

Artwork by Rylhia Dank, a young Gudanji/Wakaja artist from the Northern Territory and winner of the 2022 NAIDOC poster competition.



**4-11**  
**JULY**

**NAIDOC**



**2022**

A program of events run by organisations across the community. All welcome!

## MONDAY 4 JULY

### TAKE HOME ART PACKS

Pick up one of our great take home art kits and get creative. Kits include scratch art, paint, paint brushes, canvases and more.

Click and collect @CYCOS.

Bookings essential on 0417 262 462. FREE.



### NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY

Present your library card to receive one free native plant per household. If you don't have a library card, it's a great time to join.

Available while stocks last.

Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries. FREE.



## TUESDAY 5 JULY

### BARKUMA'S NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

A celebration of culture and community on country. Come along for entertainment, rides, interactive activities, service provider information and community stalls. Bring a chair or a picnic rug. Food and drinks available for purchase (Cash only). Free shuttle bus available from Kurri Kurri call 4019 9700 to book. Binarrri Jinama-Gu, 1075 Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully. 10am - 2pm. FREE.



### MY CULTURAL FIRE STORY

Aboriginal cultural fire practitioner Den Barber will discuss his journey from working as a professional Fire Fighter to becoming a Cultural Fire Practitioner. Bookings essential on 4993 4266 or online [cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au](http://cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au) Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock. 10.30am - 11.30am. FREE.



### NAIDOC WEEK STORYTIME

Celebrating NAIDOC week with stories, songs and craft. Ages 2-6. Bookings essential on 4993 4399 or online at 'What's On' at [cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries). Cessnock Library, 65 Vincent Street, Cessnock. From 10am. FREE.



## WEDNESDAY 6 JULY

### EMU EGG DECORATING

Learn about the significance of the Emu in Aboriginal culture and decorate your own papier mache Emu egg. Ages 5-12. Bookings essential on 4937 1638 or online at 'What's On' at [cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries](http://cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries). Kurri Kurri Library 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri. 4pm - 5pm. FREE.



### JEWELLERY MAKING

Come and make bracelets using the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours and add your tribe to the bracelet with letter beads. Lunch provided. Ages 10-17. Bookings essential on 0460 032 856 or [youthcentre@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthcentre@cessnock.nsw.gov.au). CYCOS, 49D Aberdare Road, Aberdare. 11am - 1pm. FREE.



## THURSDAY 7 JULY



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## FRIDAY 8 JULY

### BARKUMA'S WINTER WALKABOUT FUNDRAISER

Can you stay awake for 24 hours? Barkuma's Winter Walkabout will raise funds to meet gaps in services for our Mob.

This is an opportunity to explore country in your own backyard. Participants need to collect sponsorship to gain entry on the day. Dinner provided. For registration and information call 4937 1094 or 4936 1867 or check Facebook. Binarrri Jinama-Gu, 1075 Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully. 10am - 10am. FREE.



## FRIDAY 8 JULY

### NAIDOC WEEK ART EXHIBITION - WINNERS



Join us for a Welcome to Country and BBQ. The winners of our room naming art competition will be announced. The Centre, 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri. From 11am. FREE.

## SATURDAY 9 JULY

### KIRAY PUTJUNG ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



**FLAG RAISING AND WELCOME TO COUNTRY**  
Join us to honour NAIDOC Week 2022, our local Aboriginal community and acknowledge the culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. TAFE Park, 1 Darwin St, Cessnock. 10.30am. FREE.

### NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

We invite everyone to join us for this great day out to celebrate Aboriginal culture. There will be carnival rides, entertainment, Elders marquee and market stalls. Lots of fun for everyone!  
0474 106 537. TAFE Park, 1 Darwin St, Cessnock. 10.30am - 3pm. FREE.

## MONDAY 11 JULY



### FILM SCREENING: ANGELS GATHER HERE / CHEEKY DOG / RINGTONE



Join us for a program of three wonderful films from across the country.  
**Angels Gather Here** is a story of hope and survival. Told with humour and love, the story follows Jacki Trapman as she journeys home to Brewarrina to celebrate her parents 60th wedding anniversary.  
**Cheeky Dog** is a delightful portrait of young Tennant Creek artist Dion Beasley.  
**Ringtone** is a beautiful, funny and surprising film about the place of mobile phones in a contemporary Indigenous community. Bookings essential on 4993 4266 or online [cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au](http://cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au) Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock. 10.30am - 12pm. FREE.

## MONDAY 4 - FRIDAY 8 JULY

### NAIDOC WEEK ART EXHIBITION



An exhibition of artworks by young people created as part of our competition to name 5 rooms within The Centre. The Centre, 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri. 9am - 5pm. (9am - 4pm Friday). FREE

### PCYC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



A program of activities including painting, traditional games and more. Ages 5-12. Creative Kids vouchers taken. Bookings essential on 4991 1407. Cessnock PCYC, entrance via Mills Crescent, Cessnock. Cost \$45/day or \$40/day with siblings.

## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre

A not-for-profit Aboriginal neighbourhood centre supporting our Aboriginal community in the Cessnock LGA, Maitland LGA and Dungog Shire. Ph: 4937 1094 or find us on Facebook.

### Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation

A not-for-profit organisation that aims to provide services to help improve the lives of the local Aboriginal community. Ph: 0474 106 537 or find us on Facebook

### Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

Guided by the principle of Aboriginal Self Determination and the pursuit of social and restorative justice for Aboriginal people, Mindaribba seeks to create community partnerships to improve the social, cultural, spiritual and economical outcomes of Aboriginal people within our community. Mindaribba LALC's boundaries cover a large proportion of the Cessnock LGA and we are guided by the needs of all Aboriginal Peoples within those boundaries. Ph: 4015 7000 or find us on Facebook.

## ART GALLERIES

### Les Elvin Kungera Art Gallery

Showcasing local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 9am - 4pm. Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre. Ph: 4993 6700

### Little Yengo Gallery

Aboriginal artworks and artefacts. Wollombi Cultural Centre. Find us online at [Wollombi Valley Arts Council: www.wollombi.org/little-yengo-gallery](http://Wollombi Valley Arts Council: www.wollombi.org/little-yengo-gallery)

indicates that the venue has access measures for people with disability, please contact the event host for more information.

## 2022 National NAIDOC Poster

Ryhia Dank, a young Gudanji/Wakaja artist from the Northern Territory is the winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC poster competition for 2022 with her entry, *Stronger*.

The NAIDOC poster is a symbol of our survival as First Nations Peoples. NAIDOC Week brings us together from many different communities to celebrate our long history as custodians of this land. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will always communicate through the language of art because art connects us to our lands and spirits—it has, and always will be with us, from time immemorial to the far distant future.

“I created this piece after reading this year’s National NAIDOC Week theme – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! I knew straight away I wanted to do a graphic piece centred around our flags with text highlighting what we have been through and are still fighting for” said Ryhia. “I feel that this piece being black and white allows us to focus on the details and messages in the artwork”

Ryhia’s artwork was one of more than 300 poster entries, a record number for the NAIDOC Poster Competition. The National NAIDOC Committee would like to thank all those who entered the competition and encourages them to enter again next year.

For more news and information, or to learn more about Ryhia’s storywork, visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au).



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Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its Local Government Area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua, Awabakal and Darkinjung people. We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.

