

## **NAIDOC Week (6-13 July 2022)**

NAIDOC Week is usually held in the first week of July (Sunday to Sunday), and this year is being held on 6-13 July. This year, the theme is "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy", celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NAIDOC Week; the achievements of past generations; and the promise of the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As the Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Donnella Mills, said, "Our communities have always been defined by strength, guided by vision, and enriched by the legacy of our Elders. This NAIDOC Week, we honour the next generation who carry forward this legacy, shaping a future grounded in self-determination and cultural integrity."

The theme highlights:

**Strength:** The resilience and enduring spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Vision:** The hopes and aspirations for the future, including self-determination and community development.

**Legacy:** The importance of passing knowledge, culture and traditions to future generations.

NAIDOC stands for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee' and it traces its origins to the boycotting of Australia Day (26<sup>th</sup> of January, referring back to the arrival of the First Fleet in Sydney Cove in 1788 and the commencement of the British colony under Captain Arthur Phillip). The National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC) was established in 1956 as a remembrance day for Aboriginal people and their heritage was established on the second Sunday in July. In 1975, it was decided that the event should cover a week. In 1991, NADOC became NAIDOC ('National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee') in recognition of Torres Strait Islander history, heritage and achievements.

Australia Day became widely known as ‘Invasion Day’ from 1988. It is hard to contemplate true reconciliation when the date celebrated is that of colonisation, especially under the legal pretence of acquiring terra nullius (nobody’s land – land considered unoccupied or uninhabited). As we wait for the inevitable - the removal or movement of Australia Day - NAIDOC is an extremely important celebration of Aboriginal and Islander history, culture and achievements.

## What’s on during NAIDOC Week

Here are some of the NAIDOC events around Australia.  
Refer to the [NAIDOC Week Events page](#) for many more.

[The official posters for NAIDOC Week](#)

Sat, 5 July, 5:30pm–11:30pm AWST: [2025 National NAIDOC Awards](#)

Boorloo (Perth) Convention and Exhibition Centre

Sat & Sun, 5-6 July,

[National Indigenous Art Fair](#)

10am-5pm Sat; 10am-4pm Sun:

Gadigal Land, Overseas Passenger Terminal, 130 Argyle St, The Rocks, NSW

Sun, 6 July, 2pm–4pm

[2025 NAIDOC Week Prayer Service](#)

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton, Newcastle W., NSW

Mon, 7 July, 10:30am-1:00pm:

[Bridge Housing](#) (celebrating First Nations cultures)

Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern NSW (Free entry)

Mon 30 June-Wed 30 July, 9-5:

[Ballarat and beyond](#) (mostly free entry)

**NAIDOC Family Fun Days:**

- Sat, 5 July, 10am–3pm: [Paul Keating Park](#), Bankstown, NSW
- Sun, 6 July, 9am–2pm: [Melbourne Museum](#), VIC
- Sun, 6 July, 10am–3pm: [Raby Bay Harbour Park](#), Cleveland, QLD
- Sun, 6 July, 11am–2pm: [Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Centre](#), VIC
- Tue, 8 July, 10am–1pm: [Darcy Wentworth Park](#), Warrawong, NSW
- Tue, 8 July, 10am–2pm: [Tulmur Place, Nicholas St Precinct](#), Ipswich CBD, QLD
- Tue, 8 July, 10am–2pm: [Djirra in the West](#), 1927 Gisborne-Melton Road, Kurunjang, VIC
- Tue, 8 July, 10am–3pm: NAIDOC Festival, Bob Blackburn Reserve, WA
- Tue, 8 July, 11am–3pm: [Fairfield Showground](#), Prairiewood, NSW
- Wed, 9 July, 9am–2pm: [Kalano's Sports Oval](#) (Kalano Community), NT
- Wed, 9 July, 10am–2pm: [PCYC Marrickville](#), 531 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville, NSW
- Thur, 10 July, 10am–2pm: [Koonawarra Community Centre](#), 36 Fowlers Rd, Koonawarra, NSW
- Thur, 10 July, 10am–3pm: [Eora Community](#), Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh, NSW
- Thur, 10 July, 10:30am–2:30pm: [Aboriginal Housing Victoria's Family Day](#), Aborigines Advancement League, 2 Watts Street, Thornbury, VIC
- Sat, 12 July, 10am–2pm: [Gloucester Recreation Centre](#), Gloucester, NSW
- Sat, 12 July, 11am–8pm: [National Art School](#), Sydney, NSW
- Thur, 17 July, 10am–2pm: [Campbelltown Sports Stadium](#), Campbelltown, NSW
- Fri, 18 July, 10am–2pm: [Acacia Ridge Family Fun Day](#), 9 Foote St, Acacia Ridge, QLD
- Fri, 18 July, 10am–2pm: [Gawler Sport & Community Centre](#), SA

**Other NAIDOC events 2025:**

Various dates & times:

[Canberra events](#), ACT

[Sydney events](#), NSW

[Darwin - Larrakia Nation events](#), NT

[Brisbane events](#), QLD

[Adelaide events](#), SA

[Hobart events](#), TAS

[Melbourne events](#), VIC

[Fed Square, Melbourne](#), VIC

[Perth events](#), WA

[Australian National University](#) events

[Deakin University](#) events

[Flinders University](#) events

[Griffith University](#) events

[La Trobe University](#) events

[Monash University](#) events

[Queensland University of Technology](#) events

[RMIT University](#) events

[Swinburne University of Technology](#) events

[University of Melbourne](#) events

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