

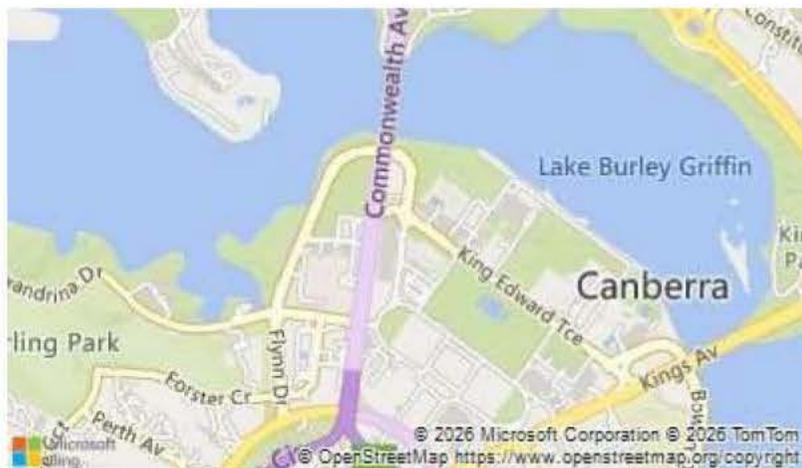
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## National Reconciliation Week 2025: Bake sale and morning tea

**When** Wednesday, 28 May 2025  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

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**Where** 1 Langton Crescent, Parkes, Australian Capital Territory  
2600, Australia



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### About this event

Come along to a bake sale or morning tea in your location hosted by the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee. These events are part of a range of activities in Treasury to mark National Reconciliation Week.

## Canberra

In Canberra the RAP Committee are raising funds for the [Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services](#).

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services (WNAHCS) is an Aboriginal community controlled primary health care service. It is operated by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of the ACT.

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 May

**Time:** 11am – 12pm (AEST)

**Location:** The Hub, Canberra Office

There will be sweet and savory options available for purchase by cash or card.

## Sydney, Melbourne and Perth

In the Sydney, Melbourne and Perth offices the RAP Committee are hosting morning teas, join the events in your location.

### Sydney and Melbourne

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 May

**Time:** 11 am – 12 pm (AEST)

**Location:** Kitchen area

### Perth

**Date:** Thursday, 29 May

**Time:** 11 am – 12 pm (AWST)

**Location:** Kitchen area

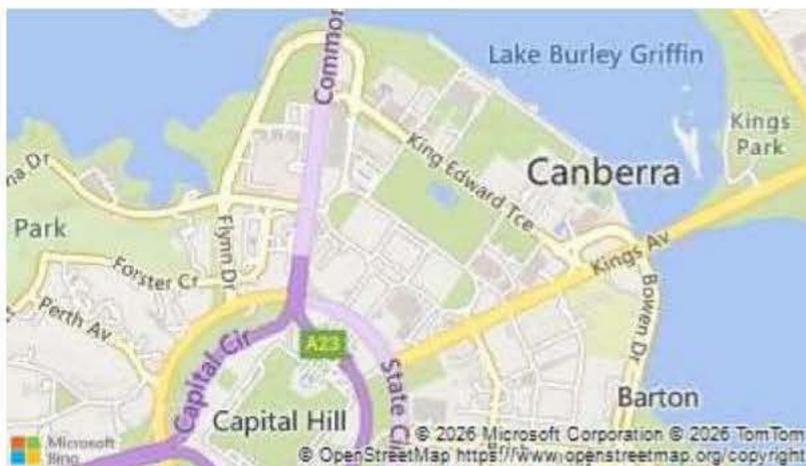
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# National Reconciliation Week 2025: First Nations Experiences of Democracy Tour

**When** Friday, 30 May 2025  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

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**Where** Museum of Australian Democracy, 18 King George Terrace, Parkes, Australian Capital Territory 2600, Australia



**Category** What's happening

## About this event

Join a [First Nations Experiences of Democracy Tour](#). Treasury has booked this tour as one of a range of events to mark National Reconciliation Week.

This guided tour at the Museum of Australian Democracy tells the stories of First Nations Australians who have created change, including:

- The journey of Wiradjuri elders who travelled 150 km to attend the opening of Old Parliament House.
- The achievements of Neville Bonner, the first Aboriginal Australian elected to Parliament.
- The contributions of other notable figures such as Wenten Rubuntja, Charlie Perkins, and Faith Bandler.

All staff are welcome to attend and participate. Space on the tour is limited, please RSVP by COB Tuesday 27 May to [s.22@treasury.gov.au](mailto:s.22@treasury.gov.au).

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# National Reconciliation Week 2025: Keynote address

**When** Tuesday, 3 June 2025  
10:30 am – 11:30 am  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

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**Where** MS Teams

**Link** [Join event](#)

**Category** Speakers

## About this event

### Overview

Treasury welcomes Selwyn Button to deliver an address marking National Reconciliation Week.

Selwyn is a Gungarri Man from Southwest Queensland and an experienced leader of health, education and governance organisations across the public, private, not-for-profit and community-controlled sectors.

Selwyn is a full time Commissioner at the Productivity Commission and co-leads the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stream of work.

National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for us all to learn about the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It's also a chance to explore how you can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme is *Bridging Now to Next*.

