



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2023



Joondalup-ak ngala kaditj Noongar moort nidja Wadjak boodjar-ak kalyakool moondang-akkaaradj-midi. Ngala Noongar Moort wer baalabang moorditj kaadidjiny koota-djinanginy. Ngala Noongar wer Torres Strait Moort-al dandjoo koorliny kwaba-djinanginy. Koorra, yeyi wer kalyakool, ngalak Noongar wer Torres Strait Birdiyawer moortkoota-djinanginy.

The City of Joondalup acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation. We recognise the culture of the Noongar people and the unique contribution they make to the Joondalup region and Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Kaya. Welcome!

NAIDOC Week is a special time on the Australian and the City's calendar that provides an opportunity for us to celebrate and recognise the cultures, achievements, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year NAIDOC Week officially runs from 2 – 9 July, but here at the City of Joondalup, we are continuing the celebrations throughout July. The 2023 NAIDOC theme is For Our Elders.

An exciting and broad range of workshops, exhibitions, and activities brought to you by the City, will give everyone in our community an opportunity to learn about and engage with our local Aboriginal people, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, while learning more about their culture and their impact on our local area.

Inspired by NAIDOC Week, and the City's own reconciliation journey, I'm looking forward to connecting with people from all different cultures, ages, and backgrounds as we celebrate and recognise this year's NAIDOC Week.

Djoroobidiny and see you soon.

Mayor Albert Jacob



FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

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WHAT'S ON?



26 June – 29 July	For Our Elders 2023 NAIDOC Exhibition
3 July	NAIDOC Week Opening Event
4 July	Unearthing Stories in Art: Explore the 2023 NAIDOC Exhibition with Zali Morgan
5 July	Colour and Culture
7 July	Walk and Yarn
8 July	Lingo Lah Lah
9 July	Songs For Our Elders
9 July	Noongar Bushtucker Cultural Immersion
13 July	Chitty Chitty Show and Tell
19 July	Symbols and Stories
29 July	Dreamtime and Discovery

For more information or to book for ticketed events, scan the QR code or go to joondalup.wa.gov.au



FOR OUR ELDERS

2023 NAIDOC EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION

Monday 26 June - Saturday 29 July
City of Joondalup Library - Joondalup
(Exhibition accessible during opening hours)
FREE

The 2023 NAIDOC Exhibition showcases a selection of City of Joondalup's First Nations Art Collection, featuring artists from across Western Australia.

Reflecting on this year's NAIDOC theme, For Our Elders has been compiled by guest curator Zali Morgan, and explores works that portray stories about Elders, by Elders or for Elders within their communities. Collectively, the artworks weave an overarching story about the importance of community, culture, and Country.

The exhibition includes a wide range of artworks, from paintings on canvas to a traditional Booka (kangaroo skin cloak). The variety of mediums and materials used across these works highlights the diversity we can expect from Aboriginal artists and challenges some of the existing perceptions of Aboriginal art.

If you love art, culture or history, this is an unmissable opportunity to explore a collection of important and treasured artworks from the City's Art Collection.

Pictured below: Taylor, Lea. *Gorah Wandang Kamarang - To Wear a Long Time Ago*, 2022. Kangaroo skins, waxed linen, leather acrylic and kangaroo bone. Dimensions variable. One of the artworks featured in For Our Elders. Image: Christophe Canato.



**COMMUNITY
EVENT**



NAIDOC WEEK OPENING EVENT

Monday 3 July

10.00am – Smoking Ceremony and
cultural immersion activities

11.30am – Flag Raising Ceremony

In front of City of Joondalup Library –
Joondalup and City of Joondalup
Admin Building.

FREE

Come together with your friends,
community, local Elders and City of
Joondalup councillors and staff to
commemorate the official start of
NAIDOC Week 2023.

Participate in special activities facilitated
by Noongar Yamatji woman and
community leader, Sharon Wood-Kenney.

Suitable for all ages.

UNEARTHING STORIES IN ART: EXPLORE THE 2023 NAIDOC EXHIBITION WITH ZALI MORGAN

Tuesday 4 July, 6.00pm

City of Joondalup Library – Joondalup

FREE | Registration Required

Join emerging guest curator for City of Joondalup
and current assistant curator of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Art at AGWA, Zali Morgan, as
she delves into the themes depicted in the 2023
NAIDOC Exhibition, For Our Elders.

You'll learn about the artists, their practice, and
anecdotes about their work, shared through
the lens of Zali's own experience as a
Noongar woman living and working
in Boorloo.

Suitable for all ages.

**LISTEN
AND ASK**





**MAKE AND
CREATE**

COLOUR AND CULTURE

Wednesday 5 July, 10.00am
City of Joondalup Library – Woodvale
Tickets: \$4

In this special arts activity for young people, Justin Martin from Djurundi Dreaming will give children an introduction to Aboriginal art techniques, while sharing local stories and Noongar culture.

