



# HEAL COUNTRY!

4-11 JULY 2021



CAIRNS NAIDOC WEEK  
PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2021



Country is inherent to our identity. It sustains our lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally. It is more than a place.

When we talk about Country it is spoken of like a person. Country is family, kin, law, lore, ceremony, traditions, and language. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples it has been this way since the dawn of time. Through our languages and songs, we speak to Country; through our ceremonies and traditions we sing to - and celebrate Country - and Country speaks to us. Increasingly, we worry about Country. For generations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been calling for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of our culture and heritage for all Australians. We have continued to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration and destruction.

**We are still waiting for those robust protections.**

Healing Country means hearing those pleas to provide greater management, involvement, and empowerment by Indigenous peoples over country. Healing Country means embracing First Nation's cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage. That the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders are respected equally to and the cultures and values of all Australians.

**The right to protect Country and culture is fundamental.**

Destruction and desecration of our sacred lands or ancient sites - some of the oldest human occupation sites on the planet - is an enormous loss for both our nation and the world.

**But to truly heal Country we have more to do.**

Our lands will continue to burn from bushfires, droughts will continue to destroy our livelihoods, without using traditional practices that have protected this country for centuries. For generations, our Elders and communities have advocated, marched and fought for substantive institutional, structural and collaborative reform. The aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the culmination of generations of consultation and discussions among our nations on a range of issues and grievances. Healing Country means finally resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of our people. It must be a fair and equitable resolution.

Fundamental grievances will not vanish. In the European settlement of Australia, there were no treaties, no formal settlements, no compacts. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people therefore did not cede sovereignty to our land. It was taken from us. That will remain a continuing source of dispute.

**To Heal Country, we must properly work towards redressing historical injustice.**

While we can't change history, through telling the truth about our nation's past we certainly can change the way history is viewed. After 250 years, our children and our future generations deserve better. For generations we have repeatedly called for just recognition of our right to participate on an equal basis in economic and social terms.

Yet such participation cannot be successful unless, first, there is formal recognition that Indigenous people have been dispossessed and, second, definite, specific steps are taken to redress the grave social and economic disadvantage that followed that dispossession.

Healing Country is more than changing a word in our national anthem - it is about the historical, political, and administrative landscapes adapting to successfully empower and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, nations, and heritage.

**We are all looking for significant and lasting change.**

We cannot afford to let pass the very real opportunity that now presents itself for reform based on a fundamental change in the relationship Australia has with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Heal Country, heal our nation.**

The NAIDOC theme for each year is determined by the National NAIDOC Committee. Cairns local, Mr Kenny Bedford, of the Meuram tribe of Erub is on the National Committee.

**For more information about national NAIDOC celebrations, go to <https://www.aidoc.org.au/>**

**EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

**2021 Cairns NAIDOC Week celebrations will commence on Saturday 3rd July 2021 and follow national dates, 4 - 11 July 2021**



## SATURDAY 3 JULY

### CAIRNS ELDERS' LUNCHEON

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED**

**VENUE:** South Cairns Cutters Club House, corner Robert and Bicentennial Roads (upstairs)

**TIME:** 12.30pm – 4:00pm | **ARRIVALS:** 12:00 noon – 12.30pm

**CONTACT:** Donna Dewis | 0408 452 420 | E: [cairnsnaidoceldersluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:cairnsnaidoceldersluncheon@gmail.com)



This event is proudly sponsored by Queensland  
Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service



## SUNDAY 4 JULY

### STEPH TISDELL'S BLACK OUT COMEDY

From the brainchild of Yidinji comedian Steph Tisdell, who wanted to showcase her favourite up-and-coming Indigenous performers, Blackout Comedy has evolved into a popular comedy show that's toured all over Australia.

Hosted by Melbourne Comedy Roadshow favourite, Matt Ford, and featuring an all indigenous lineup from up QLD's coastline, with Kylan Ambrum, Leon Filewood and Jay Wymarra, plus headlined by Steph Tisdell herself, this is one night of comedy you won't want to miss!

