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GENERATION:  
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**PROGRAM OF  
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## Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Cairns NAIDOC Committee, we extend our acknowledgment to the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we gather and organise our NAIDOC events. We honour their knowledge of this Country and its stories.

We pay respect to our Elders who have paved the way and advocate for our rights. Our acknowledgment extends to all individuals present, their families, communities, and respective Countries.

We recognise and thank all volunteers, whose contributions over the years have accredited to the ongoing success of Cairns NAIDOC Week. Due to their work, we are able to grow our celebrations every year.

Lastly, the Cairns NAIDOC Committee would like to acknowledge our First Nations community members - as this week is about celebrating them. Together we will embrace this year's theme,  
**Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy.**

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## Artist Acknowledgement

Phillip (Yeeliwagu) Yanner is a Gangalidda artist from Mounigibi (Burketown) with connections to Jirrbal country through his maternal roots. His work is embedded in the principles of connection to country, cultural continuity, and the empowerment of the next generation, which he brings alive through various mediums. His artistic endeavours are not just about creating visual art but about weaving together community, culture, and identity.

## Artist Statement

### THATHUNGGA - TOGETHER

This artwork represents the passing on of knowledge, wisdom, and strength from one generation to the next. It reflects how we sustain our people and culture by learning from our ancestors and elders, while nurturing and empowering the next generation. Our young people are the carriers of our stories, identity, and future. This ongoing journey is made possible through unity — by working together with one another, with the land, and in harmony with both the present and the future.





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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.



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## OUR PARTNER

### Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good

Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good 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.

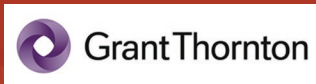
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**Tuesday, 1 July 2025**

## 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. **This is a FREE event**

**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:30pm

**Venue:** Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre,  
16-18 McCormack Street, Mooroolbool

**Contact:** Michael Riley, [Michael.Riley@diydg.org.au](mailto:Michael.Riley@diydg.org.au)

*Event is being held by Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG)*



**Wednesday, 2 & Thursday 3 July 2025**

## TCIFA Cairns NAIDOC 2025 Bama Futsal Cup

Come along to the TCIFA Cairns NAIDOC 2025 Bama Futsal Cup! It's a free, two-day comp during the second week of school holidays! This event features U10, U13, and Open divisions. Bring the family and enjoy an atmosphere of sport, community, and culture!

**Venue:** PCYC, Edmonton

**Times:** Informal kickabout: 9:00am – 3:00pm | Competitive: 11:30am – 3:00pm

**Transport:** West Cairns bus available both days, Outside Cairns West State School & Balaclava State School. Depart 8:30am, return 3:30pm



*Hosted by the Torres Strait & Cape York Peninsula  
Indigenous Futsal Association*

**Friday, 4 July 2025**

## NAIDOC March

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.

**Route:** Grafton Street then onto Spence Street to Fogarty Park

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

**Time:** Muster, 9:00 am | Depart, 9.30am

For more information contact: Cairns NAIDOC Committee, [Whichway@cairnsnaidoc.com](mailto:Whichway@cairnsnaidoc.com)



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**Friday, 4 July 2025**

## Friday In The Park

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

Friday in the Park brings our people together, organisations and agencies with their stalls, Indigenous business enterprises selling their wares and arts and crafts. Food will also be available for purchase. Check out the entertainment with singers, bands and dance groups displaying our cultural practices and history.

**Fogarty Park, Cairns Esplanade,  
Time: 10:00am - 5:00pm**

**For more information contact:  
Merrissa Nona, [Stalls@ Cairnsnaidoc.com](mailto:Stalls@ Cairnsnaidoc.com)  
0422 009 419**

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**Sunday 6 July 2025**

## Edor Competition

Hosted by Our Future Mentors, experience the excitement of the traditional Indigenous game originating from Aurukun. The Edor Carnival showcases athleticism, cultural knowledge, and friendly rivalry, bringing together participants and spectators in a celebration of this ancestral sport.

