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AND PROUD**

7-14 JULY 2024

CAIRNS NAIDOC WEEK
**PROGRAM OF
EVENTS 2024**



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Acknowledgements

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee graciously acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we convene and conduct our NAIDOC events. We pay respect to their enduring connection to this Country and the narratives it holds. Our homage extends to the Elders, past and present, whose resilience and advocacy have carved pathways for justice and rights.

We extend our recognition to every attendee, their kin, their communities, and the lands they represent. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the dedicated volunteers, whose tireless efforts have been instrumental to the flourishing legacy of Cairns NAIDOC Week. Their commitment enables us to elevate our festivities with each passing year.

In closing, we pay special tribute to our First Nations community members, for whom this week's celebrations are dedicated. United, we shall uphold this year's rally call: **Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud!**

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Artist Acknowledgement

Harriet Mills, a talented artist born on Thursday Island with strong cultural connections to Kulkalgal and Badhugal country. Harriet recently graduated from Cairns State High School in 2023, where her artistic abilities flourished.

Harriet's remarkable artwork garnered significant recognition at the annual Energy exhibition for high school artists. She received prestigious awards, including the CIAF Proppa Deadly Award, Education Qld Creative Generation Regional Encouragement Award, and the Tanks Arts Centre Curators' Award. In addition to her artistic achievements, Harriet demonstrated her commitment to the arts through her participation in last year's Design Tracks program with the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA).

Artist Statement

Lag/Ples

Ngalpun Kazil Gidtha - Our Children's Stories

Ink on paper, 2023

The artwork embodies the spirit of this year's NAIDOC theme, 'Keep the Fire Burning, Blak, Loud and Proud!' by celebrating cultural continuity and resilience. It draws upon the metaphorical fire that burns within us all, connecting past, present, and future.

The fire now signifies the continuation of culture through the lens of modern technology and electricity, reminiscent of the gatherings around fire by our ancestors. Fire has long been a potent symbol in human culture, representing transformation, passion, and energy.



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ABOUT US

Cairns NAIDOC Committee

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee, composed of passionate volunteers, is at the forefront of organising a dynamic and engaging weeklong NAIDOC celebration. Our committee, driven by a passion for promoting the rich culture, heritage, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Cairns region, is dedicated to creating unity and understanding, advocating for social justice, and ensuring that the vibrant Indigenous cultures of the region are both honoured and cherished.

Join us throughout NAIDOC Week as we celebrate, learn, and appreciate the unique stories and traditions of our region's First Nations people.

 [naidoc.cairns](https://www.instagram.com/naidoc.cairns)  [Cairns Naidoc](https://www.facebook.com/CairnsNaidoc)



OUR PARTNER

Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good

Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) is focused on transitioning the Cairns NAIDOC delivery and programming into our operations. Our shared objective remains steadfast: to empower our community to actively participate in volunteer committee roles, with a focus of building an ongoing succession plan. Through this collaboration, we are reinforcing shared systems that enable the smooth transfer of knowledge and responsibilities, ensuring a sustainable framework for continued success and community impact. Our ongoing alliance exemplifies our commitment to the cultivation of a diverse leadership pipeline within our community and the continued delivery of high calibre events.

Learn more about DIYDG – diydg.org.au

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Tuesday, 2 July 2024

Banner Making

Join the DIYDG – Good Vibrations team to create your own banner/sign for the NAIDOC March on Friday! At this event you can, paint your own sign, design your own badge and screen print your own shirt with the NAIDOC theme (bring your own shirt).

Families and children, all ages are welcome to come along and enjoy the music, laughs and sausage sizzle.

Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre, 16-18 McCormack Street, Mooroolbool

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Cost: This is a FREE event

**Contact: Georgiana Thomas-Peddell,
Georgiana.thomas-peddell@diydg.org.au, 07 4253 7011**



Event is being held by Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) in partnership with Create Foundation

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Friday, 5 July 2024

NAIDOC March

Be loud and be proud! Rain, hail or shine bring your flags, banners, signs and join the NAIDOC March. Warm up your vocal cords, friends, families, allies let's make some noise.

