

The dances we are going to perform for you today are from different tribal areas of Far North Queensland.

# THE WELCOME: BIBA MYON

The songman (didgeridoo player) appears on stage and summons everyone to our Corroboree.

# **MOSQUITO DANCE: NGUKUM**

The dancers show how when they hunt in the mangroves they use leaves to hit their bodies and keep the mosquitos away.

#### WARNING DANCE: GURRUNGA

This dance is performed when one tribe moves into another tribal area. The dance warns the invading tribe to stay away to avoid tribal war.

## THE SILENT SNAKE: PAMAGIRRI

Pamagirri means silent snake. Watch the dancers "snake" out into the audience. BEWARE!

#### **SUGAR BAG: MUGUY**

Two hunters search for the Makor tree, chop it down and remove the sweet tasting centre which is shared among the tribe. They celebrate their find by dancing.

#### THE CASSOWARY DANCE: BUNDARA

The dancers show their imitation and hunting skills by mimicking the actions of the cassowary, the large flightless rainforest bird of Australia. (On occasions another dance may be substituted for Bundara to allow us to showcase a dance from another area)

## THE KANGAROO DANCE: MARLOO

A young kangaroo challenges an older kangaroo to a fight over territorial grounds.

## SHAKE-A-LEG: WARRAN-JARRA

A demonstration of the different styles of a dance called Warran Jarra known as Shake-a-leg. Watch closely as there is a surprise to come.

The Pamagirri Dance Troupe farewell you and thank you for letting us share our ancient aboriginal culture with you.

