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## Please Share...

**PDF version attached.** Huge range of activities for Youth. Links embedded in the headings. Thanks to Community for sharing their initiatives.

- <u>24-hour telephone support services</u>
- <u>'Run for Culture' Fundraiser</u>
- Koorie Youth Summit Register Now

# **Stories**

#### Kids Story - Finding Our Heart (Read by Tony Armstrong) - Video 7mins

Tony Armstrong joins us on StoryTime with an important book about the Uluru Statement. Written by Thomas Mayor and illustrated by Blak Douglas.

#### Music Video - Sachém - Glitter & Gold

Sachém holds both ancestral ties to Noonuccal (North Stradbroke Island) and African American with his family roots currently leading to Florida.

## Language - Gunditj Wurrung, YouTube Language Playlist

Learn Gunditjmara language.

# Literature - Blak Stories Hub (by Blak & Bright)

You've entered a creative nexus of Blak storytelling, a digital space where First Nations peoples, artists and allies can speak and listen to voices that are being silenced now more than ever.

#### Podcast - Your Community Health (45 mins)

The latest episode of The Health Yarn on 3KND Kool 'N' Deadly, radio host, Jodii Geddes, is joined by Aunty Sharon Bamblett and Uncle Andrew Morrison from Your Community Health (YCH) Aboriginal Health Team to discuss the services YCH offer and how to access their programs.

#### N.I.T - Friends and family pay tribute to Aunty Fay Carter

A Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung woman, fondly known by many as Guka (meaning grandmother), Aunty Fay's life was celebrated by her children, all her extended family, and a congregation of hundreds in Bendigo.

#### Sport - Indigenous All Stars defeat Sacramento State in Thriller

The men's match opened with a Welcome to Country and an Aboriginal Dance Performance by Tribal Experiences, followed by a Torres Strait Island Dance performance by Kutaw Zoeru Dance Group.

#### Article - 3 ways non-Indigenous teachers can include First Nations content

All Australian teachers need to be able to teach their students about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. It is part of their professional standards and the curriculum requires First Nations content to be taught across all areas of learning.

## Support - Which Way? Quitting Smoking

The Which Way? Quit Pack study is offering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 16 years old, who smoke and want to quit, free support mailed to your door.

## Treaty - Treaty for Victoria - UPCOMING EVENTS

Covering all regions. Scroll to the bottom of the page for full list.

## IndigX - Pitch an Article

Do you have an idea for a story or article? Pitch it directly to Indigenous X via this online form.

## Yoorrook - Make a Submission

Make your submission.

# Youth Events & Notices

# TERM 2 - VACCA East Playgroups

Come join the playgroup as we discover how Storytelling and sharing their story has strengthened our Elders, Community, and their Identity.

## TERM 2 - Youth Programs - CITY OF CASEY

See the attached pdf linked above. Check times for individual programs. Note: Hosted by a non-Indigenous Org.

#### TERM 2 - Cultural Dance Classes - SUNBURY

Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation will be running Cultural Dance Classes for school aged children during Term 2 on Wednesdays.

#### TERM 2 - Youth Drop-In Centre - WINDA-MARA

There's something on nearly everyday of the week. Check out the linked flyer.

#### MAY - SBSS Youth Hub - NORTH GEELONG

Check out the upcoming activities hosted by 'Strong Brother Strong Sister'.

#### JUNE - SBSS Youth Hub - NORTH GEELONG

Check out the upcoming activities hosted by 'Strong Brother Strong Sister'.

# Mon - Casey Aboriginal Family Playgroup - DOVETON

Playgroup is back on this Friday 17th May 10.30am - 1pm.

#### Mon - Indigenous Playgroup - SEBASTOPOL

Playgroup helps bring children, parents/carers, families, and communities together to learn and develop though informal play activities and social interaction. Hosted by BADAC.

# Mon - Yan-Yan Yaruk Youth Program - DOVETON

If you or someone you know is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and aged 10-25, we invite you to join us for the opportunity to connect, learn about culture, and build skills through fun, engaging, learning-based activities. Mondays during school term.

## Mon - Young Aboriginal Mentoring Program - NORLANE

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary school aged children - YAM runs every Monday from 4pm - 5:30pm for the school term, at our Karroong Kanyool (Youth Hub).

# Mon - Term 2 Youth Group - BALLARAT

Check out their full list of upcoming activities for young mob.

## Mon - Koorie Kids Playgroup - Mums and Bubs - HEIDELBERG

Come and join us at VACCA's Koorie Kids Playgroup in a culturally safe, fun and empowering environment for families with bubs 0 - 2 years.

## Mon – Thur – Western VACCA Koorie Kids Playgroup

Come and join us at VACCA's Koorie Kids Playgroup in a culturally safe, fun and empowering environment for families with children aged 5 years and under. Koorie Kids Playgroup is a great place for children and their Mums, Dads and Carers.

#### Tues - Koorie Homework Club - ST. ALBANS

Join us after school for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander homework club for primary and secondary students. The club offers a safe space for students to catch up on homework and take part in cultural activities with special guests.

#### Tues - Koorie Kids Playgroup - RESERVOIR

Come and join us at VACCAs Koorie Kids Playgroup in a culturally safe, fun and empowering environment for families with children aged 5 years and under.

#### Tues - Koorie Kids Homework Club - DANDENONG

A tutor will be available to help out. A healthy afternoon snack will also be provided. Hosted by VACCA & Nairm Marr Djambana.

# Tues - Njernda Homework Group (Prep - Grade 2) - EUCHA

Primary focus literacy and numeracy.

#### Wed - Coolamon Kids - ROBINVALE

A fun play session for children aged 0-5 and their family and carers. Sharing in play, stories and cultural activities. Supporting families and children's growth and development in their early year.

# Wed - Njernda Homework Group (Grades 3 - 4) - EUCHA

Primary focus literacy and numeracy.