## Event details

**Date:** Tuesday 3 June 2025

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Location:** MS Teams

## Dial in details

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## Meet the speaker

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[See all events](#)

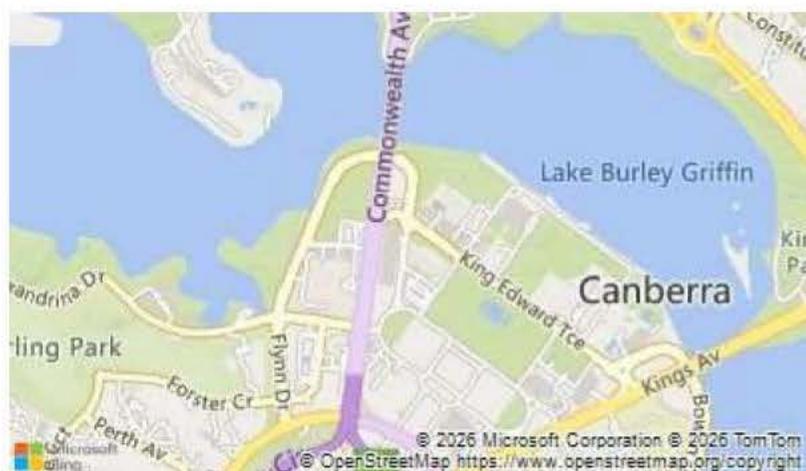
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## TSY Event: National Reconciliation Week 2025

**When** Thursday, 29 May 2025  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

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**Where** Newlands Street Courtyard and MS Teams



**Link** [Join event](#)

## About this event

# Overview

Join Damien White, Treasury Indigenous Champion to mark National Reconciliation Week. This is the central event among a range of activities at Treasury to mark the week and includes:

- Welcome to Country – Aunty Violet Sheridan, Ngunnawal elder
- Smoking Ceremony – Richie Allan, Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian

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You can find more information about other Treasury events marking National Reconciliation Week on [TERI](#).

## Event details

**Date:** Thursday 29 May 2025

**Time:** 12 – 1 pm

**Location:** Newlands Street Courtyard

Please note this event includes a smoking ceremony. If you have respiratory issues, please consider attending virtually via MS Teams.

## Dial in details

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WEEKLY UPDATE

# Weekly update – 30 May 2025



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## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week began this week with the theme *Bridging Now to Next*.

Yesterday, staff joined Treasury's Indigenous Champion, Damien White, in the Treasury Building courtyard and online. Ngunnawal elder, Aunty Violet Sheridan gave a Welcome to Country. Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian, Richard Allen performed a Smoking Ceremony.

On Wednesday, staff across offices enjoyed National Reconciliation Week morning teas. In Canberra, Treasury staff donated treats for a bake sale and the proceeds went to local organisation [Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services](#).

This afternoon in Canberra, a group of around 30 staff will join the [First Nations Experience of Democracy tour](#) at the Museum of Australian Democracy.

Treasury's National Reconciliation Week events conclude with a [keynote address](#) by Selwyn Button, Commissioner at the Productivity Commission on Tuesday 3 June.

Thanks to the organisers and volunteers who have made our National Reconciliation Week activities possible. Thanks to those of you who have participated in activities to explore how you can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

# National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June 2025

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National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is on from Tuesday 27 May – Tuesday 3 June.

This year's theme, *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. It calls on all Australians to step forward together, to learn from the past, and to build a more united and respectful nation.

You're invited to participate in the NRW activities planned throughout the week. Check out the events below to plan your week.



## Address by Selwyn Button

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Selwyn is a Gungarri Man from Southwest Queensland. He is an experienced leader of health, education and governance organisations across the public, private, not-for-profit and community-controlled sectors.

Selwyn is a full time Commissioner at the Productivity Commission. He co-leads the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stream of work.

Join this event online.

**Date:** Tuesday 3 June

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Location:** [Join via MS Teams](#)

## Morning tea and bake sale

Come along to a Morning Tea in your office, hosted by the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee.

Check [Events and Speakers on TERI](#) for dates, times and locations of morning teas in each of our Treasury offices.

The baked treats have been volunteered by your Treasury colleagues.

All proceeds from the bake sale in the Canberra office will go to [Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health and Community Services](#). It is an Aboriginal community controlled primary health care service operated by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of the ACT. Sweet and savoury treats will be available for purchase by cash or card.

## Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

Join Damien White, Treasury's Indigenous Champion, at the Canberra office Newlands Courtyard for a Welcome to Country by Aunty Violet Sheriden, Ngunnawal elder. This is followed by a Smoking Ceremony with Richie Allan, Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian.

You can attend in person or stream the event online.

**Date:** Thursday 29 May

**Time:** 12 – 1 pm

**Location:** Newlands St Courtyard or [join online](#).

## Tour at the Museum of Australian Democracy

Join the [First Nations Experience of Democracy](#) tour at the Museum of Australian Democracy in Canberra. The tour tells the stories of First Nations Australians who have created change, including:

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- The achievements of Neville Bonner, the first Aboriginal Australian elected to parliament.
- The contributions of other notable figures such as WentenRubuntja, Charlie Perkins, and Faith Bandler.

All staff are welcome to attend and participate however spaces are limited. Please **RSVP** <sup>s 22</sup> [@treasury.gov.au](#) by **COB Tuesday 27 May** to secure your spot.

**Date:** Friday 30 May

**Time:** 3 – 4 pm

**Location:** Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House, 18 King George Terrace, Parkes, ACT

## More information

Contact the <sup>s 22</sup> [@treasury.gov.au](#).

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## National Reconciliation Week 2025: Keynote address

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### Event details

**Date:** Tuesday 3 June 2025

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Location:** MS Teams

### Dial in details

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### Meet the speaker

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**TSY** events



## TSY Event: National Reconciliation Week 2025

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### Event details

**Date:** Thursday 29 May 2025

**Time:** 12 – 1 pm

**Location:** Newlands Street Courtyard

Please note this event includes a smoking ceremony. If you have respiratory issues, please consider attending virtually via MS Teams.