In partnership with Kinetic, Elders and community members with accessibility needs can participate in the March by hopping on board the RAP Bus.

Route: Grafton St then onto Spence St to Fogarty Park. 20 minute walk (1.3 km)

Muster: Munro Martin Parklands, corner of Florence & Grafton Streets

Muster: 9:00 am

Depart: 9.30am

For more information contact:

Cairns NAIDOC Committee naidoc Cairns@diydg.org.au



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Friday, 5 July 2024

Friday In The Park

The Cairns NAIDOC Friday in the Park event will commence with the arrival of marchers and will be officially opened by Traditional Custodians, Indigenous leaders, local dignitaries, and members of the community.

Friday in the Park serves as a vibrant gathering point, uniting the community, organisations, and agencies through their informative stalls. It's a celebration of Indigenous entrepreneurship, showcasing a diverse array of wares, arts, and crafts. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to savour a variety of Food offerings available for purchase.

Check out the lively entertainment featuring talented singers, bands and traditional dance groups, all showcasing the rich tapestry of our cultural practices and history.

Fogarty Park, Cairns Esplanade

Time: 10:00am - 5:00pm

For more information contact: Lynette Dewis lynette.dewis@diydg.org.au



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Saturday, 6 July 2024

Elders Luncheon

The Elders' Luncheon is an exclusive event dedicated to honouring our respected Elders with a program filled with music and dance. This special occasion includes a delightful two-course meal accompanied by live entertainment.

We warmly invite you to bring your loved ones for a memorable experience. Carers are most welcome to join in the celebration.

Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre, 16-18 McCormack Street, Mooroolbool

Time: Arrivals 11.00am. Event will start at 11:30am and conclude at 2:00pm

For more information contact: cairnnaidoceldersluncheon@gmail.com

**Pre-Registration is essential as numbers are limited. Register for your free ticket:
<https://events.humanitix.com/2024-cairns-naidoc-elders-luncheon>**



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Sunday, 7 July 2024

Church Service

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee has supported the annual combined church service, organised and hosted by Feiva International Ministries Cairns. This service is held each year with the participation of various churches and denominations located in Cairns.

Thank you, Pastors Uvau and Kate Imani, for partnering with Feiva International Ministries for this year's NAIDOC Church Service.

Venue: Edmonton Masonic Hall, 21 Hartill Street, Edmonton

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am. Community BBQ: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

For more information contact:

Reverend Yodie Batzke - Feiva International Ministries on 0498 337 885



In partnership with Feiva Ministries - Cairns

Tuesday, 9 July 2024

NAIDOC Breakfast

Prepare for an invigorating start to your day with the NAIDOC Breakfast!

Join us to hear from impassioned speakers who embody the spirit of KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD. We're honoured to have Councillor Trevor Tim, Division 4, of the Cairns Regional Council and Ms Vonda Malone, Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry member.

Guiding us through the event, the Master of Ceremonies will be Leon Filewood, ensuring a smoothly run program filled with inspiration and pride.

Venue: Cairns Convention Centre, Wharf St

Time: Arrivals 6:45am. Commence from 7:15am SHARP!

For more information contact: Louise Hunter cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com

Book your ticket at: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-cairns-naidoc-breakfast>

TICKET SALES CLOSE FRIDAY 21st JUNE at 6:00pm



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Wednesday, 10 July 2024

Wuchopperen NAIDOC Community Day

Wuchopperen Health Service this year will be hosting their annual NAIDOC Community Day celebrating this years' theme "KEEP THE FIRE BURNING: BLAK, LOUD, PROUD"

The Wuchopperen NAIDOC Community Day will feature performances from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance groups, cultural educational games, information stalls from supporting community organisations, delicious free traditional food and various art and craft workshops for the whole family.