#### Wed - Play Connect+ - SHEPPARTON

The PlayConnect+ program is open to all children with disability and/or developmental concerns aged 0-6 years (school holiday programs available for 5-8 year-olds), their families, carers and siblings.

# Wed - Cultural Dance Workshop - SUNBURY

Free activity for Koorie Youth.

## Wed - Koorie Kids Homework Club - FRANKSTON

Connection with Elders, community, hear stories, learn about culture, participate in cultural arts and crafts, get to know other Koorie children in a safe and fun environment. Hosted by VACCA & Nairm Marr Djambana.

## Wed - Koorie Kids Playgroup - THOMASTOWN

Come and join us at VACCAs Koorie Kids Playgroup in a culturally safe, fun and empowering environment for families with children aged 5 years and under.

## Wed - Western VACCA Homework Club

During School terms. Available from Prep to Year 6. Only 20 spots available. Light snacks will be provided each session.

#### Thurs - Soundwaves Music Program - MELBOURNE

We are proud to launch a brand new Songlines program starting soon. Join us every Thursday from May 23rd to June 13th for a deadly journey of music and creativity.

## Thurs - Njernda Homework Group (Grades 5 - 6) - EUCHA

Primary focus literacy and numeracy.

## Thur - Koorie Kids Homework Club - CRANBOURNE

A tutor will be available to help out. A healthy afternoon snack will also be provided. Hosted by VACCA & Nairm Marr Djambana.

## Thur - Koorie Youth Group - SUNBURY

Join us for cultural activities, art, games. This is a free activity for school-aged First Nations Young People. Not running on public holidays.

#### Thur - MDAS Early Years Playgroup – KERANG

For all carers with ATSI children 0-5. Arts & Crafts, Sensory Play, Imaginative Play, Cultural Activities

#### Fri - Family Playgroup - DOVETON

Playgroup will be re-commencing Friday 26th April. Every Friday during School Term. For children aged 0-5. Parents, grandparents & carers welcome.

#### Fri - Koorie Kids Playgroup - WHITTLESEA

Come and join us at VACCAs Koorie Kids Playgroup in a culturally safe, fun and empowering environment for families with children aged 5 years and under.

#### Fri - Indigenous Playgroup - SEBASTOPOL

Playgroup helps bring children, parents/carers, families, and communities together to learn and develop though informal play activities and social interaction. Hosted by BADAC.

#### SURVEY - Youth Engagement Framework Questionnaire

Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young person aged 12 - 28 living in Victoria? Link above.

#### **OPEN - Strong Brother Strong Sister Youth Drop-In - NORTH GEELONG**

Daily Youth Drop in Monday - Friday at the newly opened Strong Brother Strong Sister Youth Hub.

## EO/ - Museums Victoria First Peoples Cadetship Program 2024

We are excited for Expressions of interest from First Peoples youth aged 16-22. Whether you are enrolled in year 10, 11 or 12 you are encouraged to apply!

## EO/ - Cultural Activities for Community - GEGAC

GEGAC is considering hosting a number of workshops in the local area over the next few months, and is keen to see how many community members would be interested in participating. The workshops are primarily for young people aged 12+, but we'd be open to hosting workshops for all community if there's enough interest.

#### **EOI - Koorie Youth Council Executive Committee**

Looking for young mob aged between 16 - 25 at time of application. See link above for details & registration.

## EO/ - 2024 Njernda Netball Program - NJERNDA

Ages 5 - 7 years & Primary upwards. To come together, to play a team sport in community every Saturday!

## EOI - Korin Gamadji School Programs

Attention secondary teachers, KESO, support workers, are you interested in having a 2 hour FREE workshop for your school and engaging in the community-based Indigenous students in years 7 - 12?

#### EOI - Looking to Learn some Deadly Skills? - MULLUM MULLUM

Mullum Creations is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community aged 15+ who are looking to build their skills in making coffee, food handling, hospitality and customer service.

#### **EOI - Brother to Brother Youth Directorate**

We are seeking a young brother under age 25 years old for a chance to be commissioned for an artwork that represents (Mentoring, Support & Guidance) and how important those three elements are with personal journey and development.

#### Connect - Stay connected with Switchboard's QTIBPoC Program!

You will receive updates about our program, events, workshops, and more.

#### Career - Yani Bangal First Peoples Scholarship Program 2024

This program provides scholarships in financial and career assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Secondary School/VCAL, TAFE, and University. Email firstpeoplescareers@transport.vic.gov.au for more information.

#### Career - National Indigenous Training Academy - NT

The unique training, working and residential program supports trainees to participate in the local community, learn life skills and build a solid foundation for their future career. It includes accommodation and a dedicated residential and training team on location.

# Career - CERT III in Media & Screen plus Traineeships

Koorie Academy Basketball have partnered with Youthworx Media & Productions. There will be opportunities for you young mob to get opportunities for traineeships with them and also study Cert III in Screen and Media for free. Contact info@youthworx.org.au

#### Career - Rumbalara Career Pathways Guide - SHEPPARTON

Rumbalara have created this excellent career pathways guide for anyone looking for support to guide them in the right direction towards their dream job/career.

#### School Support – Financial Help for Families

Schools must prepare for and support families who are experiencing financial hardship in order to facilitate student participation in the full school program.

#### Kindergarten – Koorie Kids Shine

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get up to 15 hours of free or low cost kindergarten each week.

#### Health - Healthy, Deadly Lunch Boxes 2023 (pdf)

This book has some deadly ideas for a healthy lunch box.

#### 16 Jun - Basketball Skills & Drills Clinic - TRARALGON

Koorie Academy Basketball we can't wait to come down to Gunai Kurnai Country on Sunday June 16th.

#### 17 Jun - 2024 Koorie Youth Summit - MELBOURNE

This three-day conference welcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged between 18-28 years who live permanently in Victoria. The Summit draws participants from regional, rural, and metro communities across the state.