### Dial in details

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### National Reconciliation Week 2025

Colleagues

National Reconciliation Week is an opportunity for us all to learn about the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It's also a chance to explore how you can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

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#### **National Reconciliation Week at Treasury**

There are a range of activities to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week in Treasury, including:

- Welcome to Country by Aunty Violet Sheridan, Ngunnawal elder, and Smoking Ceremony with Richie Allen, Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian
- Keynote address by Selwyn Button, a Commissioner at the Productivity Commission and Gungarri man from Southwest Queensland
- morning teas in our Perth, Sydney and Melbourne offices
- a bake sale in the Treasury Building, Canberra to raise money for [Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health and Community Services](#)
- a *First Nations Experience of Democracy* Tour at the Museum of Australian Democracy.

Details of these events are available on [TERI](#).

#### **External events in your city**

You can also participate in an event near you, by taking a look at the Reconciliation Australia [event calendar](#). The calendar has a range of activities across the country, that aim to foster reconciliation through reflection and exploration.

#### **Cultural Learning Journey**

A reminder that the Treasury [Cultural Learning Journey program](#) has been developed to enhance your awareness, appreciation and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories.

#### **Ceremonial leave**

First Nations employees [may access ceremonial leave](#) during National Reconciliation Week.

I hope you find time to participate in one of Treasury's events, or an event near you, during National Reconciliation Week.

Regards

Damien White  
Treasury Indigenous Champion

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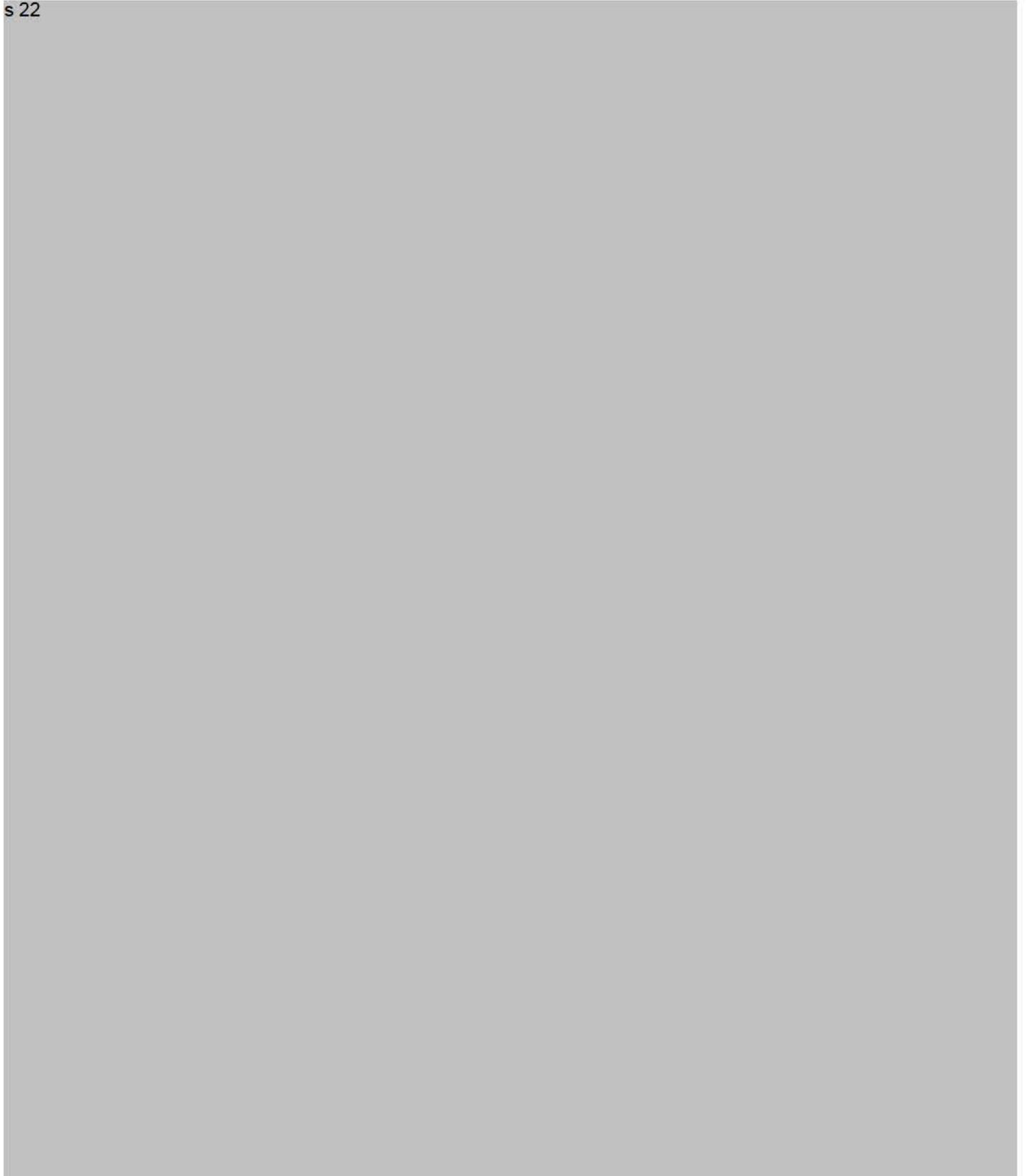
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# National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week concluded on Tuesday with a keynote address by Selwyn Button, Commissioner at the Productivity Commission. Selwyn, a Gungahlin man from Southwest Queensland, spoke about the historical impacts of economic policy on Indigenous communities and the importance of land rights in supporting their economic development.