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**

**VENUE:** Paramour Cabaret Theatre, 34-42 Wharf Street, Cairns

**TIME:** 7:30pm – 9:00pm

**COST:** \$35.00 per person

**BOOKINGS:** ONLINE BOOKING ONLY -

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=768036&>

## TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021

### CAIRNS NAIDOC BREAKFAST 2021

Come along and listen to the local and regional Traditional Owners tell us what they are doing locally to HEAL COUNTRY! Gain insights into their work on their land and sea country in addressing the impacts of colonisation and climate change, impacts on native flora and fauna, sea level rising and what they are doing to address the situation using cultural knowledge and practices.

Speakers will be Gudju Gudju Fourmile, Gimuy Walabura Yidinji Traditional Owner; Gavin Singleton, Yirrganydji Traditional Owner and representatives from Gur A Baradharaw Kod (GBK), Sea and Land Council for the Torres Strait.

**VENUE:** Grand Ballroom, Pullman International, 17 Abbott Street

**TIME:** 6:45am – 7:15am (Registration)

7:20am – 9:00am (Breakfast & Speakers)

9:00 – 9:30am (Panel discussion)

**COST:** \$53.84, (\$50 per person + service fee & taxes)

Table of 8 – \$380.89 (\$360 per table of 8 + service fee & taxes)

Table of 10 – \$475.84 (\$450 per table of 10 + service fee & taxes)

**BOOKINGS:** ONLINE BOOKING ONLY

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cairns-naidoc-breakfast-tickets-157369567613>

INVOICES CAN BE PROVIDED AFTER SECURING YOUR TICKET

**CONTACT:** Louise Hunter | 0480 199 215 | [cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com)



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## TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021

### GOOD VIBES @ NAIDOC 2021

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is partnering with DIYDG (Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good) to deliver a variation to their weekly Good Vibrations program; GOOD VIBES @ NAIDOC 2021. Good Vibes is designed for young people to have fun through engaging interactive games and activities.

Come along to a night filled with fun, food, laughter and meaningful connections.

**VENUE:** Cairns PCYC Manunda, 91-97 Macnamara Street

**TIME:** 6:00pm – 9:00pm

**COST:** FREE

**CONTACT:** Merrissa | 0498 809 561 or Nicole | 0432 186 950

**EMAIL:** [whichway@diydg.org.au](mailto:whichway@diydg.org.au)

This event is proudly sponsored by BDO Cairns





### WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2021

#### WUCHOPPEREN HEALTH SERVICE COMMUNITY NAIDOC DAY

Join us for our annual NAIDOC Community Day at Wuchopperen to showcase and celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through dance, music, art, food and fun activities. Everyone is welcome to our family-friendly event so please come along – bring your family and friends for an afternoon of great atmosphere, laughs and entertainment!

**Wuchopperen is a non-smoking facility and this is also an alcohol and drug-free event.**

**VENUE:** Wuchopperen Health Service, 6 Moignard Street, Manoora

**TIME:** 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**COST:** FREE

**CONTACT:** Sarah Beck | 4080 1017 | [communications@wuchopperen.org.au](mailto:communications@wuchopperen.org.au)



### WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2021

#### INDIGENOUS FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Learn how to use collections to support your Indigenous family history research. After attending this session, hourly one on one appointments are available from 11am to support individual family history research.

**VENUE:** Manunda Library, Raintrees Shopping Centre, 63 Alfred Street, Manunda

**TIME:** 10:00am – 11:00am

**COST:** FREE

**CONTACT:** Manunda Library, (07) 4044 3779 for more information



### WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2021

#### CAIRNS NAIDOC TRIVIA NIGHT

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is excited to present the sixth NAIDOC Trivia Night, proudly sponsored by MAXIMA. There will be heaps of fun and more games and prizes on offer along with six rounds of trivia with lots of laughter, moaning and bribing! Trivia will be judged by “the monkeys”. Rules: No phones BUT teams will be allowed to purchase one answer per round by way of \$2 donation.