#### 17 Jun - Dardi Cultural Dance Workshops - PRESTON

All ages, boys & girls welcome. Learn cultural dance ceremony and the cultural value of dancing. U15s must be supervised by adults.

#### 17 Jun - Young Womens & Mens Group - HAMILTON

An opportunity for our young men and women from year 6 to year 12 to get together in a new way. Contact the Youth team for more info. <u>youth@windamara.com</u>

#### 22 Jun - Make Some Noise! - GEELONG

Make some noise is an riotous mixtape of silly songs, stupid sketches and crazy clowning! Make Some Noise! It's a party for your ears, and both of them are invited! Hilarious, fabulous fun for students (and adults) of all ages. Free Tickets available for Wathaurong Members.

#### 22 Jun - Mob Movie Night — HOYTS FRANKSTON

We're putting on a special screening for mob of Despicable Me 4. This is a chance to relax, grab a free popcorn combo and enjoy a movie with Community. Tickets are \$5 and free for kids 15 and under.

#### 26 Jun - Junior NAIDOC Awards - BALLARAT

Nibbles & Refreshments provided.

#### Closing 28 Jun - Nominations Little Ms & Mr NAIDOC - NJERNDA

Nominate your Burrai to be our first Little Miss NAIDOC & Little Mister NAIDOC 3 - 5 yrs old Category. Nominations close on Friday the 28th of June.

# 1 Jul - Dardi Cultural Dance Workshops - PRESTON

All ages, boys & girls welcome. Learn cultural dance ceremony and the cultural value of dancing. U15s must be supervised by adults.

# 1 Jul - NAIDOC Week Sand Art - GLADSTONE PARK

A school holiday workshop for kids aged 5+. We're making sand art creations designed by Wonnarua artist Kerri-Ann Taggart. Bookings are essential as supplies are limited.

# 1 - 4 Jul - Rumbalara School Holiday Camp - SHEPPARTON

Ages 13- 15. Join us for a 3-night, 4-day adventure at Billabong Ranch from July 1st to July 4th. All expenses are covered, so you can focus on having fun.

# 1 - 5 Jul - Indigenous Astrophysics Work Experience Program - HAWTHORN

The students will take part in week-long astrophysics research tasks, learn introductory coding, connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academics to hear firsthand journeys into science and the university generally.

## 2 Jul - Koorie School Holiday Activity - MELBOURNE

Hosted by Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place - Melbourne Storm Day Out.

## 2 Jul - NAIDOC - Paint your own Boomerang Workshop - GLEN IRIS

Last tickets remaining. Dive into the world of Aboriginal Dreamtime, symbols, and history as you design your very own dreamtime story boomerang.

#### 2 Jul - Street Art - Winter School Holiday Program - BROADMEADOWS

From sketch to canvas, Participants will be collaborating and implementing ideas into a project to deliver a final finished product to take home or display at Youth Central. For ages 12 - 18. Hosted by non-Indigenous org.

#### 3 Jul - Young Womens & Mens Group - HEYWOOD

An opportunity for our young men and women from year 6 to year 12 to get together in a new way. Contact the Youth team for more info. youth@windamara.com

# 3 Jul - Self-defence workshop - for young women 12-18 - NIDDRIE

This Melsways Self-Defence workshop offers a hands-on learning experience in escaping, dealing, and surviving real or potential violent threats. Participants will learn personal safety tips, how to say no to violence and be assertive. The self-defence instructor is female. Hosted by non-Indigenous org.

# 3 - 5 Jul - Vic NAIDOC Junior Basketball Tournament - CRANBOURNE

Divisions from Under 8's to Under 18's. Stay tuned for more information or contact rachaels@southernaboriginalsports.com.au

#### 4 Jul - DWGP Water Safety Program - HIGHETT

We are excited to announce another Water Safety Program for local Aboriginal school aged children living in Kingston & surrounding suburbs. Lunch provided.

# 8 Jul - Junior NAIDOC Ball - BALLARAT EAST

6pm to 8pm. Hosted by BADAC.

# 8 Jul - Art Mentoring Program – PRESTON

Hosted by VACCA. For young people aged 12 years and over who have an interest in arts to take part in our 2021 Art Mentoring program being ran in partnership with Kinya Lerrk.

# 8 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Aboriginal Infusion - SUNBURY

Kids aged 5-12 will take part in this fun, engaging introduction to cultural aspects of Australia's First Peoples. This interactive session facilitated by Cultural Infusions will feature dance, didgeridoo, artefacts and storytelling.

## 8 Jul - Indigenous Art for ages 9+ - FRANKSTON

Learn about special dot paintings that have been used for thousands of years with Skyla, proud Gunditjmara Kirrae Wurrung-Bundjalung woman.

## 9 Jul - NAIDOC Week Indigenous with Art - MORNINGTON

Learn about Aboriginal Culture and art with the help of Shanai, a contemporary Australian artist to create Indigenous art. Ages 6-12.

## 9 Jul - NAIDOC 2024 - Living Culture Dancing/Fire Making Display - PAKENHAM

Skyla from Living Culture will be here at Pakenham Library for animal totem dancing and a fire making display as part of NAIDOC 2024.

## 10 Jul - North VACCA NAIDOC Children's Day - THORNBURY

Face Painters, Photo Booth, Jumping Castle, Basketball Hoop, Indigenous Outreach Projects, Culture Evolves Traditional/Hip Hop Dance, Reptile Encounters, Cultural Activities, Football Clinic, And so much more. Registrations close 1 July.

#### 10 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Aboriginal Infusion - CRAIGIEBURN

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#### 10 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Aboriginal Infusion - BROADMEADOWS

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#### 10 Jul - NAIDOC 2024 – Connecting Two Worlds - CARRUM DOWNS

For children aged 4 – 12 years old. As part of our NAIDOC Week Celebrations, we are having Wurundjeri & Dja Dja Wurrung woman, Samantha Roberts, join us to help us learn about Aboriginal culture.