He also discussed the role of economic policy in accelerating progress toward [Closing the Gap](#) targets. This included opportunities for Treasury to contribute to improved outcomes for First Nations Australians.

Treasury staff also had the opportunity to attend the *First Nations Experience of Democracy* tour at the Museum of Australian Democracy last Friday. The tour offered a powerful and thought provoking exploration of how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples engaged with, challenged and shaped Australia's democratic institutions.

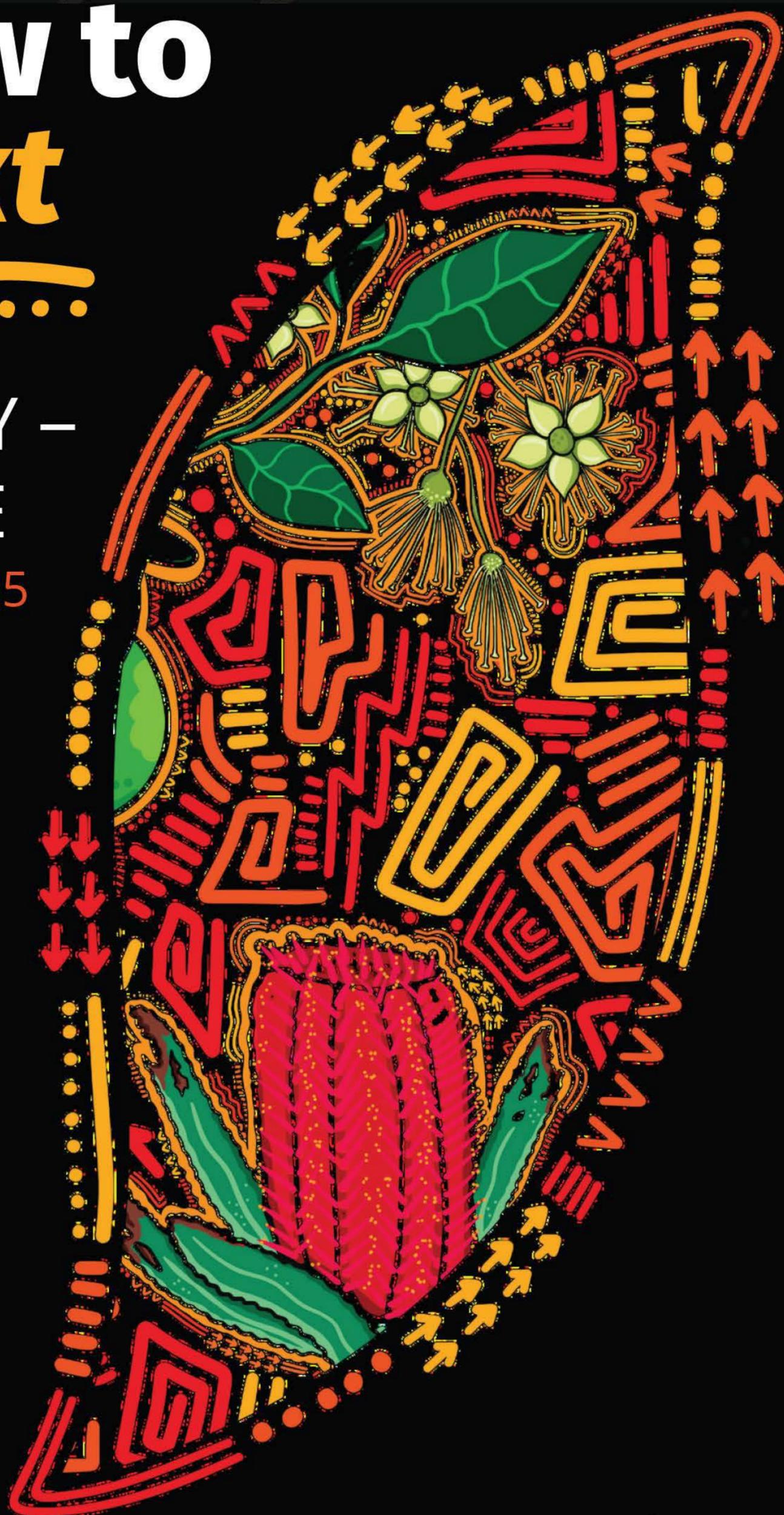
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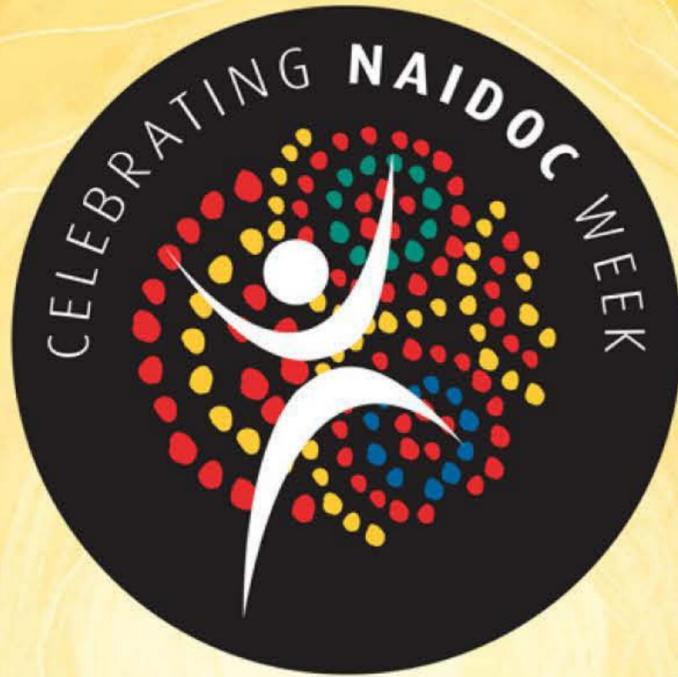
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## NAIDOC Week 2025

Dear Colleagues

As we mark [NAIDOC Week 2025](#), I want to acknowledge the significance of this year's theme – *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*. It encourages all of us to reflect on the:

strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

vision of their young leaders

enduring legacy they have passed down throughout the generations.

