

MONDAY 14TH JULY

Community Lunch

St John of God Hospital Atrium

133 – 145 Lily St Bendigo

11:45am – 1:15pm

You're invited to join us at St John of God Hospital for a special NAIDOC Week celebration, featuring a community lunch and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art exhibition.

The event will begin with a community lunch from 11:45am, followed by the opportunity to explore a vibrant collection of artworks created by local First Nations artists. The exhibition showcases stories of culture, identity, and connection to Country.

Come along to celebrate, connect, and support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Free event – no bookings required

Contact: James Breene 03 5434 3207

EXHIBITIONS

NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition

St John of God Hospital Atrium

133 – 145 Lily Street, Bendigo

The artwork is available to view 7 days per week, from 8am till 8pm

St John of God Hospital will host our annual NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition throughout the month of July. All community are welcome to come along, connect with each other and celebrate NAIDOC Week with the artists. Some pieces will be for sale.

Exhibition open from Friday 4th July through to Saturday 2nd August from 8am – 8pm 7 days a week.

Free event

Contact: James Breene 03 5434 3207

Knuldoorong Art Exhibition 2025

Knuldoorong meaning 'all together' in Dja Dja Wurrung language in an annual showcase of local First Nations artists, the exhibition is open from 11am – 4pm daily from Friday 4th July to Sunday 13th July

Artworks are available for purchase

Free event

Contact: Michelle Charvat 0427 222 609

Koorie Youth Flick Fest

Showing on screens at:

Bendigo Library, 251-259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo during library opening hours

Emporium Creative Hub display windows, 25 Mitchell Street, Bendigo 24/7 during NAIDOC Week

BDAC NAIDOC Family Day, Bendigo Exhibition Centre (Prince of Wales Showgrounds), Wednesday 9th July, 10am-2.30pm

The Koorie Youth Flick Fest showcases films made by young First Nations artists from Central Victoria with a story to tell. This exhibition celebrates Next Generation talent and vision by screening entries from all five years of the competition.

The Flick Fest is proudly supported by Bundadhaany Studios, City of Greater Bendigo, Yo Bendigo

Free entry

Contact: Chris Donelly @ chrisd@ncgrl.vic.gov.au



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VISION &
LEGACY**

6-13 JULY 2025



Artist: Marykia, 'Song and Ceremony'
Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta

EVENTS

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

Maryborough Community Family Day

Asteria

Time: 10am – 2pm

Venue: Maryborough Pony Club

Johnson St Maryborough

Join us for a NAIDOC Week celebration in Maryborough, hosted by Asteria.

The event brings together the Maryborough, Ballarat and Bendigo Aboriginal communities for one big event with lots of activities and fun for all ages.

Free event

Contact: Michelle Rafferty 0450 158 670

Knuldoorong Art Exhibition – LAUNCH

5pm

Dudley House

60 View St Bendigo

Join us for the official launch of the Knuldoorong Art Exhibition, an annual event that proudly showcases the creativity, stories, and cultural strength of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. This vibrant exhibition brings together a diverse collection of works that reflect community and culture.

Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments, art works will be available to purchase.

Free event

Contact: Michellie Charvat 0427 222 609

FRIDAY 4TH JULY

BDAC – FLAG RAISING & YOUTH AWARDS CEREMONY

BDAC

119 Prouses Road, North Bendigo

10:30am – 11:30am

Join us on Friday 4 July at BDAC's Flag Raising Ceremony to mark the beginning of NAIDOC Week.

The morning will begin with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country, followed by the presentation of the NAIDOC Aboriginal Community Youth Awards. Morning tea and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Contact: Karly Whelan 0459 412 057

BDAC – NAIDOC BALL & ADULT AWARDS CEREMONY

Doors open at 6pm for a 6:30pm start – late

All Seasons Hotel

171-183 Mclvor Hwy, Bendigo

Join us in celebrating NAIDOC Week 2025 at BDAC's NAIDOC Ball, featuring the presentation of the NAIDOC Aboriginal Adult Community Awards. This night celebrates Culture, Connection, and the achievements of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community members.

Contact: Karly Whelan 0459 412 057

This is an 18+ event

Tickets: sold out

MONDAY 7TH JULY

NAIDOC Week FLAG RAISING CEREMONY & CIVIC RECEPTION

City of Greater Bendigo

10am – 12pm

Bendigo Town Hall and Library Gardens, 189-193 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

NAIDOC Week celebrations, including a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony as part of the flag-raising ceremony in the Library Gardens (between Bendigo Library and Town Hall).

Free event

Contact: Nikki Williams 1300 002 642

TUESDAY 8TH JULY

Welcome Baby to Country

DJAARA & Bendigo Health

10:30am – 2:30pm

Larnangurrak Djaara 43 Hattam Street, Golden Square

Aboriginal and Torres Strait babies 0-36 months old are invited to participate in a Welcome Ceremony.

Hosted by the Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owners for babies born on Dja Dja Wurrung Country.

The Welcome Baby to Country Ceremony is to honour and acknowledge an infant's connection to the lands on which they are born. Babies will be provided with a certificate and other cultural gifts.

Registrations are now closed

Contact: DJAARA; Hannah Dunolly-Lee, Events Coordinator & Member Engagement 0447 428 133

Bendigo Health; Suzie Luke 0405 137 159

Nicole Petrucci 0407 535 628



WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY

BDAC NAIDOC FAMILY DAY

10:30am – 2:30pm

The BDAC NAIDOC Family Day is a community event that celebrates NAIDOC Week and honors the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples. It's a fun and inclusive day for children, families and Elders, featuring a Smoking Ceremony, story time, face painting, bush tucker, boomerang painting, native wildlife displays, jumping castles, and live performances.

Phoenix FM will be broadcasting live from NAIDOC Family Day from 10:30am-1:30pm

Free event

Contact: Jenna McKerlie 0429 596 050

Tara-Jane Priest 0427 180 690

THURSDAY 10TH JULY

Djimbayang Bendigo TAFE NAIDOC Week Flag Raising

Bendigo TAFE

City Campus

Building J

Cnr Hargreaves and Chapel St's Bendigo

11am – 2:30pm

Bendigo TAFE warmly invites the Bendigo Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to join us for our Flag Raising and Welcome Ceremony.

Come together in celebration of NAIDOC Week with cultural activities, a community lunch, and a shared spirit of connection and respect.

This is a family-friendly event – children are welcome.

Free event

Contact: Sarah Fary 0456 398 323

FRIDAY 11TH JULY

Fibre Fun with Aunty Marilyne Nicholls

Kangaroo Flat Library, 23 Lockwood Road, Kangaroo Flat

10.30am – 11.30am OR

1 – 2pm

A special intergenerational crafting activity for Elders and young people, grandparents and grandchildren to learn traditional fibre techniques from Dja Dja Wurrung Elder Aunty Marilyne Nicholls. Create beautiful woven fibre rainbow sticks, snakes and lizards from straw and wool to take home.

An intergenerational activity funded by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Free event, however, places are limited – for Mob allocated tickets please contact Kath Waugh on 0419 445 510 or kathw@ncgrl.vic.gov.au

KINJA for kids

Bendigo Library, 251-259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

3pm – 4pm

KINJA is Ron Murray, much loved Wamba Wamba storyteller and didgeridoo soloist, and violinist Sara James. Together they combine two musical cultures in a very special storytelling and music performance for young families, inspiring us to reflect about being Australian and belonging in this country.

Proudly supported by the Bendigo NAIDOC Week Committee

Free event

Contact: Kath Waugh 0419 445 510