# 10 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Jewellery Making Workshop - DEER PARK

Be inspired this NAIDOC Week with jewellery making at Deer Park Library. Audience: Children 6 – 12 years old.

# 10 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Sea Turtle Suncatchers - TAYLORS LAKE

Be inspired this NAIDOC Week with Sea Turtle Suncatchers at Sydenham Library. Audience: Children 6 – 12 years old.

# 10 Jul - Cultural Workshop & Basketball Clinic - DOCKLANDS

Lunch provided. Prizes for kids. Hosted by Koorie Basketball Academy.

## 10 Jul - Wathaurong NAIDOC Youth Ball - GEELONG

This year Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative will be hosting a Youth NAIDOC Ball for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community kids aged 12-17 on Wednesday 10th July at the new Northern Aquatic and Community Hub.

## 10 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Sea Turtle Suncatchers - TAYLORS LAKE

Be inspired this NAIDOC Week with Sea Turtle Suncatchers at Sydenham Library. Audience: Children 6 – 12 years old. Bookings open 15 June, 9am. FREE.

## 11 Jul - Wathaurong NAIDOC Kids Disco - NORLANE

On Thursday 11th July, from 5pm – 7pm, Wathaurong community kids are invited to join us for a dance and some pizza. This event is aimed at our primary school aged kids, from 5-11. The disco will be at our new Karroong Kanyool Youth Hub! (20A Forster st, Norlane).

## 11 Jul - NAIDOC Week: Native Australian Animal Painting - KEILOR

From cuddly koalas to hopping kangaroos, you will have the opportunity to paint your own wooden Australian animal to take home. Children 6 - 12 years old. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all of our events. FREE.

#### 12 Jul - Kids Art Workshop with Bayley Mifsud - DEER PARK

Be inspired this NAIDOC Week with Bayley Mifsud's art workshop at Deer Park Library. Audience: Children 6 - 12 years old.

# 12 Jul - Western VACCA NAIDOC Disco - BROOKFIELD

FREE event. No pass outs from the disco Light supper and drinks provided Please send your RSVP and dietary requirements for this event to: vaccawestculturalevents@vacca.org

#### 14 Jul - Koorie Academy Basketball NAIDOC Clinic - THORNBURY

Deadly Little Dribblers ( ages 4-10 ) - 1pm - 2-30pm. 3pm -5pm ( ages 11 -17 ) - Free snacks, Fruit & Water.

#### 15 Jul - Young Womens & Mens Group - HAMILTON

An opportunity for our young men and women from year 6 to year 12 to get together in a new way. Contact the Youth team for more info. youth@windamara.com

#### 16 Jul - Koorie Tiddas Youth Choir (16Jul) - YARRAVILLE

The Koorie Tiddas are reforming, and we are looking for new members between the ages of 8 and 15 years to be part of our exciting new program! Beyond excited to have Maylene Slater-Burns and Kristel Kickett (The Merindas) to facilitate the program for our young Tiddas.

#### 17 Jul - Wurundjeri Storytime - BRUNSWICK

This event is suitable for families with preschool aged children. Learn about Wurundjeri culture, Woi wurrung language and Dreaming stories through storytelling, dance and song.

## Closing 21 Jul - Gumbuya Dreaming Indigenous Light Experience - TYNONG

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of captivating light installations and entrancing soundscapes in our Dreaming Zones, exploring the beauty of flowers, the dance of fire & water, and the majesty of land & animals.

## 22 Jul - Art Mentoring Program – PRESTON

Hosted by VACCA. For young people aged 12 years and over who have an interest in arts to take part in our 2021 Art Mentoring program being ran in partnership with Kinya Lerrk.

## Closing 27 Jul - Young Indigenous Writers Prize - Short Fiction & Poetry - VIC

The prize is open to Indigenous writers who are 35 years or younger at the closing date of the competition. First prize includes \$5000, an optional writing residency at Trinity College, and publication of the successful piece in Overland.

## 30 Jul - Koorie Tiddas Youth Choir (30Jul) - YARRAVILLE

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## 5 Aug - Art Mentoring Program - PRESTON

Hosted by VACCA. For young people aged 12 years and over who have an interest in arts to take part in our 2021 Art Mentoring program being ran in partnership with Kinya Lerrk.

#### 8 Aug - Goolum Goolum Pathways Expo - HORSHAM

Save the date. This event is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families.

#### 16/17 Aug - Indigi-Stem Project for Yrs 10/11 - CLAYTON

Discover a love for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at Monash University. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a deadly two day workshop with mob from around Victoria. Please contact kayla.cartledge@monash.edu if you have any questions

#### 19 Aug - Art Mentoring Program - PRESTON

Hosted by VACCA. For young people aged 12 years and over who have an interest in arts to take part in our 2021 Art Mentoring program being ran in partnership with Kinya Lerrk.

#### 25/26 Sept - VACSAL Statewide Junior Football Netball Carnival – BENDIGO See full age divisions via link.

#### 14 Oct - Waru: Journey of the small turtle - NARRE WARREN

In Bangarra's first dedicated work for children, join our heroine Migi as she undertakes a journey of discovery and survival. A contemporary saltwater Lagaw Kazil (Island Children) story inspired by the totemic system of the green turtle, Waru. For children 3 - 7 years old.

# **Community Events & Notices**

# ACMI First Nations Film Club

A monthly meet-up for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to watch and discuss First Nations films.

## Now Open – Djaara Lights – BENDIGO

A sequence of activations tells stories of the Dja Dja Wurrung six seasons on Djandak (Country) from Dja Dja Wurrung People.

## Career - Free Tafe Courses for Indigenous Students - BENDIGO

Skills First - a Victorian Government program that provides access to subsidised training for eligible courses - now offers Tuition Fee subsidies for Indigenous students.