This year also marks 50 years of NAIDOC Week – a powerful milestone, that highlights how far we've come. And how much further we must go to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices are heard, valued and lead the way.

As a non-Indigenous ally, I believe we all have a role to play. I encourage all staff to take part in the events and activities organised by our Indigenous Employee Network and their allies across our State Offices. These opportunities are more than celebrations – they are moments to listen, as well as to learn. They are the right time to strengthen relationships – across our workplace and community.

Our commitment to Closing the Gap means embedding the interests of First Nations people, and our understanding of the oldest continuous living culture in the world, into the work that we do.

This starts with education, reflection and meaningful action. I encourage everyone to complete our Cultural Learning Journey – particularly the new [Allyship Toolkit](#) – not just during NAIDOC Week. But as part of our ongoing responsibility to develop traditional and contemporary cultural perspectives of First Nations peoples and apply those learnings in our work.

Together, we can help build a future grounded in respect, cultural integrity and real change – supporting the next generation to lead with both strength and pride.

Regards

Damien White

Treasury Indigenous Champion



## TSY Event: NAIDOC Week 2025

### Overview

Treasury's celebrations for NAIDOC Week on Wednesday 9 July will include:

- Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by Ngunnawal Elder, Billy T
- presentation of the NAIDOC Spirit Award
- traditional dance and narration performed by the Yukembruk Ngunnawal Dance Academy.

The 2025 NAIDOC Week theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," marks 50 years of recognising and celebrating the resilience, culture, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme highlights the role of young Indigenous leaders in carrying forward the strength of their communities, guided by the vision of past generations and the legacy of their ancestors.

### Event details

**Date:** Wednesday 9 July 2025

**Time:** 10–11 am

**Location:** Newlands Street Courtyard and MS Teams

*Please note this event includes a smoking ceremony. If you have respiratory issues, please consider attending virtually via MS Teams.*

### Dial in details

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## Background

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

You can find out about public [NAIDOC Week events](#) in your local community by visiting the NAIDOC Week website.



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## NAIDOC Week 2025: You Can't Ask That

### Overview

Inspired by the ABC program *You Can't Ask That*, this event provides an opportunity to ask thoughtful questions that may typically feel uncomfortable. First Nations colleagues will respond to selected questions in a respectful and safe environment. The aim is to foster deeper understanding and an open, constructive dialogue.

[Submit your questions](#) no later than COB Friday 4 July.

### Event details

**Date:** Tuesday 8 July 2025

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Location:** Treasury Building Canberra B.27 and MS Teams

### Dial in details

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# NAIDOC Spirit Awards

The NAIDOC Spirit Award acknowledges a staff member's contribution in at least one of the following areas:

- actively promoting and raising awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, issues and cultures
- being a positive role model and providing mentoring/leadership in their community and/or workplace
- working in collaboration with others in the workplace and/or the community.

Award recipient names will be included in internal communications.

You can find out more about the previous winners:

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## Nominations

Employee can be nominated by their colleagues. If you know an Indigenous employee who:

- actively promotes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, issues, and cultures, and/or
- is a positive role model in their community and/or workplace, and/or
- works collaboratively with others

Then nominate them using the nomination form for their contribution to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Spirit Award  
nomination form

## 2025 Theme

This year's NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience.

This year's official NAIDOC week theme is [The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy](#). It celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors.

# NAIDOC Week 2025



White, Damien  
Deputy Secretary

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Dear Colleagues

As we mark [NAIDOC Week 2025](#), I want to acknowledge the significance of this year's theme – *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*. It encourages all of us to reflect on the:

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- vision of their young leaders
- enduring legacy they have passed down throughout the generations.

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Regards

Damien White

# NAIDOC Touch Football Carnival 2025

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The [APS NAIDOC Touch Football Carnival](#) is back for another year.

We're looking for team members who can hit the field on Tuesday 8 July 2025 and take on departments from across the public service.

If you want to join the Treasury team (and rock an awesome Indigenous-designed jersey), we want to hear from you!

## About the carnival

- Game day is 8 July 2025.
- It's a round robin tournament.
- Mixed-gender teams play (maximum of 6 male players on the field at a time).
- It's a great way to come together, celebrate NAIDOC week and have a ripper of a day.

## What you need to play

- Footy boots.
- A day of your time (covered by miscellaneous leave for NAIDOC Week activities).
- Experience not necessary (if you can run, catch and pass - you can play touch footy).

## How to join

To get involved, simply fill out the Treasury NAIDOC Week Touch Football Team [form](#) by COB Wednesday, 4 June 2025.

## More information

Contact s 22 for more details.

