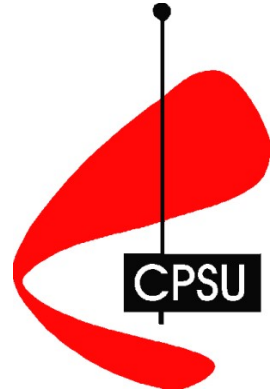


CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK

03-10
JULY
2016



Songlines
The living narrative
of our nation



CPSU celebrates the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Members throughout Victoria, during this year's NAIDOC Week. We encourage all members, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous, to participate in the celebrations, and the process of reconciliation.

About NAIDOC Week –

NAIDOC Week begins this Sunday 3rd, and runs through to Sunday 10th July. NAIDOC is named for the *National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee*, creating an important national focus, emerging from a history of pre 1920s protests of Aboriginal people over injustice, subsequent development of Aboriginal organisations, and campaigns, to the NAIDOC of today.

NAIDOC has remained a call for respect and justice, but has grown over time to include recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rich culture and history; and the contribution and achievements of the First Australians. Find out more at <http://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-history>

You can show your support for Indigenous Australians and find out what you can do to help meet the challenges of justice and reconciliation. There's a way we can all Learn, Respect and Celebrate, during NAIDOC Week, & throughout the year.

What's On

Checkout the full calendar of NAIDOC Week Events at: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/events-calendar> to get involved in your local area, **and particularly note and support our CPSU members' involvement in the following events:**



Royal Botanic Gardens (RBG) Cranbourne

10am-2pm, Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 – NAIDOC Celebration - Koolin-ik ba kirrip-buluk, Ian Potter Lakeside Precinct, Cranbourne Gardens

Join the celebrations at the annual Koolin-ik ba kirrip-buluk (family and friends event). Activities include a traditional Welcome to Country ceremony, free BBQ, didgeridoo playing, Indigenous story-telling and more! **Free NAIDOC event shuttle bus**, Please call 03 5990 2200 to reserve your seat on the bus. Doveton Gathering Place, Departs at 9am and 10.50am; Narre Warren train station, Departs at 9.30am and 11.20am; Dandenong train station, Departs at 9am and 11am; Cranbourne train station, Departs 9.40am and 11.40am; Cranbourne Gardens, Departs at 1pm, 2.50pm and 3pm. Free event



Royal Botanic Gardens (RBG) continued...

10am-11:30am, Thurs 7th July – Koolin ngargee NAIDOC Family Celebration Day

Meet at the Visitor Centre, Melbourne Gardens, Birdwood Ave. *Koolin ngargee* - celebrate Aboriginal culture and NAIDOC week on the ancestral lands of the Koolin people at the Melbourne Gardens. Gather for a smoking ceremony followed by traditional stories around the fire with Uncle Ron Murray. Decorate your own boomerang and make an ochre hand-print to take home. Then enjoy a cup of lemon myrtle tea. Let the stories - or songlines - connect you with all Aboriginal people across Australia. Free event,

Aboriginal Heritage Walk, daily 11am-12:30, except Sat Womin djeka! Journey into the ancestral lands of the Koolin nation and explore their rich and thriving culture on this walk. Experience a traditional smoking ceremony with an Indigenous guide and discover traditional uses of plants for food, tools and medicine. Adults \$31, children \$12, bookings 03 9252 2429

Melbourne Museum Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Come and celebrate NAIDOC week at Bunjilaka to experience a vibrant living Koorie culture and celebrate our shared history through family activities stunning exhibitions and more!

Take part in dance workshops, enjoy a guided tour around the Milarri Gardens and learn about the traditional foods and technologies of Victoria's First Peoples.



First People's Exhibition – daily 10am-5pm
Through the voices and languages of our Koorie community, *First Peoples* tells the story of Aboriginal Victoria from the time of Creation to today. This major exhibition celebrates the history, culture, achievements and survival of Victoria's Aboriginal people.

Milarri Garden Tour – Learn about traditional foods and technologies of Victoria's First Peoples



Melbourne Museum

Bujilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre Continued...

The Journey Home: Artworks from the Torch.

Many well-known Koorie artists have created works while imprisoned, some of which have been purchased by leading galleries around the world. See a variety of artworks by Indigenous artists from south-eastern Australia who are currently participating in *The Torch's* Indigenous Arts in Prison and Community program.

Focusing on the role of cultural strengthening and artistic expression, these works form part of a rehabilitation process that helps build confidence, social capital and can create a pathway to economic stability. By embracing participants as artists rather than ex-offenders, *The Torch* provides an avenue to change.