**Secure a table ASAP, as numbers are limited.**

**VENUE:** Lockhart Room, Cairns Colonial Club, Behan Street entrance

**TIME:** 6:30pm – 9:30pm

**COST:** \$70 per team capped at 6 people per team; includes entry and nibbles.

*The onsite restaurant will be open for you to purchase meals. Meals can be purchased prior to 8:30pm, however, you will have to bring them to the Lockhart Room. We recommend you eat/order prior to trivia commencing as you miss out on trivia traveling to and from the restaurant.*

**CONTACT:** Natalie Barney | [natalie\\_carla@live.com.au](mailto:natalie_carla@live.com.au) | [natalie\\_carla](mailto:natalie_carla)



### THURSDAY 8 JULY 2021

#### DEADLY CHOICES NAIDOC SPORTS DAY

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is partnering with Deadly Choices for the first time and bringing this event to the south side of Cairns. Deadly Choices will be facilitating Traditional Games. Children under 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Come along and join in this fun event for the entire family. Lunch, snacks and water will be provided.

**This event is free.**

**VENUE:** Edmonton PCYC, 10-20 Walker Road, Edmonton

**TIME:** 10:00am – 3:00pm

**COST:** FREE

**CONTACT:** Davin Crampton, Deadly Choices | 0427 220 261 | [Davin.Crampton@diuih.org.au](mailto:Davin.Crampton@diuih.org.au)



### FRIDAY 9 JULY 2021

#### CAIRNS NAIDOC MARCH – BE LOUD, BE PROUD

Cairns Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community – be loud and be proud! Rain, hail or shine bring your flags, banners, signs and join the NAIDOC March.

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

**MUSTER:** 9:00 am

**March commences at 9:30 am**

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

**CONTACT:** Semara Jose & DIYDG members | [whichway@diydg.org.au](mailto:whichway@diydg.org.au)

### FRIDAY 9 JULY 2021

#### CAIRNS NAIDOC 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.

Entertainment will be provided in the form of singers, bands and dance groups displaying our cultural practices and history.

**This event will have Auslan interpreters to support engagement of the local deaf community.**

**VENUE:** Fogarty Park, Cairns Esplanade

**TIME:** 10:00am – 6:00pm

**CONTACT:** Lynette Dewis | 0402 612 013 | [cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com](mailto:cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com)

*This event is proudly sponsored by Deaf Services*





**SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021****KUNJUR MASTERCLASS**

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is delighted to partner with Kunjur First Nation's Mens Collective to hold another men's gathering. They are facilitating a kup murri masterclass, instructing the process of traditional cooking from preparation through to cooking. They will then sell the food to fundraise for ongoing Kunjur Gatherings.

This event is men supporting men.

**The Kunjur Collective holds Men's Group gatherings every Wednesday throughout the year. They are looking for members and encourage all local men to come along and join them. Like their Facebook Page – Kunjur Men's Group**

**VENUE:** 156 Irene Street, Moorooloolool  
**TIME:** 10:00am – 5:00pm  
**CONTACT:** Bernard Sabadi | 0401 934 060 | [kunjurmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kunjurmensgroup@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021****IMP CAIRNS NAIDOC FUN RUN**

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee partners with Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) <http://imf.org.au/> and the Cairns Deadly Runners and Walkers to hold this deadly annual event. IMF uses running and walking as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Cairns Deadly Runners and Walkers aim to promote health, personal achievement, and increase self-esteem and confidence to enable them improve many areas of their lives.

Running is accessible to any age, ability and location and has the tremendous power to instill a sense of personal accomplishment when one has pushed beyond what they thought possible. So get your deadly running and walking shoes on and come down and participate in this awesome event.

**VENUE:** Fun Ship Parklands, Cairns Esplanade  
**DISTANCE:** 3 km and 5km walk and/or run  
**TIME:** 7:00am check in and bib collection, run starts at 8:00am  
**CONTACT:** Nadine Hunt | 0439 774 548

**SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021****MY NAME IS GULPILIL**

End Credits Film Club is screening "My Name is Gulpilil" during NAIDOC Week.

