



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

NAIDOC 2021 – Heal Country, heal our nation.

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 speak 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.naidoc.org.au/>

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

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document.**

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



Saturday 3 July

12:30pm 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: Arrivals 12:00 noon – 12.30pm
12.30pm – 4:00 pm
Contact: Donna Dewis, 0408 452 420 OR cairnsnaidoceldersluncheon@gmail.com

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



Sunday 4 July 2021

7:30pm STEPH TISELL'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!

Venue: Paramour Cabaret Theatre, 34-42 Wharf Street, Cairns
Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Cost: \$35.00 per person
ONLINE BOOKING ONLY
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=768036&>



As at 6 June 2021



Tuesday 6 July 2021

7:00am 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)

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 OR cairnsnaidocbreakfast@gmail.com



6:00pm 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 – 9pm
Cost: FREE
Contact: Merrissa, 0498 809 561 or Nicole, 0432 186 950
Email: whichway@diydg.org.au



This event is proudly sponsored by BDO Cairns





Wednesday 7 July 2021

1pm -5pm 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

Cost: FREE

Contact: Sarah Beck – 4080 1017 – communications@wuchopperen.org.au



6:30pm 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.

Meals can be purchased in café or restaurant BEFORE the event and drinks are available for purchase throughout the night.

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





Thursday 8 July 2021

10:00 am **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 and other sporting codes will be delivering Indigenous Games and a series of skills and drills.

This event is free and 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.

Venue: Edmonton PCYC, 10-20 Walker Road, Edmonton
Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm
Cost: FREE
Contact: Davin Crampton, Deadly Choices on 0427 220 261,
Davin.Crampton@iuih.org.au





Friday 9 July 2021

9:00am

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



10:00am

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, mobile 0402 612 013 or email cairnsnaidoc@gmail.com



Sunday 11 July 2021

7:00am 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



4:30pm 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.*

Venue: Birch, Carrol & Coyle (BCC) Earville 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&>

NOTE: this is an End Credits Film Club screening. All bookings must be through the link provided above.

YOU CANNOT PURCHASE THROUGH BCC.

Time: 4:30pm

For more Information:
Call: Brynn Mathews on 4028 3621
Email: brynn@endcredits.org.au





6:00pm 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.

SERVICE TIME:

Venue: Royals Church, 9 Hollingsworth Street, Portsmith QLD 4870
Time: 6pm- 7.30pm (followed by BBQ)

For more Information:

Call: Reverend Yodie Batzke on 0498 337 885 or
Email: feivaministries@gmail.com





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18/09/2021
Cairns NAIDOC Proudly Presents
**2021 HEAL COUNTRY!
GALA DINNER**

The Official Cairns NAIDOC Committee are excited to host this event.

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

Keep an eye out on the Cairns NAIDOC Page for more details

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 Bipperra Media 98.7FM as our auspicing body.

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