Indigenous Significance

Dayman Point – Urangan

The Dayman Point area is of very high historical, cultural and spiritual significance to the Badtjala (Butchulla) people because it is an important cooroboree grounds, family/community activities space and the place associated with a creation being—'footprint'.

Understanding Country

Place

This place of changing tidal patterns, sandy beach colours, contrasting seascape and coastal winds is an important focal point in the lives of Badtjala people and the Indigenous community.

Looking through Badtjala eyes, a spiritual creation being's energy and presence is recorded as a 'footprint' in the beach rock.

This place is a point that connects people with one another and country, K'gari (Fraser Island) and the mainland, land and sea, and creation spirits—all at the one unique beautiful point in country.

Creation beings have shaped the natural beauty of the beach, dunes and the coastal point area along with the living process of change.

The calming seaward views and safe feelings experienced at the place are evidence of the strong spiritual energy continuing to live on in country long after it was created in 'the Beginning', when all things began.

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Dayman Point (view from the lookout towards Round Is.) Photo: Shawn Wondunna-Foley

Living Connections

Yarrilli (south wind), Tingera (sea) and Deerum (sun) all combine to influence the natural daily rhythms at the point used by Badtjala and the Indigenous community.

As a shared space, the area is used in many different ways. Regular living activities that take place at the point and upon the beachscape include fishing, beach tucker gathering, swimming, playing games, resting and relaxing, being with family and friends and ceremony.

It is also used as a belonging place for enhancing an Indigenous sense of inner wellbeing and spiritual connection.

Boodhu (Dolphin), Tjuan (Dugong) and Mibir (Turtle) can be observed travelling between the point and Round Island, Big Woody Island and K'gari (Fraser Island).

The sands of time refresh the beach on a daily basis for all new comers to enjoy. In addition, the currents of continuity provide new experiences for all visitors with the awakening of each new day. Changing patterns in the wind, the spirits, the beach, the sea, and the sun all influence life at the Point.

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