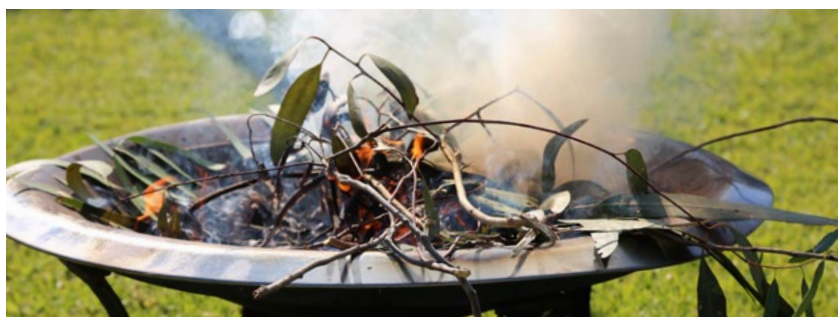


## NAIDOC WEEK – WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

**NAIDOC IS THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER DAY OF CELEBRATION. IT’S AN INVITATION FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS TO WALK WITH US IN A MOVEMENT FOR THE BETTER.**

We’re proud of the traditions we’ve built in the Mallee around our NAIDOC celebrations. Through the celebration and symbolism of the day, we’re building a stronger understanding and unity and progressing our communities.

NAIDOC is in the school holidays, so please bring your family along and take advantage of the chance to celebrate and learn about our culture. Our traditions and customs are among the oldest in the world and have survived more than 65,000 years – that’s something we can all take pride in.



## WHAT IS A SMOKING CEREMONY?

**A SMOKING CEREMONY IS AN ANCIENT CUSTOM INVOLVING THE BURNING OF NATIVE PLANTS TO PRODUCE SMOKE, WHICH HAS CLEANSING PROPERTIES.**

The smoke wards off bad spirits from the land and people and makes a pathway for a brighter future.



**VOICE  
TREATY  
TRUTH** 07 - 14  
JULY 2019  
*Let’s work together for a shared future.*

**Voice. Treaty. Truth.** were three key elements to the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. These reforms represent the unified position of First Nations Australians. For generations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have looked for significant and lasting change. We need our fellow Australians to join us on this journey – to finish the unfinished business.

2019 is also a unique opportunity to hear the Indigenous voice, being the UN’s International Year of Indigenous Languages. The Indigenous voice of this country is over 65,000 plus years old – they are the first words spoken on this continent, in languages that passed down lore, culture and knowledge for over millennia.

The 2019 theme acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always wanted an enhanced role in decision-making in Australia’s democracy.

The theme also aims at highlighting the desire for lasting and effective agreements such as Treaties – which cannot be achieved unless we have a shared, truthful understanding of the nature of the dispute, of the history, and of how we got to where we stand.\*\*

\*\*National NAIDOC Committee

## GET INTO NAIDOC WEEK IN KERANG

### COMMUNITY FLAG RAISING

MONDAY JULY 8, 10AM  
MDAS, KERANG

### NAIDOC ELDERS LUNCHEON SWAN HILL- KERANG

WEDNESDAY JULY 10,  
11:30AM  
KERANG VALLEY RESORT  
Transport available  
from MDAS SWAN HILL  
(bookings essential)

### NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY SWAN HILL-KERANG

THURSDAY JULY 4  
MENERA STATION,  
MELLOOL  
Transport available  
from MDAS SWAN HILL  
(bookings essential)

### NAIDOC BASKETBALL DAY

THURSDAY JULY 11, 10AM  
KERANG BASKETBALL  
STADIUM



### WHAT DOES NAIDOC MEAN TO ME?

**Harold (Hack) Webster is a Barappa Barappa Elder who often conducts smoking ceremonies at events and celebrations in the Kerang region.**

For me, a proud Barappa Barappa man, NAIDOC week is for celebrating our Aboriginal culture and history. It’s a time for recognising the many talents and achievements of our people.

It’s a week not just to understand the struggles we’ve endured, but also recognise the contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to our country and community.

## WE HAVE EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS IN SWAN HILL:

**CASEWORKER INTENSIVE CASE  
MANAGEMENT (FT)**

**CASEWORKER PREVENTION & EARLY  
INTERVENTION (FT)**

**GENERAL PRACTITIONER (FT)**

**PRACTICE NURSE (FT)**

**ABORIGINAL HUB PRACTITIONER (FT)\***

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**HEALTH OUTREACH WORKER (FT)**

**ACSASS CASEWORKER (FT)**

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*Generations of vibrant, healthy and strong Aboriginal communities*