



CAIRNS
NAIDOC
WEEK

2023 NAIDOC WEEK ARTWORK

IndigeDesignLabs works on local, national and international design projects. The team is made up of representation from a diverse representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Members of our team have representation of local Traditional Owner groups and Historical connected families of the Cairns Region Council region as well as connections through other part of Australia's First Nations peoples.



FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

CAIRNS NAIDOC WEEK
PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2023



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NAIDOC 2023 – FOR OUR ELDERS

Across every generation, our **Elders** have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them too.

They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

The struggles of our **Elders** help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people. It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us – without us.

From Cairns, we are privileged to have many significant **Elders** who have been our knowledge keepers, trailblazers and leaders, locally, regionally, across Queensland and the country. They have contributed to many local organisations and services or led the fight for equality and justice.

We pay our respects to the **Elders** we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay homage to them.

This year we will celebrate our **Elders**, still with us and those that have passed. We will pay our respects to them at every opportunity for we know we would not be here today and where we are without their service and sacrifice.

Join us in celebrating NAIDOC 2023!

For more information about national NAIDOC celebrations, go to www.naidoc.org.au



DEADLY INSPIRING YOUTH DOING GOOD (DIYDG)

Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) are pleased to have the Cairns NAIDOC events, planning and the Cairns NAIDOC Committee as a part of their organisation DIYDG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation is a youth-led, non-profit organisation, empowered by young people, families and the community. DIYDG was established in Cairns in 2016 and its roots are deeply embedded in the Cairns and surrounding region. The

organisation has grown over the years, and it was a natural progression that Cairns NAIDOC events merge to be delivered as a part of DIYDG.

It is envisaged that Cairns NAIDOC Committee diversify and include more young people to take over the organisation, coordination and facilitation of events, which aligns with DIYDG's mission to Inspire, Equip and Empower young people to take action and change the world.

For more information about DIYDG, refer to their website, diydg.org.au

You can donate to DIYDG, here and register to volunteer, diydg.org.au/become-avolunteer

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee can be contacted at cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook "Cairns Naidoc"

All Cairns NAIDOC events can be found at, diydg.org.au/cairns-naidoc

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SATURDAY 1 JULY 2023 COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee would like to acknowledge that we are facilitating this event on a significant day for Torres Strait Islanders and Christians, "Coming of the Light" or July 1 / Zulai Wan. Due to competing scheduling matters we apologise for any inconvenience.

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: Salvation Army, 72 Hoare Street, Manunda

Time: Arrivals 12:00 noon – 12.30pm

12.30pm – 4:00 pm

Contact: Margaret Ross-Kelly, 0484 279 154 OR

cairnsnaidoceldersluncheon@gmail.com

This event is proudly sponsored by
North Queensland Primary Health Network



SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023 COMBINED 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. This year's service will be held at the Cairns Cross Church, affiliated with the ACC denomination. Thank you Ps Uvau and Kate Imani for partnering with Feiva International Ministries for this year's NAIDOC Church Service.

The 2023 NAIDOC theme "FOR OUR ELDERS", will provide an opportunity for invited Indigenous Christian Elders to be a part of this year's service.

SERVICE TIME:

Venue: Cairns Cross Church (Cairns Men Shed), 186 Irene Street, Mooroolooloo
Time: 10:00am to 11:30am
 BBQ: 12noon to 2:00pm

For more Information:

Call: Reverend Yohan (Yodie) Batzke on 0498 337 885
Email: feivaministries@gmail.com



This event is proudly sponsored by Feiva International Ministries Cairns

SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023 COME TOGETHER FOR YES

Join us at the supporter gathering for the Yes Vote on the Voice to Parliament Referendum! This is a National Day of Support, gathering in Cairns will link with other events across the nation. Come together with like-minded individuals, activists, and advocates, as we stand shoulder-to-shoulder in support of Indigenous representation and recognition. This gathering promises to be a celebration of solidarity and hope.