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Wuchopperen Health Service, 6 Moignard Street, Manoora

For more information contact: James Kepui communications@wuchopperen.org.au



Event is hosted by Wuchopperen Health Service

Thursday, 11 July 2024

Trivia Night

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is excited to present the 8th NAIDOC Trivia Night!

There will be heaps of fun and more games and medals on offer, along with 6 rounds of trivia with lots of laughter, moaning and answers for sale! Teams will be allowed to purchase one answer per round by way of a \$2 donation.

****Follow the Cairns NAIDOC Instagram & Facebook for an answer EVERY WEEK!****

Trivia will be judged by... NAIDOC Committee Volunteers

Location: Cairns Colonial Club, 18-26 Cannon Street, Cairns Queensland 4870

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost: \$80 per team (max 6 people per team) price includes entry and nibbles

This event is an 18+ ONLY event.

For more information contact: Cairns NAIDOC Committee naidoc Cairns@diydg.org.au

Book your tickets at: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-cairns-naidoc-trivia-night>



Beat the 2023 Winner: Galbu



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Friday, 12 July 2024

Mob In Music

Come and celebrate NAIDOC 2024 with Xclusive Night Club, Experience the best of Hip Hop and RnB in Cairns. Celebrate NAIDOC Week with us at Xclusive Night Club! We're bringing the heat and showcasing amazing local talent, celebrating mob in music. Come enjoy a night of vibrant performances from local artists such as MSP with more artists to be announced.

Locations: Xclusive Night Club, 33 Spence st Cairns

Time: 9:00 PM

Cost: Free entry before 10pm. Price on door

Contact: Cairns NAIDOC Committee for further information



This is an 18+ ONLY event

Event is hosted by Xclusive Night Club

Saturday, 13 July 2024

NAIDOC Dinner

The Cairns NAIDOC Gala Dinner is a prestigious event that unites us in celebration of the 2024 NAIDOC theme, "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud." Throughout the evening, guests will be treated to a fine dining experience, complimented by a line-up of live entertainment that captures the essence of First Nations culture. Aboriginal and Islander dancers will light up the stage, alongside talented musicians, creating an atmosphere of celebration which resonates with the themes of NAIDOC. The event will be seamlessly orchestrated by Libby Cook-Black, who will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Location: Crystalbrook Riley

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm start

Cost: \$125/pp (After pay & Zippay Available)

For more information contact: Diane Stevens Parter

Cairns NAIDOC Committee naidoc Cairns@diydg.org.au

Book your tickets at: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-cairns-naidoc-dinner>



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Saturday & Sunday, 13 & 14 July 2024

Edor Competition

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a thrilling game of Edor!

Edor, a traditional First Peoples' game from Aurukun, is a dynamic sport that combines running, tagging, and chasing. It's played with OzTag belts and involves scoring goals without the use of balls. Complimentary food available for all players, with transport options available from Cairns West (inquire for details)

13 July: Juniors (ages 8-12) & Youth (ages 13-18); 14 July: Adult (18+)

Location: Watsons Oval, 32 Behan Street, Manunda

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Cost: FREE!

For more information contact: Marc Harbrow 0459 892 262 or
Esther Gaffney 0413 428 496 esthergaffney@harbrowmentoring.com.au

How to Register:

- Sign up as a team or solo player through our Facebook page
- Or register on-site between 8:30 AM and 10 AM on the day of the event



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Thursday, 18 July 2024

NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024

Join us for the NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024, where Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander youth in junior secondary years (Years 7 to 9) will come together to explore, connect, and lead! Don't miss this opportunity to ignite potential and inspire change in your community. Register now and be part of something extraordinary!

Location: St Mary's Catholic College, Cairns

Theme: "Keep the Fire Burning"

****School Registration Required****

For more information and registration, contact:
Semara Jose semara.jose@diydg.org.au



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Key Information:

- Designed for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander youth in Years 7-9
- School Supervision required
- Free event (thanks to our sponsors)
- Nutritious lunch & morning tea provided
- Parental consent required
- Transportation not provided

Thank you to all partners and sponsors



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