**Location: North Cairns Tigers Grounds, Behan St, Manunda  
Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
This is a FREE event**

**For more information contact:**

**Esther Gaffney, [Esthergaffney@ofmic.org.au](mailto:Esthergaffney@ofmic.org.au), 0413 428 496**



Nominate your team by scanning the QR code:  
[www.ourfuturementors.com.au/2025-naidoc-edor-carnival](http://www.ourfuturementors.com.au/2025-naidoc-edor-carnival)  
*Event is hosted by Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation*



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**Monday, 7 July 2025**

## NAIDOC Week Book Launch

What better way to celebrate the theme of NAIDOC of the Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy, than to commemorate a children's book about the legacy of William Cooper the Father of NAIDOC. This children's book about him will inspire the next generation with his strength to fight for Indigenous rights.

We are honoured to have Mr David Hudson officially launching the book, making this a truly special occasion.

**Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Location:** Munganbana Aboriginal Art Gallery  
33 Lake Street, Cairns

**Free RSVP here:** [munganbana@bigpond.com](mailto:munganbana@bigpond.com)

**For more information contact:**

Barbara Miller, 0466 076 020, <https://barbara-miller-books.com/>

*Event is hosted by Munganbana Aboriginal Art Gallery*



**Tuesday, 8 July 2025**

## NAIDOC Breakfast

Get ready for the NAIDOC Breakfast!

Start your day with the NAIDOC Breakfast, where the community comes together to reflect, share stories, and build connections over a shared meal. Come along and listen to speakers who discuss themes of action, advocacy, and the ongoing journey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Speakers will include Aunty Henrietta Marrie AM and Ms Seleena Blackley

**Master of Ceremonies is Mr Paul Walker**

**Venue:** Cairns Convention Centre, Wharf St

**Time:** Arrivals 6:45am, commence from 7:15am SHARP

**For more information contact:** Louise Hunter [cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com)

**Book your ticket at:**

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-cairns-naidoc-breakfast>



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**Tuesday, 8 July 2025**

## **Mookai NAIDOC Family Day**

Join us for a fun filled afternoon for the entire family – coming together to celebrate NAIDOC! The FREE event includes food and drinks, entertainment, traditional dancing, games and activities, arts and crafts, and market stalls. Mookai has been hosting family days for years! Now, the annual family day is held as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations bringing family, community, culture and history together.

**Time:** 3pm – 5pm

**Location:** Ravizza Park, Edmonton

**Updates will be provided via Facebook: Mookai Rosie**

**For more information contact:**

**Mookai Rosie, 07 4081 7500, <https://mookairosie.org.au/>**



*Event hosted by Mookai Rosie*

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**Wednesday, 9 July 2025**

## **Wuchopperen NAIDOC Community Day**

Wuchopperen Health Service will be hosting their annual NAIDOC Community Day celebrating this years' theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy".

Enjoy performances from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance groups, cultural educational games, information stalls from supporting community organisations, delicious free 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](mailto:communications@wuchopperen.org.au), [www.wuchopperen.org.au](http://www.wuchopperen.org.au)**



*Event is hosted by Wuchopperen Health Service*

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**Thursday, 10 July 2025**

## Trivia Night

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is excited to present the 9th Annual NAIDOC Trivia Night.

There will be 6 rounds of trivia that celebrate our Peoples' strength, achievements and success. If you don't leave with a team medal, we guarantee you will leave with sprinkle of knowledge and a dash more pride in our People! The night will be filled with both laughter and moaning. Teams can purchase one answer per round by way of a \$2 donation.

