

# Media Release

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## Celebrate NAIDOC Week with Camden Council

Residents are invited to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with Camden Council, during NAIDOC Week.

Celebrations will kick-off on **Sunday 7 July**, with residents invited to marvel at local Indigenous artists decorating the Alan Baker Art Gallery Hitching Post from 11am. Children aged up to 15 years can also take part in the Art Gallery's Indigenous Rock Painting workshop, led by Aboriginal artist, Gina Glover, at 1pm.

On **Tuesday 9 July**, 10.30am-2pm, residents are encouraged to come along to the excitement-filled Camden NAIDOC Celebrations event at Oran Park Library. Attendees will be treated to:

- A traditional Welcome to Country, by local Elder, Glenda Chalker;
- Raising of the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags;
- Performances, including traditional Indigenous dances;
- Traditional Indigenous games;
- Jumping castles; and
- Aboriginal Storytime stories.

Come lunchtime, Goanna Hut bush tucker will be serving native foods, influenced by traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cooking methods for all to enjoy.

Last but not least, Camden Civic Centre, in partnership with Camden Region Economic Taskforce, will host local Aboriginal artist, Danielle Mate Sullivan on **Wednesday 10 July**.

From 10am, Ms Sullivan will share the story of her success as an Indigenous artist and business owner. She will then be joined by a panel of business development and legal experts, who will discuss the challenges and opportunities artists face.

There will be plenty to do for the rest of the day, including:

- Acknowledgement of country and Indigenous entertainment, at 9.30am;
- Bush Tucker for lunch and an exhibition of works by various Indigenous artists, including Danielle Mate Sullivan, Roy Murray and Gina Glover, at 11.30am-12.30pm;
- Workshop session one (for residents aged 15 years and over), which includes incorporating puzzles into a community art piece, at 12.30-2.30pm; and
- Workshop session one (for residents aged 15 years and under), which includes weaving and painting, at 3-4pm.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said she was proud there was so much scheduled during NAIDOC Week, which runs 7-14 July.

"In the most recent census, almost 2,000 residents across the Camden area identified as having an Indigenous background," Cr Fedeli said.

"It's so important to celebrate their rich and vibrant culture, history and stories. We're committed to building and maintaining strong links with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and taking every opportunity we can to weave their stories into our initiatives."

For more information on Council's Camden NAIDOC Celebrations event, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au](http://camden.nsw.gov.au) and search 'NAIDOC Ceremony'. For more information about the activities at Camden Civic Centre, visit [camdenciviccentre.com.au](http://camdenciviccentre.com.au)

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