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**Aussie rocker Jimmy Barnes fired up for Kununurra's Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience**

Jimmy Barnes, the headline act for the 2008 Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience, can't wait to visit Kununurra – a town he's never been to in his 30 year musical career.

Barnes, who will perform with his two daughters, Mahalia and Elly-May, at the award winning concert, says the location of Kununurra was a big factor in his decision to perform.

"I've never been there, but I've heard what a wonderful experience it is," said Barnes.

"People have told me it's one of the most beautiful places in the world."

Barnes said he'd toured Australia extensively, but the chance to visit the East Kimberley was exciting.

"It's something I've thought about doing as a tourist for a long time, so when the opportunity came up for me to play there, I jumped at it."

"I love the fact that I am getting to go and see somewhere I haven't seen before," he said.

"To go there at any time is a beautiful thing, and to go there to play music as well is going to be awesome," he said.

Barnes was hoping to try his hand at some famous outback activities like Barramundi fishing.

"I want to do some fishing, check out the locals and take in the atmosphere. I've heard it's a magical place."

Barnes said his daughters were also keen to see more of the East Kimberley.

"We're pretty close so we like to do the same things, and we love performing together," he said.

Mahalia is about to release her debut album, *Mahalia Barnes + The Soul Mates Volume 1*.

The eldest daughter of singer Jimmy Barnes, Mahalia has been obsessed with soul music since her teens.

However, being the daughter of Australia's most popular singer presents its own set of problems.

"That's why I have taken my time," said Mahalia.

"I needed to make sure I had the sound that I wanted and that I could make an album that's not just like Dad would make or like anyone else would make."

Barnes himself is revelling in the successful of his new album *Out in the Blue*.

Just a year on from life saving open-heart surgery, the new album charts his recovery.

"Basically I had to spend time on my own and six months in bed," he said.

"Suddenly a floodgate opened. I was writing two or three songs a day. I guess in the process of being close to death this whole creative urge came back."

While Barnes will perform numbers from *Out in the Blue* at the Kimberley Moon Experience, he will also present a big slice of his hits from 30 years of recording.

"I will try and cover as much ground and culture as possible," he said.

### **Ticket Information**

While tickets to the black tie Kimberley Fine Diamonds Corporate Circle sold out two months ahead of the concert, there are still general admission tickets for sale.

- Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience - \$75 for adults, \$25 for children 5 to 15 years, \$160 for families of 2 adults and 3 children under 15 years.
- Ord Valley Muster event prices available from [www.ordvalleymuster.com](http://www.ordvalleymuster.com). Many events are free.

Tickets for the Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster events are available from the Kununurra Visitor Centre on (08) 9168 1177

Tickets for Airnorth Kimberley Moon Experience are available from Travelworld Kununurra, Kununurra Newsagency, Kimberley Fine Diamonds, and the Kununurra Visitor Centre.

Travel, accommodation and local tour reservations can be made through Travelworld Kununurra on (08) 9168 1888 and the Kununurra Visitor Centre on (08) 9168 1177

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