

# NETWORK MESSAGE



30 June 2023

## NAIDOC Week 2023 – For Our Elders

NAIDOC 2023 is with us, with the important theme this year of *For Our Elders* from Sunday July 2 – Sunday July 9.

*For Our Elders* acknowledges our Elders as the heart of our communities and the roles they have played, and continue to play, in our communities, organisations and families.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (**NSWALC**) honours the Elders, the Land Rights Warriors whose many years of work led to the passing of the *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA)* on June 10, 1983. The ALRA was only established because of our Elders and their commitment to Land Rights, justice and a positive future for Aboriginal peoples in NSW.

As we celebrate the ALRA turning 40, we celebrate the Elders who made such an important piece of legislation possible.

NSWALC would also love to share your NAIDOC celebrations across the Network, so please tag **@nswalc** with how you're spending the week.

- NSWALC's Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/nswalc>
- NSWALC's Instagram page is <https://www.instagram.com/nswalc/>
- NSWALC's Twitter profile is <https://twitter.com/nswalc>
- And NSWALC's LinkedIn page is <https://au.linkedin.com/company/nsw-aboriginal-land-council>

Please see below, a taste of some NSW events across NAIDOC Week 2023. This list is not exhaustive, so please let us know about any other events, by emailing [media@alc.org.au](mailto:media@alc.org.au) or tagging us on our social media. We know that many LALCs organise NAIDOC events for later in the year, when the weather is warmer.

Stay safe and happy across NAIDOC week everyone!

## Saturday July 1

### **NAIDOC Family Day, Bankstown**

10am-3pm

Bankstown City Gardens, Corner Restwell St and, Vimy St, Bankstown  
Smoking Ceremony, free BBQ, rides, stalls, activities.

### **NAIDOC Street March and Family Fun Day, Cowra**

From 10:30am

Meet at Squire Park at 10:30 for flag raising and march  
Fun Day starts 12pm at Cowra PCYC, Young Road  
Cultural workshops, kids activities, stalls, jumping castle, free BBQ.

### **Ngurambang: Our Riverina, Griffith**

From Saturday 1 July 2023 until Sunday 20 August 2023

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Multiple artists celebrating Wiradjuri Country – [more information here.](#)

### **NAIDOC Up Late: Trailblazers, Barangaroo**

1pm-10pm

The Cutaway, Barangaroo, Sydney

Trailblazers shines a light on community connections and culture, with food, live performances from 5:30pm and more, with Barkaa headlining.

Tickets are free, but you must book in advance – [more information here.](#)

## Sunday July 2

### **NAIDOC Flag Raising, Tweed Heads**

9am-10am

Minjungbal Museum, 17 Kirkwood Rd

Tweed Heads has multiple activities every day across NAIDOC Week and more information [is available here.](#)

### **NAIDOC Concert, Richmond**

10am-3pm

Richmond park, Windsor St

Live performances, stalls and children's activities.

### **NAIDOC Opening Ceremony, Bathurst**

10:30am-1pm

Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 105 William St

Free transport available by calling 02 6333 6523.

Bathurst has activities each day across NAIDOC Week and [more information is here.](#)

## **NAIDOC, Mt Druitt**

10:30am-4pm

1 Luxford Rd, Mt Druitt

Smoking ceremony, performances, children's activities and an Elders Curry Cook Off.

## **Monday July 3**

### **NAIDOC Welcome to Country and March, Wagga Wagga**

9am meet and bring your banners!

Morgan St near the Westpac building

9:30am Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

10am March begins down Baylis St. There will be a red double decker bus for Elders wishing to ride instead of walking.

11am Flag raising, Civic Centre Forecourt.

Wagga Wagga has multiple NAIDOC events each day, [more information here.](#)

### **NAIDOC Flag raising and Yandarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards 2023, Coffs Harbour**

From 9:30am

Norm Jordan Pavilion, Coffs Harbour Showground, 123 Pacific Highway

Morning tea and all day activities after the flag raising and awards, [more information here.](#)

### **NAIDOC March and Family Fun Day, Dubbo**

9:30am meet and bring your banners!