## Support - Aboriginal Engagement Worker for Victims of Crime in the community

This is a voluntary, confidential, and free service which is funded by the Victorian Government Department of Justice and Community Safety.

## Support - Njernda Confirmation of Aboriginality

Njernda has released its new procedures to support Community receive their Confirmation of Aboriginality. Please read carefully their procedures & eligibility guidelines.

## Support - Kirrip Community Counsellors - MELTON SOUTH

Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation now have Aboriginal Identified counsellors available to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and families.

#### Support - Youpla Group Funeral Benefits Program

This will help the families of fund members' conduct Sorry Business with dignity.

#### Support - ACES Activity Group - Client Information Booklet

A care service for frail Community over 45 years of age. This is their client information book.

#### EOI - Fitzroy Stars Women's Football - PLAYERS WANTED

We need a few more women keen to play footy for the upcoming season! Training on Thursday's 6pm, Games on Sunday's 3pm.

#### EOI - Looking To Learn Deadly Skills? - MULLUM MULLUM

Food handling, customer service & hospitality skills. Booking spots for April

#### EOI - Blak & Bright Writing Group - ONLINE

We've opened expressions of interest for our Writing Group. If you're a First Nations writer looking to improve your skills in a safe space, then get in touch!

#### EOI - BLACKSTAGE - Ilbijerri Theatre

BlackStage is a development program offering the opportunity for mentoring in all aspects of theatre production such as set and costume design, lighting, sound, production management, touring and theatre direction.

#### EOI - NACCHO Pharmacist Scholarship

The scholarship program aims to build the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pharmacist workforce and to raise the profile of the beneficial role that pharmacy and pharmacists can play in supporting appropriate and culturally safe care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

# 2024 - Fitzroy Stars Social Calendar - NORTHSIDE

Check out Fitzroy's Stars social calendar of upcoming events.

#### Ongoing 2024 - Dardi Aboriginal Men's Healing & Behaviour Change meetings.

Throughout the week; Online, Preston, Dandenong, Shepparton, Echuca, Warrnambool. Providing a safe place where healing and behaviour change can take place in a non-shaming environment.

#### Ongoing 2024 - Cultural Outings & Fishing Days - GIPPSLAND

Hosted by GEGAC, check out their cultural outings calendar. All contact information provided via post linked above. Coming together, connection, yarning, tucker and a laugh helps build a stronger, more resilient community.

#### JUNE - Djirra Koorie Women's Place Calendar

This month's upcoming activities hosted by Djirra.

#### Mon - Community Smoking Ceremonies - PRESTON

All are welcome. Held at Aunty Alma's Gathering Place.

#### Mon - Gurwidj Women's Group - THORNBURY

We provide Aboriginal women with a culturally safe place to empower and build self- esteem & confidence through arts and crafts, cultural activities, a healthy lunch & plenty of yarns and laughs!

#### Mon - Men's BBQ Lunch - MVAC

Come and join us every Monday for our Men's BBQ lunch time for sharing, talking and yarning specifically for men from our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

#### Tues - Ngwala Women's Group - NORTHCOTE

Our Indigenous Women's Space is back and we're inviting you to come join us! Enjoy art and cultural activities, a healthy lunch, as well as the comfort of our supportive staff.

#### Tues - Parenting Group - NORTH GEELONG

For all Parents and Carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children prebirth - 5 years. Children are welcome to attend.

#### Tues - Women's Weaving Yarning Circle - DANDENONG

From 6th February until 9th April 2024 You are invited to join other sister girls in an environment of love and safety as we sit together in a space of strong spirit and cultural learning.

#### Tue - Women's Group - BALLARAT

Hosted by BADAC. See link for full program of activities.

#### Tues - Djirra Virtual Sista Yarns - ONLINE

Every Tuesday from 11am-12pm we host an online catch up where Aboriginal women come together to yarn, laugh, share stories and connect with new and old friends.

#### Tues - BADAC Women's Group - BALLARAT

Check out their full term of upcoming activities.

# Wed - Gather: Art & Connection Space - GEELONG WEST

This program aims to provide people with a creative space and opportunities to connect with community, culture and healing. The program aims to help build a strengthened sense of belonging, identity, self-awareness, and acceptance.

## Wed - Mums & Boorais Yarning Circle - HEIDELBERG WEST

Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place Wednesdays 10 to 11.30 am. Bring along your Boorai for a yarn, connect with other Mothers and supports and have a cuppa and a feed.

## Wed - Sisters Woodwork - MERNDA

Learn how to use tools and make creative things out of wood. A fun, skills building program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Every Wednesday morning.

#### Wed - Koorie Women's Art & Culture Group - FRANKSTON

A program for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women to connect, create art, go on cultural excursions, engage in activities and have a feed.

#### Wed - Women's Group - SHEPPARTON

Connect with other women for yarning sessions, cultural projects, and exciting day trips. Join us every Wednesday!

#### Wed - Barrbunin Beek, Mums & Dads Yarning Circle - HEIDELBERG WEST

If you are a mum of a Boorai under 18 months or are expecting a new little boorai, please feel free to come along to join us for a yarn and a feed. We will be running every Wednesday from 10am to 11.30am.

#### Thur - MVAC Women's Group - ROBINVALE

Every Thursday, commencing 30 May.

#### Thurs - BADAC Men's Group - BALLARAT

Check out their full term of upcoming activities.

#### Thur - Men's Group - SHEPPARTON

Connect with other Men for yarn sessions, cultural projects, and exciting day trips. Join us every Thursday!

#### Thur - Cooinda's Men's Group - SUNSHINE

Cultural activities. Every Thursday 11am - 3pm.

#### Thurs - Ladies Fitness Sessions - BAIRNSDALE

This is for women of all ages and fitness levels that just want to make a small healthy change in their lives. Every Thursday for 2024.