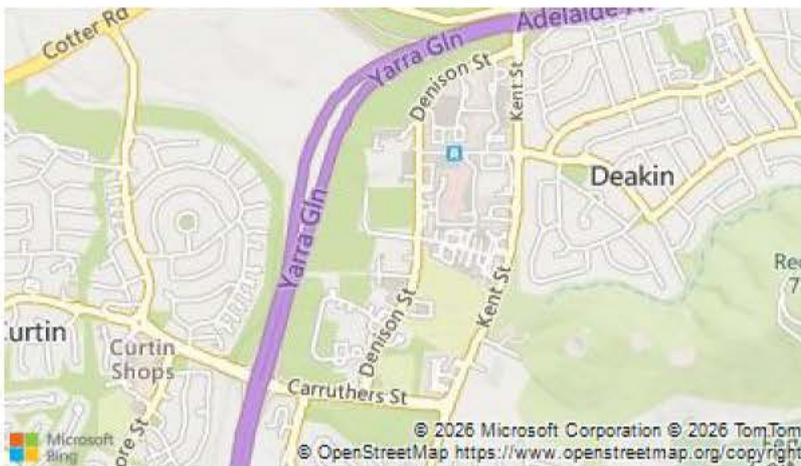
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# NAIDOC Week: APS NAIDOC touch football carnival

**When** Tuesday, 8 July 2025  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

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**Where** Makin Pl, Deakin, Australian Capital Territory 2600, Australia



**Category** What's happening

## About this event

Grab your pompoms and cheer on Treasury at the annual [APS NAIDOC touch football carnival](#).

## Event details

**Date:** Tuesday 8 July

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Deakin Playing Fields, Makin Place, Deakin ACT

## More information

# NAIDOC Week 2025

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Join Treasury in acknowledging NAIDOC Week 2025.

NAIDOC Week 2025 runs from 6 July to 13 July, marking a significant milestone – 50 years of honouring and celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a time for all staff to engage with, and learn about, First Nations cultures and histories, while participating in events and activities that celebrate the world's oldest continuous living cultures. Whether through attending local events, engaging with our Cultural Learning Journey map, or initiating conversations, Treasury's Indigenous Employee Network (IEN) encourages everyone to get involved, and show support.

This year's theme, The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy, shines a spotlight on the emerging leaders who are carrying forward the legacy of their ancestors with resilience and vision.

## Treasury NAIDOC Week activities

### Museum of Australia Democracy: First Nations Experiences of Democracy

Back by popular demand, join this powerful tour to hear stories of how First Nations Australians have shaped history and influenced change – from Wiradjuri elders, to political trailblazers like Neville Bonner. Explore key heritage sites, including the Prime Minister's Office and Senate Chamber, while learning about the contributions of activists, such as Wenten Rubuntja, Charlie Perkins, and Faith Bandler. First Nations people should be aware that this tour includes names and images of deceased people.

#### Tour details

**Date:** Monday 7 July

**Time:** 2 to 3 pm

The tour has a cap of 30 people so get in quick. Email [s 22 \[REDACTED\]](mailto: [REDACTED]@treasury.gov.au)

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## 'Yeribee' Indigenous experiences of Parliament House

The tour will look at The Apology, the Yirrkala bark petitions and artworks from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from the Parliament House Art Collections.

### Tour details

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## Allyship Toolkit

Allyship Toolkit is a new learning resource available on the Cultural Learning Map. Allyship fosters culturally safe workplaces and emphasises the importance of transforming government organisations to be more inclusive, accountable, and respectful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Allyship plays a critical role in achieving this goal by empowering individuals to support and advocate for inclusivity, respect, and cultural understanding.

The Toolkit has been created to:

- equip you with practical strategies to recognise and challenge unconscious biases.
  - encourage meaningful, everyday actions that contribute to systemic change.
- You can find the toolkit in the 'knowing' domain of the Cultural Learning Map in [TSY learning](#).

## Treasury Events celebrates NAIDOC Week 2025

Treasury welcomes Ngunnawal Elder, Billy T, and the Yukembruk Ngunnawal Dance Academy, for the NAIDOC Spirit Awards, to be held in the Newlands Street Courtyard.

### Event details

**Date:** Wednesday 9 July

**Time:** 10 to 11 am

**Location:** Newlands Street Courtyard and MS Teams

Please note this event includes a smoking ceremony. If you have respiratory issues, please consider attending virtually via MS Teams.

## Movie: The Last Daughter

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Along the way she uncovers long-buried secrets, government lies, and the possibility for deeper connections to family and culture. The Last Daughter is a documentary about Brenda's journey to unearth the truth about her past, and to reconcile the two sides of her family.

### Event details

**Date:** Thursday 10 July

**Time:** 2 pm start

**Location:** Treasury Building Canberra B.27

Movie attendance has a cap of 65 people – book your place by emailing the IEN's [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_@treasury.gov.au](mailto:_____@treasury.gov.au).

## State Office NAIDOC events

## Perth

Perth office colleagues are invited to enjoy a morning tea, followed by an exhilarating active dance performance hosted by Corroboree for Life, which is a community organisation founded in 2018 by proud Noongar man Ash (Garlett) Penfold. Under Ash's guidance, and with the support of elders and partners, Corroboree for Life has grown and diversified, and is now part of the Gather Hospitality Group – an Aboriginal-owned food and catering business.

**Date:** Thursday 10 July

**Time:** 11 am AWST

**Location:** Perth office lobby

The IEN thanks <sup>s 22</sup> [redacted] in the Perth Office for helping to arrange this opportunity

## Sydney

Our Sydney IEN colleagues invite colleagues to attend an Inner City NAIDOC Family Fun Day, organised by the Eora NAIDOC Community Group. This event will feature Aboriginal Dancers, Singer Songwriters, Musicians, Bands, an Elders Space, Jarjum Activities, a BBQ Lunch, and much more!