223 Macquarie Street outside the Bob Jane T-Mart building

10am March to the Council chambers for the flag raising

11am Market stalls, dancing, BBQ, food and fun at Victoria Park.

Free bus service [details here.](#)

### **20<sup>th</sup> NAIDOC 'Celebration of Our Existence' March, Maitland**

9:30am for a 10am march start

Maitland Court House

12pm-4pm to Mindaribba LALC

1a Chelmsford Drive Metford

Hot lunch, scones, kids' activities and more. The flyer [is available here.](#)

### **NAIDOC at NCIE, Redfern**

10am-12:30pm

180 George St Redfern

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, live music, workshops, Elders lunch and more.

NSWALC will have a stall, so come and say hi!

### **NAIDOC Flag Raising, Griffith**

10am-11:30am

Griffith City Council Entrance

## **NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony, Broken Hill**

10am-11:30am

City Council, 240 Blende St

Broken Hill has NAIDOC activities across the week, with the [calendar available here](#).

## **Murrook Cultural Centre Family Fun Day, Worimi LALC**

10am-2pm

2162 Nelson Bay Rd, Williamstown

Activities and entertainment.

There are multiple events in the Newcastle/Hunter area across the week and a calendar [is available here](#).

## **NAIDOC March, Moree**

10am-12:30pm

Meet at Dhiyaan Aboriginal Centre, 38 Albert St

Moree has multiple events every day across NAIDOC Week and [a calendar is available here](#).

## **NAIDOC Celebrations and March, Brewarrina**

10am-2pm

Meet at Brewarrina LALC, 105 Bathurst St to march to the Yarning Circle

11am Memorial Park

Elders tent, entertainment, weaving and more, details [are available here](#).

## **NAIDOC Morning Tea, Birpai LALC, Port Macquarie**

10:30pm

Birpai LALC 14 Aston St

There are multiple activities across the week, details [are available here](#).

## **NAIDOC Flag Raising, Wellington**

10:30am-12:30pm

WACHS Clinic, 28 Maxwell St

Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, Curry, damper, scones, tea and coffee.

## **NAIDOC Community Day, Shellharbour**

11am-2pm

Shellharbour Civic Centre

The event will begin with a traditional smoking ceremony, followed by a free BBQ lunch & family friendly activities.

Multiple educational resources, flash cards in Dharawal and more [are available here](#).

## **NAIDOC Community BBQ and Movie Screening, Ivanhoe**

From 12pm

Ivanhoe Hall, TBC

Screening of *No Distance Between Us* begins at 12pm.

Tickets are free but please [reserve your place here](#).

## Tuesday July 4

### **NAIDOC Week Boat Parade, the Rocks**

9:30am-12pm

Leaving Campbells Cove floating pontoon at the Rocks, Sydney  
Members of the La Perouse community will be onboard.  
Keep an eye out!

### **Karuah Family Fun Day, Karuah**

10am-12:30pm

Karuah Hall Mustons Rd, Karuah  
Games, cultural activities and BBQ.

### **AMS Redfern's NAIDOC Community Day 2023, Redfern**

10am-3pm

Redfern Community Centre  
Activities for all ages, Health Incentive Bags and a free lunch.

### **NAIDOC Knockout, Wauchope**

10am-4:30pm

Wauchope Indoor Stadium, Cameron St  
Team age groups: 12-17 and 18+  
Lucky door prizes, free lunch and more.  
More information and [register a team of five here.](#)

### **NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Prairiewood**

11am-3pm

Fairfield Showground, 442 Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood  
Stalls, activities, performances, workshops and more.

