NAIDOC WEEK 2017

Our Languages Matter

NAIDOC Week is opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The 2017 theme - Our Languages Matter - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their lands and waters and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Flag Raising Ceremonies

Mount Lawley Campus
Where: Outside Kurongkurl Katitjin Gallery
       Building 15, Edith Cowan University
       2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley (enter via Central Ave)
When: Monday, 3 July 2017 at 9.00am

Bunbury Campus
Where: Outside Library
       Building 3, Edith Cowan University
       585 Robertson Drive, Bunbury
When: Monday, 3 July 2017 at 9.00am

Joondalup Campus
Where: Outside Library
       Building 31, Edith Cowan University
       270 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup
When: Monday, 3 July 2017 at 10.30am
Celebration of Indigenous Art and Culture Exhibition

Showcasing the latest acquisitions to ECU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Collection, which reflect the 2017 National NAIDOC theme: Our Languages Matter.

Where: Kurongkurl Katitjin Gallery, Building 15, Room 15.127
Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley Campus
2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley (enter via Central Ave)

When: Monday, 3 July - Friday, 7 July 2017 from 9.00am until 4.00pm daily

Free Short Film Screening: TALKING LANGUAGE with Ernie Dingo

Around 250 Indigenous languages with 600 dialects are spoken in Australia. Today it is estimated that 30 of those languages are still strong and are spoken daily. But over a hundred are critically endangered.

In this series, Ernie Dingo explores the revival, maintenance and creation of languages which are in a constant state of change. He reveals the complex balance between language and relationship to country, and discovers how this balance has been affected since European colonisation.

Ernie’s quest reveals a diversity of language that has a direct connection to how Aboriginal people listen, understand and speak to country. In return, the country speaks to them. In each episode, there is an important question that Ernie asks each person that he visits - what is the future of Aboriginal languages in their community?

NOTE: There is limited space and seating will operate on a first come basis. The entire series will be screened over the three days (two episodes per day).

Joondalup Campus

Where: Ngoolark Building 34, Room 34.518
Edith Cowan University,
270 Joondalup Drive, Joondalup

When: Monday, 3 July – Wednesday, 5 July 2017 12.30pm-1.30pm

Mount Lawley Campus

Where: Building 15, Room 15.123
Edith Cowan University
2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley (enter via Central Ave)

When: Monday, 3 July – Wednesday, 5 July 2017 12.30pm-1.30pm

Bunbury Campus

Where: Building 5, Room.134
Edith Cowan University
585 Robertson Drive, Bunbury

When: Monday, 3 July – Wednesday, 5 July 2017 12.30pm-1.30pm

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