Suitable for ages five and up.

WALK AND YARN

Friday 7 July, Saturday 15 July
and Saturday 22 July, 10.00am
Meet at Neil Hawkins Park carpark
Tickets: \$5

Grab your mob and head on down to Neil Hawkins Park for a stroll along Lake Joondalup with Justin Martin from Djurundi Dreaming.

Listen to stories of the dreamtime and learn more about the six Noongar seasons, including the current season of Makura and how it influences the local plants and animals.

Each Walk and Yarn session runs for approximately 90 minutes.

Neil Hawkins Park has rampways and smooth level paths that are suitable for wheelchairs.

Suitable for all ages.

**HEAD
OUTSIDE**



LINGO LAH LAH

THEATRE

Saturday 8 July, 10.30am and 1.30pm
Duncraig Theatre, St Stephen's School
Tickets: FREE | Registration required

Meet three best friends - Big Dwert, Lil Dwert and Koolungar - on a journey to regain their language. Without their voices, they must now learn new ways to communicate.

This fun and interactive show is performed by Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company, one of Australia's leading Aboriginal performing arts organisations producing award-winning theatre that is entertaining, educational and authentic.

Suitable for ages seven and up.



St Stephen's School
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This special event is supported by St Stephen's School

SONGS FOR OUR ELDERS

MUSIC

Sunday 9 July, 4.00pm
Duncraig Theatre, St Stephen's School
Tickets: \$10 - \$18

Celebrate this year's NAIDOC theme with a soul-stirring musical performance of Songs For Our Elders. Immerse yourself in the enchanting melodies and heartfelt harmonies of the talented Della Mob, a group of vocal artists and friends who will lead you through a rich and captivating repertoire of song, storytelling and culture.

Led by award-winning singer, songwriter and Bibbulmun woman Della Rae Morrison, this stirring performance will transport you to a place of learning, understanding, and appreciation for Noongar Elders through the power of music.

Join us as we honour the wisdom, resilience, and cultural heritage of our Elders, embracing the spirit of this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Suitable for all ages.



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**TOUCH AND
TASTE**

NOONGAR BUSHTUCKER CULTURAL IMMERSION

Sunday 9 July, 11.00am
Neil Hawkins Park
Tickets: \$8 - \$20

Embark on a culinary journey through the diverse range of savoury and sweet flavours from native Australia.

Sharon Wood-Kenney of South West Kinships Cultural Immersions will lead participants through the different native food and medicine plants used in the past and present. You will have the opportunity to taste, smell and savour bush tucker growing in our own backyard including fruits, nuts, seeds, herbs and leaves.

Suitable for all ages.



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CHITTY CHITTY SHOW AND TELL

Thursday 13 July, 10.00am
City of Joondalup Library - Whitford
Tickets: \$4

Come and hear from acclaimed Noongar performer and community leader, Olman Walley, as he takes you on an immersive learning adventure.

Children will hear some interactive dreamtime stories, be introduced to some traditional artefacts and find out how they were used and learn about their connection to Noongar culture.

Suitable for ages five and up.

SYMBOLS AND STORIES

Wednesday 19 July, 6.00pm
City of Joondalup Library – Whitford
Tickets: \$4

Join Justin Martin from Djurandi Dreaming and your fellow community members to create a collaborative artwork using traditional techniques.

In this immersive art class you'll learn more about the colours, symbols and methods used in Aboriginal artwork, while having a yarn to Justin about his culture and connection to Country.

Please note that this art activity is designed for adults.

For the children's art activity, see Colour and Culture on page 5.

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DREAMTIME AND DISCOVERY

Saturday 29 July, 2.00pm
Craigie Leisure Centre (Wellness Room)
FREE | Registration required

Join Olman Walley for an immersive cultural experience, as he shares stories, history and knowledge about the oldest living culture on Earth.

You'll get the opportunity to listen and take part in Dreamtime stories, followed by an interactive introduction to some important traditional artefacts, learning about their different uses across the six Noongar seasons.

Suitable for all ages.

NOONGAR WANGKININY

CHATTING NOONGAR

Noongar is the language of the Aboriginal people from the south-west of Western Australia.

While Noongar is identified as a single language, sometimes there are different ways of pronouncing and spelling words. This is because Noongar language was traditionally passed down by Elders orally, rather than written down.

For example, you might have seen the word Noongar also spelled like this: Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyoongah, Nyungah, Nyugah, Yungar and Noonga.

This NAIDOC Week, we celebrate and thank the Elders for passing down Noongar language, and other invaluable knowledge, from generation to generation.



Resources:

Kaartdijin Noongar - Sharing Noongar Knowledge. South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. noongarculture.org.au

Noongar Dictionary: *Noongar to English and English to Noongar*. Compiled by Rose Whitehurst for the Noongar Language and Cultural Centre. Second Edition 1997.



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