#### Thurs - MVAC Women's Group - ROBINVALE

Join us every Thursday for our Women's Group, a warm and inclusive space specifically for women from our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

#### Thur - Men's Group - BALLARAT

Hosted by BADAC. See link for full program of activities.

# Thurs - Women's Cultural Group - MOOROOPNA

Aldara Yenara is looking for indigenous women who are wanting to connect back in with culture. Learn new skills and knowledge arts and crafts bonus bit children are welcome.

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#### Fri - Smoking Ceremony at Aunty Alma's Gathering Place - PRESTON

Smoking Ceremony, free breakfast, coffee & tea.

## Fri - Men's Program - FRANKSTON

Men's Program starting back on Friday 9th Feb at 9.30am. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men welcome to join on.

## Sat - Naarm Rainbow Dad's Group - NORTH FITZROY

This is a drop in playgroup for the Rainbow Dad community for all dads and intended/prospective dads out there.

## 13 Jun - Wayapa Wuurrk - SUNBURY

A mindful meditation practice based on Indigenous wisdom and connection to the earth. Join us for this very special meditation session, led by practitioner Jacara Egan (Muthi Muthi /Gunditjmara).

#### 14 Jun - Casey Aboriginal Community Lunch - DOVETON

Our June Community Lunch will be held Friday 14th June, 12 pm - 2 pm.

#### 14 Jun - 14 July - Njernda 50th Anniversary Photo Exhibition - ECHUCA

Come walk through the decades with us and share in the wonderful memories of Njenda's 50 years. This exhibition will showcase memories of community, programs, events and sport. It will be on display from June 14 until July 14.

#### 15 Jun - Truth Telling on the Birrrarung - MELBOURNE

Join us at the Yarra River – Birrarung Marr outside ArtPlay to hear thought-provoking poems, music, and writing from these compelling pairs.

#### 15 Jun - Rainbow Families Dads go to Scienceworks! - SPOTSWOOD

Join Rainbow Families Dads from across Melbourne for a special day at Scienceworks! Kids of all ages welcome for a day of connection, community, and exploration.

#### Ending 16 Jun - THEATRE: Gurr Era Op - MELBOURNE

Through dance, song and traditional storytelling four mainland-born Torres Strait Islander women confront the devastation of climate change to battle the rising tide. GURR ERA OP celebrates Torres Strait Island culture and is a call to arms for a better future for all of us.

#### Closing 16 Jun - GEGAC Academy Traineeship - GIPPSLAND

Here's a couple of great opportunities for mob. Deadline for applications is Sunday, June 16!

## Closing 16 Jun - 'Don't Define Me' Exhibition - HORSHAM

Don't Define Me is an exhibition that celebrates women of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadwadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples.

# 17 Jun - Dardi Housing Info Day - PRESTON

Meet housing & local service providers to see how they can help you. Smoking ceremony at 9.30am.

#### Closing 17 Jun - Wathaurong NAIDOC Community Awards

You can submit your nominations online through the forms linked below, or you can pick up a printed nomination form from reception.

#### 18 Jun - What's Going On With Boys? - SUNBURY

The Man Cave presents an information session for parents, carers and mentors of young people in Hume focused on what's going on in the world of young men and how to improve engagement.

#### Ending 18 Jun - Women's Weaving Group - DANDENONG

This is a 6 week program starting on Tuesday May 7th 2024. Come along and learn the skills of Traditional Basket Weaving with Liticia Ross, whilst building new friendships with other women in our region.

#### 19 Jun - Recreating Wellbeing - ABBOTSFORD

A workshop to inspire wellness with a focus on traditional practices in mental health care and wellbeing.

#### Closing 19 Jun - Self-determination Strategy - BANYULE

Banyule's Self-determination Strategy will guide Council to continue working with local Aboriginal communities towards Reconciliation. Public exhibition of draft Self-determination Strategy.

#### 20 Jun - Wayapa Wuurrk - BROADMEADOWS

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#### 22 Jun - Mob Stylin' Up Pop-Up Boutique - MELBOURNE

If you are in Melbourne June 22 please come along and get some deadly threads for NAIDOC! Please also share amongst your networks.

#### 23 Jun - Celebrating Our Mothers - WYNDHAM VALE

Join us for this special event celebrating and thanking our staunch Mothers who have come before us. We want to honour their strengths and all they have done for our communities in Victoria.

#### EOI 23 Jun - First Nations Artist callout - MITCHEL SHIRE COUNCIL

Dedicated prizes for First Nations artists for artworks in ANY medium.

#### 24 Jun - Sista's Healthy Yarning Circle - RINGWOOD

Calling all Mullum Women! Please see our NEW DATES for our Sista's Healthy Yarning Circle. Questions? Call Elisha on 0459 768 125.

# Closing 26 Jun - Journey through Wadawurrung Country - TORQUAY

You're invited to join us on a sensory experience at Journey through Wadawurrung Country! Let stunning images transport you, inviting you to understand more about Wadawurrung Culture and its deep spiritual connection to the land.

## 27 Jun - Wayapa Wuurrk - CRAIGIEBURN

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## 28 Jun - Derrimut Weelam Gathering Place NAIDOC Dinner - KEYSBOROUGH

Guests will enjoy Traditional Ceremony, special guest dancers and a delicious native bush tukka themed 3 course meal.

## 28 - 30 Jun - Firelight Festival - MELBOURNE

Featuring local Community & Elders. See program for full details.

## 29 Jun - Uncle Kutcha Edwards Band - COWES

Multi-award winner and proud Mutti Mutti man Uncle Kutcha Edwards uses his mesmeric music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces.

## 30 Jun - Family Fun Day - CUMMERAGUNJA

We're holding a family fun day at Cummeragunja filled with cultural workshops, kids games, horse and camel rides, jumping castles and more. We'll also have a free feed and some deadly Treaty merch available.