SERVICE TIME:

Venue: Fogarty Park, The Esplanade
Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Contact: Stacey Ketchell, 0432 186 831, stacey@yes23.com.au
Register here:



MONDAY 3 JULY TO FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023 CAIRNS DEADLY RUNNERS AND WALKERS TRAINING SESSIONS

Come and join the Cairns Deadly Runners and Walkers (CDRAW), grassroots, local and community running and walking group focused on assisting Indigenous community members with a structured running and walking program to increase their fitness, knowledge and running / walking ability. The group welcomes all community members. CDRAW provides motivation and support to help people reach their running goals in a safe, social and encouraging environment – supported on a volunteer basis by Indigenous Marathon Project graduates and IMF Run leaders. CDRAW motivates and influences each other to choose healthier lifestyle choices. This NAIDOC, we will run and walk together as a community to celebrate our Elders. Join us for as little or as many weekly sessions, and you can also sign up for the #RunSweatInspire Festival with us – www.imf.org.au/rsif-2023

SESSIONS:

Monday 3 July @6am, meet @ Fogarty Park
Monday 3 July @5:30pm, meet @ Fun Ship Playground (walk or slow run)
Wednesday 5 July @5:30pm, meet @ Aeroglen Car Park (hills)
Thursday 6 July @5:30pm, meet @ Glenoma Park
Friday 7 July @6am, meet @ Fogarty Park

MORE DETAILS

www.facebook.com/cairnsdeadlyraw, Instagram @cairnsdeadlyraw



This event is delivered by
Cairns Deadly
Runners and Walkers



This event is proudly
sponsored by Indigenous
Marathon Foundation

TUESDAY 4 JULY 2023 CAIRNS NAIDOC BREAKFAST 2023

Come along and listen to speakers on this year's most relevant topic impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in 2023, Treaty in Queensland and YES23 – Constitutional Reform for Voice to (Federal) Parliament.

Speakers: Cheryl Buchanan & Mick Gooda, Interim Treaty and Truth Telling Body (ITT), Qld
 Kenny Bedford, YES23 Engagement Manager

Master of Ceremonies: Ray Rosendale, Cairns-based ITTB member

Venue: Grand Ballroom, Pullman International, 17 Abbott Street
Time: 6:45am – 7:15am (Arrivals)

7:20am – 9:00am (Breakfast, speaker & Q&A session)

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Table of 8 – \$520 per table

Table of 10 – \$640 per table

cost of tickets includes GST & service fee

Contact: Louise Hunter, cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com

ONLINE BOOKING ONLY: www.events.humanitix.com/2023-cairns-naidoc-breakfast



This event is proudly sponsored by First Nations Foundation

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2023

CAIRNS NAIDOC TRIVIA NIGHT

The Cairns NAIDOC Committee is excited to present the seventh NAIDOC Trivia Night, proudly sponsored by My Pathway. 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. This is an 18+ only event.

Lockhart Room, Cairns Colonial Club, Behan Street

Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Cost: \$80 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 travelling to and from the restaurant.

Contact: Natalie Barney, email: natalie_carla@live.com.au



This event is proudly sponsored by Pathway



FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023

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.

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

Time: 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, email whichway@diydg.org.au

FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023

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 – 5:00pm

Contact: Lynette Dewis, mobile 0402 612 013 or email cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com



This event is proudly sponsored by United Workers Union

SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023

CAIRNS NAIDOC DESTINATION DINNER

Join us to celebrate Cairns NAIDOC. You will be whisked away to a mystery location where you will be entertained, provided food and drink and given time to spend in the lush and tranquil venue. You will be collected from the city and taken to a secret location. You will be welcomed by Traditional Owners to commence 3-separate but linked events, including dinner and entertainment. All transportation to and from the venue is provided and you will not be able to drive your personal vehicle to the venue.

Pick up: Hemingway's Brewery

Departure: 2:00pm (sharp)

Time: 2:00pm to midnight

Drop off: Hemingway's Brewery after 12am

Contact: Tania Davis, cairnsnaidocdinner@gmail.com

Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased at

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