**Date:** Thursday 10 July

**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – group meet in the downstairs foyer.

**Location:** Carriageworks in Eveleigh

The Sydney Office coordinator for this event is <sup>s 22</sup> [redacted]  
<sup>s 22</sup> [redacted] [@treasury.gov.au](mailto:[redacted]@treasury.gov.au) to register your interest in attending.

## Melbourne

Melbourne Office staff will be participating in a guided inner-city cultural walk, in celebration of NAIDOC Week, with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. The guided walk will take staff through significant cultural sites around Melbourne CBD, including Birrarung Marr, Barak Bridge and the Melbourne Cricket Ground Scar Trees. The walk aims to highlight the deep cultural and historical significance of the land and explores the enduring relationship between Aboriginal people and place.

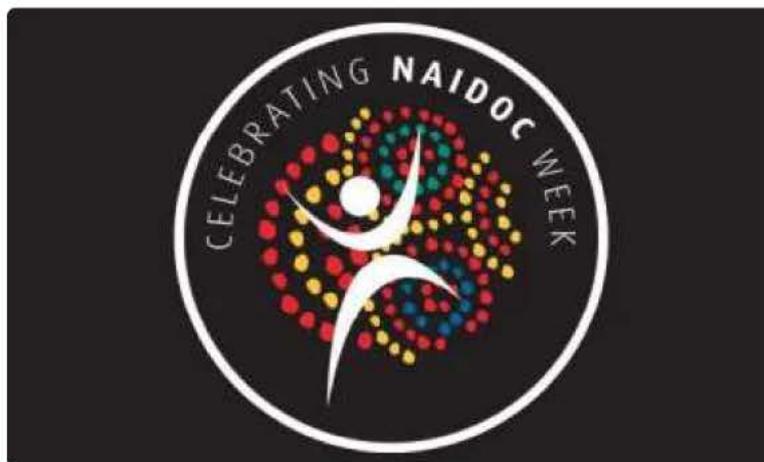
Please note this event is already at capacity. Thank you to those who are registered to attend.

**Date:** Monday 7 July

**Location:** Various locations – Melbourne inner-city

## More information

Check out the [NAIDOC Week website](#) for events you can attend in your area to help celebrate this week with the Indigenous community.



# Weekly update – 11 July 2025

 **Wilkinson, Jenny**  
Secretary

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## From the Secretary

This week is NAIDOC Week, and I want to thank everyone who helped to organise a series of engaging events. I want to thank those that took part in those activities across Canberra, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

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## Treasury's NAIDOC Week celebrations

Thank you to everyone who took part in our NAIDOC Week activities in Canberra, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney this week.

Congratulations to our [NAIDOC Spirit Award recipient](#), <sup>s 22</sup> [REDACTED] is instrumental in inspiring Treasury's non Indigenous staff to explore and engage with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, histories, ceremonies, rituals and stories. She leads by example driving behavioural cultural change, that positively impacts our First Nations employees. <sup>s 22</sup> [REDACTED] has been able to shift the behaviour of our organisation through learning and curiosity, by respecting differing views and encouraging listening.

<sup>s 22</sup> [REDACTED] was presented with the award on Wednesday in Canberra. We were joined by Ngunnawal and Wiradjuri man William Tomkins and the Yukembruk Ngunnawal Dance Academy for a special performance.

In Melbourne, staff participated in an on country cultural walking tour led by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. The tour explored culturally significant sites of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong Boon Wurrung traditional owners across East Melbourne. This included the scar trees surrounding the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the William Barak Bridge and Birrarung Marr.

Staff gained valuable insights into the significance of these sites, Indigenous culture, their connection to the land and their continuing guardianship and custodianship of Country. They look forward to continuing to engage with and learn from First Nations communities.

Well done to the Treasury team who took part in the 2025 APS NAIDOC Touch Football Carnival on Tuesday. The team played 5 tough games in their division, with 4 wins! Treasury made it into the Preliminary Cup finals, facing ATO in a nail biting match that ended in a 4 on 4 drop off. Out of the 30 competing teams, Treasury finished 10th. A fantastic achievement!

[NAIDOC Week](#) continues until Sunday with events around the country. You can deepen your understanding and appreciation for First Nations culture and history through the [Cultural Learning Journey on TSY learning](#). This understanding is critical to how Treasury can influence outcomes and deliver on Closing the Gap commitments.

Thank you to the Indigenous Employee Network and all who made NAIDOC Week at Treasury such a success.

## NAIDOC Week in pictures

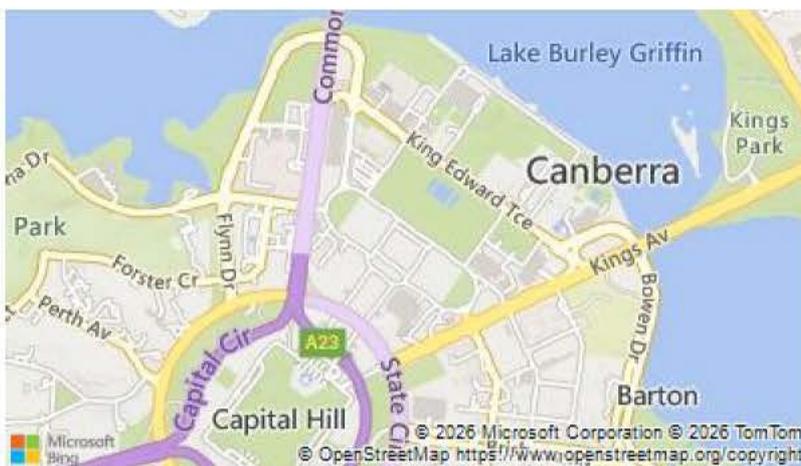
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# NAIDOC Week: Museum of Australia Democracy Tour – First Nations Experiences of Democracy

**When** Monday, 7 July 2025  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

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**Where** Museum of Australian Democracy, 18 King George Terrace, Parkes, Australian Capital Territory 2600, AU



**Category** What's happening

## About this event

Back by popular demand, join this powerful tour to hear stories of how First Nations Australians have shaped history and influenced change – from Wiradjuri elders, to political trailblazers like Neville Bonner.