### **NAIDOC Elders Bingo, Port Macquarie**

1pm-3pm

Westport Club

To register, contact Tristan on 0475 900 252 or [strongspiritservices@outlook.com](mailto:strongspiritservices@outlook.com)

### **NAIDOC Movie Night, Lismore**

4:30pm for a 5pm free screening of *'The Last Daughter'*

Star Court Theatre, 126 Molesworth St

The theatre holds 300 so get in early, and there are stairs only. [More information here.](#)

### **Wanay Disco, Mindaribba LALC, Aberdare**

6pm-9pm free entry

55 Aberdare Rd

DJ Vesta Kids, food, competitions and all children must be supervised by parents or guardians

## Wednesday July 5

### **Health Forum, Coffs Harbour**

10am

Coffs Harbour Racing Club

Coffs Harbour LALC will have a stall, everyone's welcome, so come and say hi!

### **Singleton Family Fun Day, Singleton**

10am-2pm

Showground 32 Bathurst St, Singleton

Activities, stalls, workshops and more.

### **NAIDOC Community Event, Dareton**

10am-2pm

Dareton Public School

Free BBQ, traditional games, raffles, stalls.

### **Burrun Dalai NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Kempsey**

10am-2pm

Services Club Park Belgrave Street Kempsey

Free Sausage sizzle, rides, cultural activities, stalls, farm animals and more.

### **Mindaribba LALC Wanay Disco, Metford (second disco night)**

6pm-9pm free entry

1A Chelmsford Drive

DJ Vesta Kids, food, competitions and lucky door prize.

All children must be supervised by parents or guardians.

## Thursday July 6

### **Women's Weaving Circle with Jodie Munday, Goulburn**

10am-1pm

Goulburn Multicultural Centre, 148 Sloane Street, Goulburn

Weaving, yarning, music, morning tea. This is a Women's Only event.

Free, but please [RSVP here](#).

### **NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Emerton**

10am-3pm

252 Luxford Rd, Emerton

Rides, face painting, BBQ, Elders Tent, children's activities.

### **Hastings NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Port Macquarie**

From 10am

Hibbard Sports Club, 30 Boundary St Port Macquarie

Workshops, petting zoo, free lunch, music and more.

## **NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Grafton**

10am-2pm

McKittrick Park, Ryan St South Grafton

Elders Tent, BBQ lunch, photo booth, stalls and more. [Flyer is available here.](#)

## **NAIDOC Community Day, Wyong**

10am-3pm

Wyong Race Club, 71 Howarth St

Elders area, bingo, kids area, free BBQ, rock climbing, stalls and more.

[More information here.](#)

## **NAIDOC Morning Tea, Armidale**

11am and onward

The Community Support Hub, 246 Beardy St

Date: Thursday, 6th July 2023

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Armidale Neighbourhood Centre on 02 6772 4373 or Homes North Community Housing 02 6772 5133.

## **NAIDOC Free Inflatable Day, Dubbo**

12pm-2pm

Sports World, 163 Sheraton Rd

Aboriginal art workshop, free BBQ lunch, children must wear socks inside the venue, and be accompanied by an adult.

## **Friday July 7**

## **NAIDOC Darkinjung Annual Golf Day, Wyong**

6am breakfast

7am tee-off, day finishes 2pm

319 Pacific Highway

Darkinjung LALC's golf day includes BBQ breakfast, green fees, lunch, NAIDOC shirt and cap.

Tickets \$50 adults, \$40 children under 16 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/darkinjung-annual-aidoc-golf-day-tickets-630460663817>

## **Bega LALC NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Bega**

10am-4pm

Bega Indoor Stadium and soccer fields

Live performances, activities, games, face painting, BBQ lunch and much more.

Curry cook off, [more information is here.](#)

## **NAIDOC Celebration, Mittagong**

10am-2pm

1A Rainbow Rd, Mittagong

Smoking Ceremony, Flag Raising, painting and weaving, bush tucker and create a community picture together.

## **NAIDOC Family Tree Workshop, Walgett**

10am-2pm

Dharriwaa Elders Group Elders Centre

47 Fox St

Lunch is provided, workshop with historian Michael Bennett

[Flyer is here.](#)

## **NAIDOC Community Event, Penrith**

10am-3pm

Jamison Park

Performance, workshops, stalls, a free BBQ and more.