# 1 Jul - 12 Sept - Art: Teena Moffatt Pieces of Me - SUNSHINE

I am extra excited to see my art work light projected onto 2 buildings throughout this exhibition time, in a special animation that was created with Little Projector Company and Hume City Council for Hume Winter Lights Festival 2023.

#### 2 Jul - First Nations Healthy Pathways Expo - KILSYTH

Information stalls, health checks, yarning circles, food & refreshments, door prizes & more!

# 2 Jul - NAIDOC at Barrbunin Beek - HEIDELBERG WEST

Calling all Mob in the North to join us to "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud" with two events here at Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place.

# 3 Jul - Treaty Gathering - THORNBURY

This Treaty Gathering is a chance for mob in the Metro region to get together, yarn with your elected Assembly Members, learn more about Treaty and have your say.

# 5 Jul - NAIDOC Flag Raising, Youth Awards & Morning Tea - BENDIGO

Start off NAIDOC Week at BDAC's Flag Raising Ceremony, with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, raising of the flags and morning tea.

#### 5 Jul - BDAC NAIDOC Ball 2024 - BENDIGO

Come and celebrate the achievements of our Community recognised through the BDAC NAIDOC Week Awards. Tickets: \$20 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community).

#### 6 Jul - NAIDOC Dinner Dance - MORNINGTON

Please save the date of our annual Naidoc dinner dance at Mornington Racecourse. Hosted by Nairm Marr Djambana.

# 6 Jul - NAIDOC Dinner Dance Awards Night - MORNINGTON

Southern Metro NAIDOC Dinner, hosted by Nairm Marr Djambana.

## 6 Jul - NAIDOC Week Bush-tucker Planting - CRAIGIEBURN

Come learn about some of the plants that are used by the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, and the greater Kulin Nations around Narm (Melbourne), as food, fibre, medicine and for tools.

## 6 Jul - Wathaurong NAIDOC Ball - GEELONG

On the night, you can expect a delicious two course meal, live music (keep your eye on our Facebook page for band announcement), as well as the annual Belle, Beau, Matron and Patron awards.

## 6 - 14 Jul - Wathaurong NAIDOC Events 2024 - GEELONG

We are so excited to announce the 2024 NAIDOC Events for the Wathaurong Community! Every Event (except for the NAIDOC Ball) is FREE for the community, but some require registration, and some are mob only - so make sure you check out all the details.

## 6 - 11 Jul - NAIDOC Week at Nairm - FRANKSTON

Nairm Marr Djambana have released the dates for their NAIDOC events this year.

## 7 Jul - Treaty Cup Basketball Game - BUNDOORA

Community & Celebrity basketball game.

#### 7 Jul - Rumbalara NAIDOC Opening Market Day - MOOROOPNA

Come and enjoy traditional music, dance performances, delicious bbq, and handmade crafts. Connect with the culture and history of the local Aboriginal community. Don't miss out on this vibrant and exciting event!

#### Closing 7 Jul - The Richell Prize for Emerging Writers 2024 - AUS

This is the tenth year of the prestigious Richell Prize with entries open to unpublished writers of adult fiction and adult narrative non-fiction. The winner will receive \$10,000 in prize money.

# 7 - 12 Jul - NAIDOC Week, Gunditjmara Aboriginal Coop - WARRNAMBOOL

See flyer for more details.

#### 7 - 14 Jul - Rumbalara NAIDOC Events - MOOROOPNA/SHEPP

Join us for a week-long celebration of culture, community, and connection for NAIDOC week at Rumbalara.

# 7 Jul - Sunbury NAIDOC Community Day - SUNBURY

Free community event for mob and allies. Cultural activities, Afternoon Tea, Yarns, Kids activities.

#### 7 Jul - Mob Only NAIDOC Design Party at Clothing The Gaps - BRUNSWICK

2 Sessions available. We're so excited to be creating a space for Mob to customise their very own tees for NAIDOC! Join us at our Flagship store in Brunswick on Wurundjeri Country for a NAIDOC Custom Tee Party and workshop on Sunday 7th July.

# 8 Jul - NAIDOC Opening Ceremony & Family Day - DIMBOOLA

Goolum Goolum & BGLC invite our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community and families to a day filled with traditional activities: welcome to country, smoking ceremony, music, flag raising, cultural walk, family games, boomerang painting, and BBQ lunch.

# 8 Jul - Rumbalara Flag Raising - MOOROOPNA

Bring your friends and family along to witness this historic moment and enjoy some snacks and drinks afterwards. Don't miss out on this chance to show your support for Rumbalara! Please note: This event is open to our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community and the wider- Community.

## 8 Jul - Welcome Baby to Country - GIPPSLAND

Applications are open for this year's Welcome Baby to Country ceremony, to be held after the flag raising on NAIDOC Week Monday.

## 9 Jul - Rumbalara Elders Luncheon - SHEPPARTON NORTH

Join us for a delightful NAIDOC Elders Luncheon, where we celebrate the wisdom, culture of our elders. Immerse yourself in a day filled with delicious food, engaging conversations, and entertainment. Don't miss out on this special event!

## 9 Jul - VACSAL 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - RESERVOIR

Hey everyone! Get ready to dribble, shoot, and score because our 3ON3 Tournament is back, and it's going to be EPIC!

# 9 Jul - Djirra NAIDOC Family Event - MELTON

Cultural activities, Face painting, Cultural entertainment, Family fun, Food trucks, Raffle. Djirra services and support available on the day.

#### 9 Jul - NAIDOC 2024 - Living Culture Aboriginal Art Workshop - PAKENHAM

Skyla from Living Culture will be here at Pakenham Library for an Aboriginal art workshop as part of NAIDOC 2024.

#### 9 Jul - NAIDOC 2024 - Living Culture Bush Tucker & Medicine - PAKENHAM

Skyla from Living Culture will be here at Pakenham Library talking about bush tucker and medicinal plants as part of NAIDOC 2024.

