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RAINFORESTATION PAMAGIRRI GUIDE CELEBRATES LONG SERVICE

Pamagirri Aboriginal Guide William Enoch has celebrated reaching his tenth year of employment at the award-winning Rainforestation Nature Park in Kuranda.

Presented with a plaque in recognition from Rainforestation Managing Directors Charles and Pip Woodward, William joins 4 other Pamagirri Guides who have exceeded 10 years long service with the company.

Rainforestation Nature Park has recently celebrated 20 years since it first introduced aspects of aboriginal culture to the attraction, commencing boomerang throwing in 1988.

The Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience has also celebrated its 15th year of operation at Rainforestation Nature Park, opening in 1993 to give visitors insight into indigenous culture, with dance performances and boomerang throwing, didgeridoo playing and spear throwing demonstrations.

Some of Pamagirri's original members are still amongst the troupe – original leader Michael Warusum (Markula) recently returned from his long service leave for 15 years.

Pamagirri means *"silent snake"*, and is symbolic of the Rainbow Serpent, responsible for the creation of the mountains and rivers in Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

The acclaimed Pamagirri dancers perform three times daily, and over the years have toured their popular show to Singapore, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Japan, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

In 2009, the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience continues as an example of a positive collaboration between white and indigenous Australians.

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact General Manager Chris Grantham on (07) 4085 5008.



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