Explore key heritage sites, including the Prime Minister's Office and Senate Chamber, while learning about the contributions of activists, such as Wenten Rubuntja, Charlie Perkins, and Faith Bandler.

First Nations people should be aware that this tour includes names and images of deceased people.

## Tour details

**Date:** Monday 7 July

**Time:** 2–3 pm

**Location:** Museum of Australian Democracy

The tour has a cap of 30 people so get in quick. Email Roy Assan from the Indigenous Employee Network (IEN) at [s22@treasury.gov.au](mailto:s22@treasury.gov.au) to secure your place.

## More information

For more information, contact the IEN at [s22@treasury.gov.au](mailto:s22@treasury.gov.au).

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## NAIDOC Week: Perth office event

**When** Thursday, 10 July 2025  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

 Add to my calendar

**Where** Perth Office Lobby

**Category** What's happening

### About this event

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## Event details

**Date:** Thursday 10 July

**Time:** 11:00 am AWST

**Location:** Perth Office lobby

The Indigenous Employee Network (IEN) thanks Priscilla Bateman in the Perth Office for helping to arrange this opportunity

## More information

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# NAIDOC Week: Sydney office event

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**Where** Carriageworks in Eveleigh

**Category** What's happening

## About this event

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This event will feature Aboriginal Dancers, Singer Songwriters, Musicians, Bands, an Elders Space, Jarjum Activities, a BBQ Lunch, and much more!

## Event details

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**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – meet in the downstairs foyer.

**Location:** Carriageworks in Eveleigh

The Sydney Office coordinator for this event is Simon Adams from the IEN – please email [s22@treasury.gov.au](mailto:s22@treasury.gov.au) to register your interest in attending.

## More information

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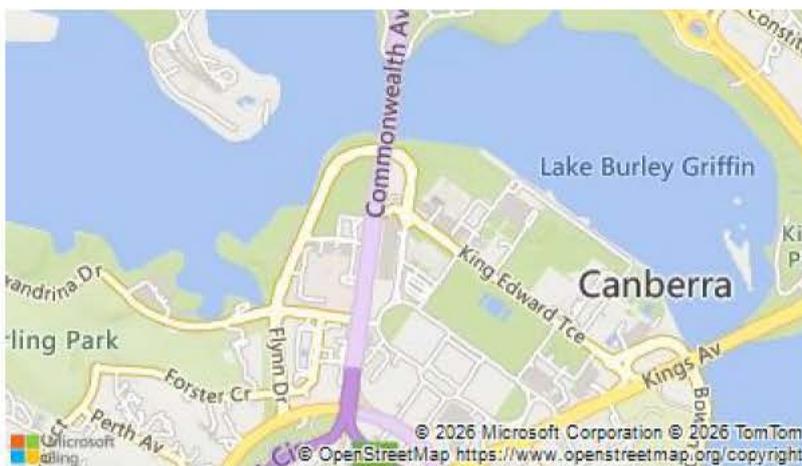
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# NAIDOC Week: Movie – The Last Daughter

**When** Thursday, 10 July 2025  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

 Add to my calendar

**Where** 1 Langton Crescent, Parkes, Australian Capital Territory  
2600, Australia



**Category** What's happening

## About this event

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## More information

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# TSY Event: NAIDOC Week 2025

**When** Wednesday, 9 July 2025  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

 Add to my calendar

**Where** MS Teams

**Link** [Join event](#)

**Category** Events

## About this event

## Overview

Treasury's celebrations for NAIDOC Week on Wednesday 9 July will include:

- Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by Ngunnawal Elder, Billy T
- presentation of the NAIDOC Spirit Award
- traditional dance and narration performed by the Yukembruk Ngunnawal Dance Academy.

The 2025 NAIDOC Week theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," marks 50 years of recognising and celebrating the resilience, culture, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme highlights the role of young Indigenous leaders in carrying forward the strength of their communities, guided by the vision of past generations and the legacy of their ancestors.

## Event details

**Date:** Wednesday 9 July 2025

**Time:** 10–11 am

**Location:** Newlands Street Courtyard and MS Teams

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[Join event](#)

## Background

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

You can find out about public [NAIDOC Week events](#) in your local community by visiting the NAIDOC Week website.

[See all events](#)

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# NAIDOC Week: 'Yeribee' Indigenous experiences of Australian Parliament House

**When** Tuesday, 8 July 2025  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
(UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney ⓘ

 Add to my calendar

**Where** Australian Parliament House



**Category** What's happening

## About this event

The tour will look at The Apology, the Yirrkala bark petitions and artworks from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from the Parliament House Art Collections.

## Tour details

**Date:** Tuesday 8 July

**Time:** 2–3 pm

**Location:** Australian Parliament House

The tour has a cap of 30 people so get in quick. Email [FOI@s22@treasury.gov.au](mailto:FOI@s22@treasury.gov.au) to book your place.

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