff alike, with stories of the native plants, grasses and trees that have been reintroduced to the site to create Sydney's only fully native public garden. Barangaroo Reserve opened in August 2015 and Clarence has enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the area's cultural heritage and amazing transformation, along with the fact that Barangaroo is a great opportunity to showcase Sydney as a world leader in sustainability.

If you would like to read further information on Clarence, click on the following links:

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/indigenous-cultural-tours-to-unlock-barangaroos-rich-past-20151022-gkgbbq>

<http://www.abc.net.au/gardening/stories/s2810010.htm>