Department of Environment Land Water and Planning

Koorie Market, - 11am-3pm, Wed 6th July, Foyer of 8 Nicholson St, Melbourne, Everyone Welcome

Launch of DELWP NAIDOC Celebrations, - Thurs 7th July, Welcome to Country, Dance Performance, Special Guest Grant Hansen, Marngrook Footy Show, Foyer of 8 Nicholson St, Melbourne, with Everyone Welcome



National Gallery Victoria

NGV Indigenous Art

10am- 5pm daily except Mondays, NGV Australia, Federation Square

NAIDOC Week: Living Narratives – Storytelling and Song

Thurs 7th July, 2pm-3:30pm, The Ian Potter Centre, NGV Australia, Fed Square

2pm- Learn about songlines in the work of Indigenous women on display in *Artist's Hand: Collectors Eye*, such as the songline of the Seven Sisters, with Senior Curator of Indigenous Art Judith Ryan.

2:30pm - Celebrate the theme for NAIDOC Week's 2016, Songlines – The living narrative of our nation, with storytelling by Indigenous actor, dancer, singer and traditional storyteller Maurial Spearim.

3pm - A performance by Indigenous hip hop group Yung Warriors



2016 NAIDOC MARCH

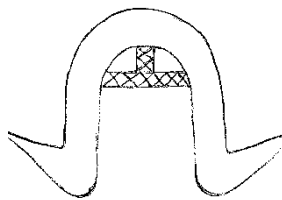
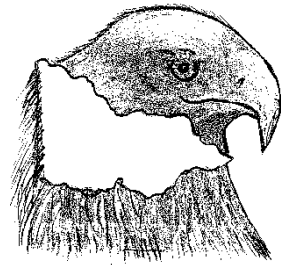
Friday 8th July, 10:30am Pre-March Festival!

Meet at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service VAHS on Nicholson St, Fitzroy, near the Melbourne Museum, at 10:30am - for a feed and refreshments, to make banners, get the kids' faces painted, & get prepared for the march



11:45am NAIDOC MARCH Begins! - Starting at Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, Nicholson St Fitzroy, Finishing up at Federation Square. This year we're welcoming all people, councils, organisations and businesses to come and march with us. We will depart from VAHS, stopping at Fig Tree on top of Gertrude Street; Pastor Sir Doug and Lady Nicholls statue; Parliament House; Corner of Bourke & Swanston; Flinders & Swanston Street, finishing up at Fed Square. After the March there's a fun Post March Concert at Fed Square. Bring the kids!

CPSU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Branch Section



Artwork courtesy Veronica Barnett, CPSU Branch Section Member and Torres Strait Island woman

CPSU has worked hard to establish conditions in our Agreements to facilitate members' participation in a range of cultural and ceremonial events and to promote indigenous participation in all aspects of the union, public sector and the community. CPSU is working together with members to ensure the value of this work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members is recognised, respected and celebrated – your work makes our communities stronger.

Many CPSU Branch Section Members recently came together for **The Gathering**, a Meeting and Training Day where members learned more about our new clauses for ATSI members, met with CPSU Branch Secretary Karen Batt and Victorian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Industrial Relations Natalie Hutchins at Parliament House, planned campaigns and set priorities for our work together with members

Below: Members at Parliament House



Members at The Gathering at CPSU

CPSU and members have been successful in **achieving new conditions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island members** in many new CPSU Agreements, including the VPS Agreement 2016, with **1 days paid NAIDOC leave per year**, and 3 days paid Cultural and Ceremonial Leave. Other CPSU Agreements include access to unpaid Cultural and Ceremonial Leave. CPSU encourages members to learn more about your Agreements and conditions, and to celebrate NAIDOC week!

VPS Agreement 2016 , clause 53.1(a) NAIDOC Week Leave

'An Employee of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is entitled to one day of paid leave per year to participate in National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week activities and events.'

CPSU members experiencing any approval problems to attend NAIDOC activities should contact CPSU Industrial Officer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Branch Section Liaison Mandy Coulson 0439 573 410 mcoulson@cpsuvic.org or CPSU's Information Officer Geraldine Hughes for assistance on 9639 1822 or toll free on 1800 810 153.

CPSU encourages all our members to celebrate NAIDOC week and the contribution of Indigenous Peoples.

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CPSU Indigenous Convenor
Friday 1st July 2016

KAREN BATT
CPSU State & Federal Secretary