#### 10 Jul - Seymour NAIDOC Event - UPDATE

All community are warmly invited to join us in celebrating NAIDOC Week.

#### 10 Jul - BDAC NAIDOC Family Day - BENDIGO

It's on at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre (the Showgrounds in Holmes Road, North Bendigo) from 10:30am to 2:30pm. Looking forward to Community joining us for a day packed with family activities.

#### 10 Jul - Dharnya Family Day - BARMAH

You are all welcome to come join/share in this day of activities and fun at Dharnya Family Day. A day which Yorta Yorta shares and celebrates their CULTURE and SURVIVAL during NAIDOC week.

# 10 Jul - NAIDOC Family Day - MORDIALLOC

DWGP invites all of community to attend our annual NAIDOC Family Day! This event will be opened by Bunjils Biik with a Smoking Ceremony & Welcome To Country. There will be a range of activities for the kids and a BBQ for lunch.

# 10 Jul - Seymour NAIDOC Event - SEYMOUR

Save the date. More details to come.

# 10 Jul - NAIDOC Community Day - BALLARAT

Family day for everyone. If you are interested in holding a stall, please contact BADAC reception on 5331-5344, or <u>reception@badac.net.au</u>

# 10 Jul - Western VACCA NAIDOC Community Gathering - WERRIBEE

To be held at Inflatable World Werribee. BBQ, Bingo, Wildlife Encounters, Face Painting and MORE. Please RSVP to: vaccawestculturalevents@vacca.org

## 10 Jul - Amplify: Songlines - BRAYBROOK

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a free musical performance by LEO, curated by Songlines Aboriginal Music. LEO is a proud Makwarra Paakantji and Wiradjuri songstress who uses a loop pedal, guitar and her voice to create ethereal soundscapes.

## 11 Jul - NAIDOC Fest - DOVETON

Hosted by Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place. Smoking Ceremony & special cultural performance.

# 11 Jul - Rumbalara Family Day - MOOROOPNA

From games to food, music to laughter, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bond with your loved ones and make unforgettable memories. See you there! This is a mob only event.

#### 12 Jul - Shepparton Police NAIDOC BBQ - SHEPPARTON

Shepparton Police will be holding their annual Community BBQ celebrating NAIDOC Week on the 12th of July 2024, commencing at 12p.m. Fully catered. Everyone welcome.

# 13 Jul - Dhuna Wannik Wurk Wurk Ball - LUCKNOW

It's that time of year again - time for you mob to bust out the fancy clobber for the Dhuna Wannik Wurk Ball! Tickets will go on sale Monday from the Culture House (next to admin building) at GEGAC.

# 13 Jul - NAIDOC at the NGV - MELBOURNE

In celebration of NAIDOC Week, join us at NGV Australia in Federation Square and enjoy a day of free live music, performances, film screenings, art, workshops, tours and drop-by drawing for all ages, and explore First Nations art in the latest exhibitions, My Country and Wurrdha Marra.

# Ending 13 Jul - QTIBPoC Grounding Workshops - BRUNSWICK

The QTIBPoC Grounding Workshops are a series of free workshop events for LGBTQIASB+ Indigenous, Bla(c)k and People of Colour, hosted by the QTIBPoC Program at Switchboard Victoria. Our first session is Saturday June 8, with Amelia O'Leary at Moss Studios in Brunswick.

# Closing 14 Jul - JXSH MVIR FOREVER I LIVE - MELBOURNE

JXSH MVIR FOREVER I LIVE is a retrospective exhibition of artworks by the late Gunditjmara, Yorta Yorta and Barkindji artist Josh Muir (1991 – 2022). At the Koorie Heritage Trust.

## 20 Jul - Western NAIDOC Ball - TAYLORS LAKE

Three course meal, drinks, awards, live entertainment. Tickets via link/QR code on the flyer.

## 20 Jul - Aboriginal Entrepreneurs Program - GIPPSLAND

We are teaming up with Startup Gippsland to run an Aboriginal Entrepreneurs Program! On July 20th 2024, Hollie Johnson and Shaun Mallia will deliver the full-day workshop.

## Closing 21 Jul - 'Strong Women' Exhibition - NARRE WARREN

(Strong Women) showcases major contemporary works by celebrated women artists from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY) – cultural custodians of an oral tradition that epitomises the art of storytelling.

## 26 Jul - DDACL Debutante NAIDOC Ball - DANDENONG

Expressions of interest close on Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 5pm. Participants must be: Aged 18 and older and be a member of DDACL.

# 27 Jul - Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Trivia Night - RINGWOOD

Join us for a far-out 60s and 70s trivia night packed with funky tunes and groovy vibes. Dust off your lava lamps and put on your platform shoes because it's time to boogie down memory lane with Mullum!

# 29 Jul - Sista's Healthy Yarning Circle - RINGWOOD

Calling all Mullum Women! Please see our NEW DATES for our Sista's Healthy Yarning Circle. Questions? Call Elisha on 0459 768 125.

#### Closing 2 Aug - Art Exhibition: Lava Flow - PORTLAND

Kellie's artwork reflects the traditional Gunditimara style and her deep connection to the land and the many sites of cultural and spiritual importance in the South West of Victoria.

# 24 Aug - Words In Winter Gala Ball with Bruce Pascoe - HEPBURN SPRINGS

The annual Words in Winter Gala Night with very special guests Bruce Pascoe and Alison J. Barton on the Saturday.

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#### 15 Sept - Family Mixed Netball Tournament - BAIRNSDALE

Registrations close Sunday 23rd June 2024. This is a free family fun event.

#### 18 Oct - Fundraising Gala Event - MULLUM MULLUM

Save the Date. Join us on October 18th 2024 for an unforgettable evening filled with music, culture and celebration.

#### 23 - 25 Oct - Dardi First Nations Men's Gathering - BOHO SOUTH

Registrations open soon. Save the date.

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