BUSLOADS FOR THE ABORIGINAL ACTION

SYDNEY: Busloads of Aborigines will travel from Melbourne and Brisbane to take part in the Sydney action against the Cook bicentenary celebrations on April 29.

Plans for Sydney's activities include a Speakers' Forum in the Lower Town Hall at 8 p.m. on April 28; a silent vigil overnight in the city area; and, commencing at 2 p.m. on April 29, a city march from the north-west corner of Hyde Park to Moore Park. A motorcade will leave from that point for La Perouse, where an Aboriginal mourning ceremony will be held and wreaths thrown into the sea.

It is reported from Melbourne that the date and route of the Aborigines' protest march there against the Cook bicentenary have been changed.

Marchers will now assemble on Tuesday, April 28, at 4 p.m. at the Captain Cook cottage in Fitzroy Gardens. They will proceed through the gardens and down Collins Street to a rally in the City Square.

Two busloads of Aborigines will then leave for the Sydney demonstration. Others will stay for an all-night vigil.

Organisers have asked for the widest possible support and participation.

A Brisbane march by more than 100 Aborigines, Torres Strait Islanders and Europeans marked the Royal visit to that city on April 12.

Marchers wore red headbands and carried red flowers to symbolise the blood shed by Aborigines over the past two hundred years.

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