



NAIDOC 2024



Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture

A program of events run by organisations across the community. All welcome!



Artist: Deb Belyea

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**

7-14 JULY 2024

DAILY



Les Elvin Kungera Art Gallery open daily at the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of indigenous art at the 'Les Elvin Kungera Art Gallery'. Discover local treasures including scarves, jewellery, placemats, and native-inspired culinary delights—all inviting you to embark on a captivating cultural journey. Visit us and experience it firsthand!

Time: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm & Sun 9am-4pm

Cost: Free

Address: Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre, 455 Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin 2320

Contact: 02 4993 6700 | vic@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

SAT 6 JULY



Songspirals Exhibition Opening

Proudly brought to Performance Arts Culture Cessnock (PACC) by Bawaka Collective and the University of Newcastle. This exhibition includes print-making, weaving, and audio-visual works, connected to the Yolŋu kinship system, Gurrutu, and five songspirals: Wuymirri (whale), Wukun (gathering of the clouds), Guwak (messenger bird), Witiŋj (rainbow serpent) and Goŋ-Gurtha (Fire keeper). The exhibition is a manifestation of the intergenerational continuation and nourishment of songspirals and milkarri by Yolŋu women in North East Arnhem Land. Exhibition will be displayed until Sunday 18 August.

Time: 12pm-2pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: Performance Arts Culture Cessnock, 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock NSW 2325

Contact: 02 4993 4266

SUN 7 JULY



Little Yengo Gallery

Visit the Little Yengo Gallery in the beautiful Wollombi Valley and view the works of Aboriginal artists. Artworks and giftware are also available for purchase at the gallery. Open weekends and public holidays.

Time: 10am-4pm | **Cost:** Free

Address: Little Yengo Gallery, 2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi 2325

Contact: yengogallery@wollombi.org

MON 8 JULY



NAIDOC 2024 Kahoot

Reflect on NAIDOC Week 2024 with an online quiz (11-18 years). First in with the most correct answers wins a NAIDOC 2024 prize pack.

Time: 11am (online event) | **Cost:** Free

Participants can head to:

facebook.com/CessnockYouthCentre or instagram.com/cycos_cessnock to join in the fun!

Contact: 02 4993 4355

TUE 9 JULY



Barkuma's NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Barkuma's family fun day has a strong focus on providing positive access opportunities to various services for our indigenous community, as well as raising awareness within our local community. Join us for free activities for all ages, amusements and entertainment. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Time: 10am-2pm | **Cost:** Free

Address: Binarri Jinama-Gu, 1075 Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully 2326

Contact: 02 4937 1094

TUE 9 JULY



NAIDOC Week Storytime with Rainbow Crow Cultural Collective

Storytelling, movement and nature-based craft are used to introduce children to Wayapa Wuurrk an Aboriginal based earth mindfulness, story meditation with physical movements to promote sustainability, connection and community.

Time: 10am-10.45am | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: Cessnock City Library, 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325

Bookings: www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries/Whats-on

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Address: Kurri Kurri Library, 253 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327

Bookings: www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries/Whats-on

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Creations: An afternoon of weaving, art and culture



Join us for a vibrant Youth NAIDOC Week event! Dive into a cultural journey of weaving, art, and crafts. Learn traditional techniques, connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, and celebrate the creativity of young minds. An inspiring afternoon awaits! Don't miss out, book your spot today!

Time: 1pm-3pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: Performance Arts Culture Cessnock, 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock NSW 2325

Contact: 02 4993 4359 (Cessnock Youth Centre)

WED 10-FRI 12 JULY



NAIDOC Week Take Home Art Packs

Explore Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through our NAIDOC Week take-home art packs! Delve into traditional storytelling, symbolism, and techniques with engaging activities designed for young people 11 - 18. Orders required as numbers are limited. Pick up only from Cessnock Youth Centre.

Time: 10am-1pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: Cessnock Youth Centre & Outreach Service, 49D Aberdare Road, Aberdare, NSW 2325

Contact: 02 4993 4359 or text 0401 107 413 to secure a pack.

THUR 11 JULY



Meet Sharon (Bailey) Havenstein

Sharon (Bailey) Havenstein is a proud Darkinjung and Darug woman with strong ties to the Wonnarua land. She was born and raised here. Sharon will be sharing stories about this area and discussing artefacts that were used. There will also be a display of local Aboriginal artist's painting and craft for sale. Tea and scones with jam and cream supplied. Donations welcome.

Time: 10am-12pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: CWA Rooms, 161 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325

Contact: 0417 421 892 | ccebit@gmail.com

Kurri Community NAIDOC Lunch



The Centre at Kurri Kurri along with Kurri Kurri Rotary, Mai-Wel, and Castle Employment are hosting a NAIDOC Lunch including Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with Wonnarua Elder, Uncle Warren Taggart. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate.

Time: 11am-2pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: The Centre at Kurri Kurri, 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327

Contact: 02 4004 3100 | info@kkcs.org.au

Aboriginal Art Workshops with Youth Express Ages 5-12



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Workshop delivered by the IAS team from Youth Express, will be an opportunity to share, and explore different aspects of Culture, and the importance of art for our First Nations Peoples. You will get the opportunity to create your own art piece, telling your own story, whilst you learn about our connections to Culture.

Time: 10am-11am | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: Kurri Kurri Library, 253 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327

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Time: 2pm-3pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

Address: Cessnock City Library, 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325

Bookings: www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries/Whats-on

THUR 11 JULY



Talk about...Spirit of Place with special guest, Uncle Warren Taggart

Uncle Warren Taggart is a Wonnarua elder and teacher of Aboriginal culture. In 2021, he collaborated with photographers to publish 'Spirit of Place: Aboriginal Sites of the Hunter Region', a book documenting important Aboriginal sites through a large section of Country – Wonnarua, Darkinjung, Awabakal, Dharug – in the Hunter Region. Come on a journey with Uncle Warren as he shares stories about Country, the art sites and their Dreaming importance.

Time: 5.30pm-6.45pm | **Cost:** Free (bookings essential)
Address: Cessnock City Library, 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325
Bookings: www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries/Whats-on

SAT 13 JULY



Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation Flag Raising and Welcome to Country

Join us to honour NAIDOC Week 2024, our local Aboriginal community and acknowledge the culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Time: 10am | **Cost:** Free
Address: Cessnock TAFE Grounds, Darwin Street, Cessnock 2325
Contact: 0474 106 537 or visit the Kiray Putjung Facebook page.

Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Family Fun Day

We invite everyone to join us for this great day out to celebrate Aboriginal culture. There will be weaving workshops, entertainment, Elders marquee and market stalls. Lots of fun for everyone!

Time: 10am-3pm | **Cost:** Free
Address: Cessnock TAFE Grounds, Darwin Street, Cessnock 2325
Contact: 0474 106 537 or visit the Kiray Putjung Facebook page.



2024 NATIONAL NAIDOC POSTER



Poster title: Urapun Muy
Artist: Deb Belyea
SAMUAWGADHALGAL,
TORRES STRAIT

'Urapun Muy', from the Kalaw Kawaw Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture.

In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose.

It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations.

Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Read the media release about the 2024 National NAIDOC Poster online at www.naidoc.org.au



Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its Local Government Area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua, Awabakal and Darkinjung people. We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.