Penrith has a range of activities all week and shuttle buses are available – [more information here.](#)

## **Inner City NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Eveleigh**

10am-4pm

Carriageworks, Eveleigh

Dancers, musical performances, Elders Tent, jarjum activities, BBQ and more.

## **Mawang Gaway NAIDOC Week Family Fun Day, Wagga Wagga**

11am to 3pm

Riverside at Wagga Wagga Beach

Activities, food, stalls and more.

## **Saturday July 8**

### **Mogo Big Day Out, Mogo**

10am-4pm

Mogo Oval

Traditional opening ceremony, live music, rides, cultural dancing, free BBQ

Bring a chair or picnic rug.

### **Burrumbidgee NAIDOC, Parramatta**

10am-4pm

The Crescent, Parramatta Park

Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, music and dance performances, traditional arts and crafts, market stalls and more. [The day's program is available here.](#)



## **NAIDOC in the City, Sydney**

11am-3pm

Hyde Park, Sydney

Music, dance, children's activities, stalls and more.

## **NAIDOC Debutante Ball, Tamworth**

3pm-10pm

Tamworth Entertainment Centre

The Ball is aimed at young Aboriginal people aged 16-22 by putting a spin on traditional debuts, by adding cultural components to boost confidence and leadership skills.

Tickets \$38.37 and enquire via [naidocdebcommittee@outlook.com](mailto:naidocdebcommittee@outlook.com)

## **NAIDOC Ball and Awards, Gundagai**

6pm start

Gundagai District Services Club, 254 Sheridan St

Three-course dinner, light refreshments, River Rock performing and Awards Ceremony

Tickets: \$50 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gundagai-naidoc-ball-2023-tickets-632511969327>

## **Darkinjung LALC Annual NAIDOC Ball, Tumby Umbi**

5pm-11:30pm

Mingara Recreation Club, 12-14 Mingara Drive Tumby Umbi

Tickets: \$80 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/darkinjung-annual-naidoc-ball-tickets-646763034647>

## **NAIDOC Elders Dinner, Wagga Wagga**

5pm till late

The Gardens Function Centre

No cost for Elders, non-Elders \$50

Rose Quartz MC, Roger Knox performing.

Book here: <https://events.humanitix.com/forourelldersdinner>

## **Glen Innes LALC NAIDOC Dinner, Glen Innes**

From 6pm

Glen Innes Services Club, Grey St

Smorgasbord, entertainment, lucky door prize

All Elders should have received a ticket, no ticket sales at the door.

Call the LALC with queries, and [the flyer is here.](#)

## Sunday July 9

### **NAIDOC Week at Centennial Park 2023, Sydney**

3pm-6pm

Loch Ave, Centennial Park

Join Djaadjawan Dance and Culture Group for an afternoon of dance, weaving, and shell art workshops around the campfire. Welcome to Country, workshops and a wetlands tour at sunset.

## Monday July 10

### **NAIDOC Opening Ceremony, Walgett**

10:30am-12pm

Walgett Shire Council Lawns, Fox St

Flag raising, NAIDOC cake, morning tea.

[More information available here.](#)

## Tuesday July 11

### **NAIDOC Community Fun Day, Walgett**

10am-2pm

No. 1 Oval

Opening Ceremony, Elders Tent, Deadly Damper competition, music, BBQ, curries and more.

[More information + contact numbers available here.](#)

## Wednesday July 12

### **NAIDOC Community Fun Day, Collarenebri**

10am-2pm

Lion's Park

Opening Ceremony, Elders tent, Deadly damper competition, BBQ, curries, music and more.

[More information + contact numbers available here.](#)

## Thursday July 13

### **NAIDOC Community Fun Day, Lightning Ridge**

10am-2pm

Spider Brown Oval

Elders Tent, BBQ, curries and damper, weaving, stalls, thong-throwing competition.

[More information+ contact numbers here.](#)