My Name is Gulpilil is an intimate documentary about legendary actor David Gulpilil documenting his life since his diagnosis of lung cancer. The documentary is filmed between hospital visit and excursions on country in South Australia where he is based for treatment. Clips from his movies are woven throughout the film reliving his 50 years on screen. Film is closed captioned.

**NOTE:** This is an End Credits Film Club screening. All bookings must be through the link provided below  
**YOU CANNOT PURCHASE THROUGH BCC.**

**VENUE:** Birch, Carrol & Coyle (BCC) Earlville Cinemas, Stockland Shopping Centre  
**COST:** Concession price of \$13 for the NAIDOC community.  
 Door sales from 3:30pm, pre-bookings and more information at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=769268&>

**TIME:** 4:30pm  
**CONTACT:** Brynn Mathews | 4028 3621 | Email: [brynn@endcredits.org.au](mailto:brynn@endcredits.org.au)

**SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021****COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE**

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee would like to invite everyone to their annual Combined Church Service, to celebrate this year's 2021 theme "Heal Country". Since 2018, the Cairns NAIDOC Committee has partnered with Feiva International Ministries (FIM) along with Indigenous Speaker Claire Freeman, followed by main message by Reverend Yodie Batzke (FIM).

Invitation to attend will be extended to Cairns NAIDOC Committee, Traditional Owners, Cairns Church Community, Cairns Regional Council, State and Federal Members, NAIDOC Church service will be located in Cairns and will include worship music provided by Royals Church. Following the service a free sausage sizzle will be provided.

Due to COVID restrictions, online rsvp will be made available from 24th June 2021.

**A Link to Royals Church online RSVP will be made public on Cairns NAIDOC Facebook page.**

**VENUE:** Royals Church, 9 Hollingsworth Street, Portsmith QLD 4870  
**TIME:** 6:00pm- 7:30pm (followed by BBQ)  
**CONTACT:** Reverend Yodie Batzke | 0498 337 885 | [feivaministries@gmail.com](mailto:feivaministries@gmail.com)





### SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### CAIRNS NAIDOC DINNER

Come along and celebrate all things NAIDOC. Join us for a fun-filled night, full of entertainment, dancing, food and drinks as we celebrate another year of NAIDOC in Cairns. We will pay tribute and thanks to our local community, committee members and sponsors.

**VENUE:** Ballroom, Hilton Cairns

**Time:** 5:30pm – 6:30pm (Pre-dinner drinks)

6:30pm – 12:00am (Dinner and Entertainment)

**RSVP:** [cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com](mailto:cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com)



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



We sincerely thank everyone involved in organising and celebrating this week of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements as opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee pay respects to the Traditional Owners of the land that NAIDOC celebrations are held. We acknowledge their Elders past, present and emerging.

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee would also like to thank the Commonwealth National Indigenous Australian's Agency for their funding and Bumma Bippera Media 98.7FM as our auspicing body.



The Cairns Regional Council acknowledge the Traditional Custodians on whose land we walk, work and live on and to their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We also acknowledge and pay respect to all Elders past, present and emerging who walked before us and who still watch over us today.

This program is proudly supported by the CRC in partnership with Cairns NAIDOC Committee to promote and raise awareness of NAIDOC Week within the Cairns region.

### 2021 NAIDOC WEEK ARTWORK

#### MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN

Cairns is surrounded by large majestic mountains. Its role is to provide shelter, water and food. This painting illustrates the story places nestled in the vast mountain range of the Cairns region. Within these mountains are sacred story places and women and men's business areas. These story places are kept safe by the traditional owners, the Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji people. An image to remind you of this year's NAIDOC theme with the important message of caring for country and learning the sacredness of the land in which you live.

Artist Susan Reys

Enquiries for personal prints of Susan Reys' painting can be order through Kgari 3 Sisters.

**Kgari 3 Sisters**

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