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"Goomblars Dreaming" at the Edge Cinema in New South Wales' Blue Mountains is the "on stage" history of the Yidaki (Didgeridoo). Stunning visual effects, storytelling, music and dance are combined to present this spectacular performance which charts the 40,000 year old Aboriginal stories that have been passed down from generation to generation. The show entertains people from all over the world and provides a valuable tourist resource and Aboriginal employment in the Upper Blue Mountains.

Goomblar is now about to further share his skills and assist aboriginal groups and performers to develop similar tourist ventures. He is currently engaged in setting up a "not for profit" training co-operative in the Blue Mountains. This co-operative will enable potential aboriginal performers and entrepreneurs from all over Australia to develop the skills necessary to set up tourist ventures such as his own and generate employment in their own communities. This will be a rare opportunity to learn administrative, technical and artistic skills in conjunction with a working show.

Tourism Australia recently determined that many international tourists are not achieving the "Aboriginal Experience" they had hoped for. This venture will not only raise the skills and profile of Aboriginal tourism it will also enhance the visitor experience Australia wide.

Scholarships are proposed to be offered to Aboriginal people who will spend time in residence. After an initial training period they will then gain valuable experience by joining the co-operative's touring show, performing at schools, public events and a variety of other venues before returning to their own communities.

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