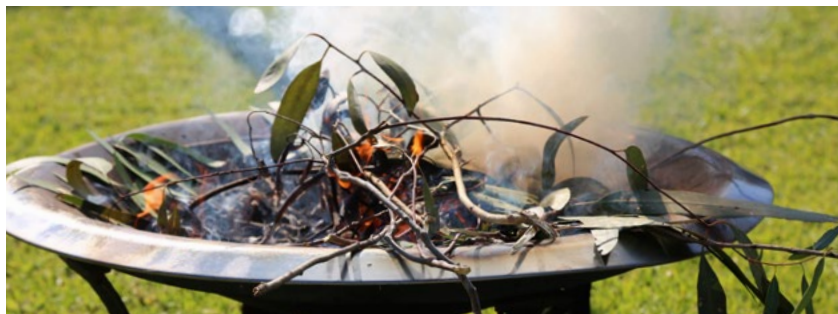


NAIDOC WEEK – WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

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 SWAN HILL

COMMUNITY FLAG RAISING

MONDAY JULY 8, 10AM
CLOCK TOWER, SWAN HILL

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
MENARA STATION, MELLOOL
Transport available from MDAS SWAN HILL (bookings essential)



WHAT DOES NAIDOC MEAN TO ME?

Uncle Rick Kirby is a young Wadi Wadi Mudi Mudi Elder, who often conducts Welcome to Country ceremonies at Swan Hill.

NAIDOC is an opportunity to celebrate who we are – that 65,000 years on we are still here! It’s a chance to help people understand what our culture and communities are about. It’s a week when we are proud to share who we are and what it means to be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and I think it’s exciting to see that our culture is growing stronger again.

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)*

*THIS IS AN ATSI IDENTIFIED POSITION

HEALTH OUTREACH WORKER (FT)

ACSASS CASEWORKER (FT)

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Generations of vibrant, healthy and strong Aboriginal communities