Trivia will be scored and judged by NAIDOC Committee

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

**This event is an 18+ ONLY event.**

**Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm**

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

**Cost: \$88 per team (max 6 people per team) price includes entry and nibbles**



For more information contact:  
Natalie Barney, [Trivia@cairnsnaidoc.com](mailto:Trivia@cairnsnaidoc.com)

Book your tickets at:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/2925-cairns-naidoc-trivia-night>

**Beat the 2024 Winner: Martha Pipers**



*Event sponsored by ReFocus*

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**Friday, 11 July 2025**

## Kunjur Kup Murri Masterclass

This full-day cultural learning experience is designed to pass on traditional knowledge, strengthen identity, and bring community together through food, story, and hands-on practice.

This event is open to all community members and focuses on nurturing leadership, cultural strength, and collective responsibility for keeping traditions alive.

**Time:** 8:30am – 5:00pm (Full-day attendance required)

**Location:** Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre  
16-18 McCormack Street, Moorroobool

**Who can attend:** • 12-15 year olds with an adult  
• 16+ independently attend

**What to bring:** Spare shirt, water hat and closed-in shoes



**Secure your spot: Only 40 spots available**

**For more information contact:**  
Kunjur First Nations Men's Collective  
[kunjur.referrals@diydg.org.au](mailto:kunjur.referrals@diydg.org.au)  
<https://cairnsnaidoc.com/kup-murri-masterclass>

*This event is being held by Kunjur First Nations Men's Collective*



**Saturday, 12 July 2025**

## Elders Luncheon

An afternoon of music and dance organised specifically for Elders. A buffet meal with live entertainment will be provided. Bring your loved ones along for a great time.

Carers welcome.

**Venue:** Cairns Colonial Club, Homestead Room (Front Entrance)  
18-26 Cannon Street, Cairns QLD

**Time:** Arrivals from 10:30am

**Event:** 11:00am - 1:00pm

**For more information contact:** Jennifer King, [Elders.luncheon@cairnsnaidoc.com](mailto:Elders.luncheon@cairnsnaidoc.com)



**Pre-Registration is essential as numbers are limited.**  
**Register for your free ticket:**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-naidoc-elders-luncheon>

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**Sunday, 13 July 2025**

## 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.

**Venue:** Endeavour Lodge, Masonic Centre, 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*

**Saturday, 26 July 2025**

## NAIDOC Gala

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is proud to host the 2025 Cairns NAIDOC Gala — a night of celebration, culture, and community spirit. Celebrate NAIDOC in style at this special evening of fun, fabulousness and fantastic deadly mob at Hilton Hotel!

Join us for a memorable night filled with fine dining and entertainment as we honour the richness of First Nations culture and heritage. Throughout the evening, enjoy live entertainment including Aboriginal and Islander dances and musicians, with the event MC'd by Jalen Sutcliffe.

Under the coordination of Diane Stevens Parter, this gala promises to be a night to remember!

**Location:** Hilton Hotel, 34 Esplanade

**Time:** 5:00pm: Welcome Drink on arrival | 6:00pm-11:00: Dinner & Entertainment

**Cost:** \$150/pp (After pay & Zippay Available)

**This is an 18+ event.**

**For more information contact:** Diane Stevens Parter, [Gala.dinner@cairnsnaidoc.com](mailto:Gala.dinner@cairnsnaidoc.com)



**Book your tickets at:**

**<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-cairns-naidoc-gala-dinner>**

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**Friday, 19 & Saturday 20 September 2025**

## **The Next Generation: First Nations Youth Forum**

**One big question. One powerful gathering.**

What does the next 50 years look like for Cairns First Nations young people, our families, and our community?

This forum is a space for mob aged 16 to 30 to speak up, dream, and lead with courage. It's not just a talkfest — it's a truth-telling, future-building and a legacy-shaping gathering.

Together, we'll map out what justice, culture, community, and self-determination looks like across the next five decades — on our terms.

**Location: Venue upon registration**

**For more information and registration, contact:**

**Semara Jose [semara.jose@diydg.org.au](mailto:semara.jose@diydg.org.au)**



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