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## **Poem Panel Brings Kungarakan Culture to Territory Wildlife Park**

The Territory Wildlife Park will unveil a panel featuring a poem by Kungarakan writer Sue Stanton (Tjalingmara) at the Monsoon Forest train station on Saturday, 9 July 2011.

Territory Wildlife Park Curator Dion Wedd said the Kungarakan people are one of the Aboriginal groups who are the recognised Custodians for the Berry Springs area, where the Park is located.

“We’re very excited about the inclusion of this poem in the Park as it will raise awareness about the local Aboriginal people,” said Mr Wedd.

“As the Custodians and the Park continue to build mutually beneficial relationships, these inclusions provide the Kungarakan people with an opportunity to share their culture with visitors.

“The poem, *Wet Season Rain*, draws on Ms Stanton’s memories of exploring the bush with her grandfather and brother as a child, and her favourite time of the year in the Top End.”

A Kungarakan translation of the poem, *Kurrdem Garburr*, by Robert Mills (Padj Padj) is also featured on the panel.

The unveiling will be held at 10:30am on Saturday as part of the Park’s National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) celebrations.

The day’s events will also include a performance by Kungarakan singer/songwriter June Mills from 2pm to 3pm at the Main Station.

Along with the NAIDOC celebrations, the Territory Wildlife Park will still host its exciting daily presentations, which include Tucker Time at the Billabong, the Ooloo Sandbar Experience and the Top End Birds of Prey.

For more information on the Territory Wildlife Park, visit [www.territorywildlifepark.com.au](http://www.territorywildlifepark.com.au) or phone 8988 7200.

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