

BOB RANDALL'S VISIT TO THE UK 2007

By Joanna Lathan

Thurs 15 March

I travelled to London for the **London Australian Film Festival** Launch Party (including the UK premiere of **Jindabyne**), where I networked, and promoted **Kanyini**.

Fri 16

5.35am I picked Bob up at Heathrow airport, and accompanied him on the train to Devon. I took him to **Schumacher College** (www.schumachercollege.org.uk), Dartington where he stayed for 1 week. Bob spoke with scientists, lecturers, ecologists and environmentalists.

Sat 17 & Sun 18

Rest days for Bob - I took Bob to have fish & chips on the beach! I also organised teaching materials for Bob for the following day's teaching at Schumacher College.

Mon 19

Bob taught at **Schumacher Collage** as part of their course entitled **Indigenous Peoples and the Modern World**.

Tues 20

Bob was interviewed for **Resurgence** magazine by Satish Kumar (International peace leader, author, editor of **Resurgence** magazine and one of the founders of **Schumacher College**). Followed by an interview for the **BBC Educational Website**

8pm. Screening of **Kanyini** followed by a Q&A with Bob at the **Barn Cinema**, Dartington, Devon. (www.dartingtonarts.org.uk)

Wed 21

Bob was interviewed by Nick Heart-Williams for the **Be The Change** movement - (www.bethechange.org.uk)

7.30pm **Kanyini Wave – 5 Rhythms Benefit Dance** at Rattery Village Hall - To raise money for the expenses of Bob's UK trip. Bob introduced the wave by explaining the importance of dance in Aboriginal culture.

Thurs 22

Bob and I travelled to the **Barbican**, London (www.barbican.org.uk)

6pm we had dinner with Rolf Harris and his wife.

7pm Screening of **Kanyini** as part of the **London Australian Film Festival** followed by a Q&A with Bob.

Kanyini won the vote for Best Documentary of the festival!

Fri 23

9.30am. Bob was interviewed by Lynn Mario and Vanessa Andriotti for an educational project, **Through Other Eyes** (www.throughothereyes.org.uk) which aims to develop a course on the indigenous/local perspectives of the development agenda.

1pm Bob was interviewed by Owen Bennett-Jones for the **BBC World Service** (broadcast 6/4/07).

PM Bob and I travelled to **Embercombe – inspiring committed action for a truly sustainable world** (www.embercombe.co.uk), Devon where we stayed until Tuesday 27.

Sat 24

Rest day for Bob.
Evening sharing circle – songs, poems, stories around a fire.

Sun 25

Rest day for Bob - Spent time with Ya'Acov Darling Khan (International **5 Rhythms** teacher)

Mon 26

Rest day for Bob – spent time with Mac Macartney and Joey of **Embercombe**.

Tues 27

Bob received a healing from Ya'Acov and Sussanah Darling Khan.
PM Bob and I travelled to London.

Wed 28

8.30am Bob was interviewed for **BBC Radio 4 – Midweek with Libby Purves**
11am Bob was interviewed for the environment page of the **Metro** newspaper
6pm Bob and I were invited to the **Australian High Commission** by the Australian Film Club to talk about **Kanyini**.
8pm Bob and I went to stay with **Rolf Harris**.

Thurs 29

I took Bob sight-seeing in London, then had dinner with Rebecca Hossack (Aboriginal art gallery owner and former cultural attache for the Australian government).

Fri 30

A day of more sightseeing then travelled to **Embercombe**, Devon where we stayed until Tue 3.

Sat 31

Prepared for Kanyini Day at Embercombe.

Sun 1 April

Kanyini Day – A truly magical day and evening of Aboriginal teaching, storytelling, song, and dance, sharing and wild bush tucker feast! (Including Clio, who took us on a wild food forage to learn about wild food from our own land). Bob showed us how to cook the wild meat in the Aboriginal way on an open fire. We ended with songs around the campfire with the sun setting and full moon rising simultaneously!

Mon 2

Rest day for Bob – spent time with Jeremy Thres (vision quest leader), who took Bob to an ancient stone circle on Dartmoor.

Tues 3

Bob and I travelled to London.

3pm. Meeting with **The Honourable Richard Alston (Australian High Commissioner)** at Australia House, Strand.

7pm. Screening of **Kanyini** followed by Q&A at the **Ritzy Cinema** in Brixton.

Wed 4

Bob fell ill and was admitted to Kings College Hospital in London, where he stayed until Sunday 8.

Cancelled – 10.30 Interview with Kate Orchard of the 24 hour Museum (Museum of London), and Australian newspaper.

12.30 photographer for the Metro newspaper to take photos of Bob

1pm Lunch with Rebecca Hossack, and to have a look at gallery.

7pm Screening of Kanyini and Q&A (with me) at the Phoenix Picturehouse, Oxford.

Thurs 5

Cancelled – 2pm Meeting with Bob and a Sufi Peace Leader

3 – 5pm Open dialogue with Bob and the public at St.Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace (www.stethleburgas.org)

Tues 10

Bob flew back to Sydney.

Wed 11

Bob flew from Sydney to Yulara.