GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

NAIDOC Week 2018

10-20 July

Because of her we can

A celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture

Artwork: Aunty Annette Webb, Women’s rebirth
Georges River Council invites the community to join in celebrating the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made, and continue to make to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

Many activities for children, youth and adults have been organised to continue promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language, culture and heritage.

Official NAIDOC Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 10 July | 10.00am-11.30am
Civic Theatre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville
- Children’s art and craft activities
- Acknowledgement of country
- NAIDOC launch by Georges River Council Mayor, Councillor Kevin Greene
- Panel discussion with leading Aboriginal women
- Didgeridoo and Aboriginal cultural dance performances
- Flag raising ceremony
- Female choir in Aboriginal language

Aboriginal Cultural Tour
Wednesday 11 July | 10.00am-12.30pm
Lime Kiln Bay Bush Walk, Oatley Park
Learn how Aboriginal people have lived with the natural environment for thousands of years. Hear from an Aboriginal discovery guide about the use of traditional bush foods and medicine.
Meet at the Castle, Oatley Park
Bookings essential: jbassam@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au or 9330 6069.
Meet the Hon. Linda Burney MP and artist Aunty Annette Webb

Thursday 12 July | 6.30pm-7.30pm
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
Kogarah Town Square, Belgrave Street, Kogarah

Join the Hon. Linda Burney MP, local Aboriginal Elder Aunty Annette Webb and educator and artist Kerry Toomey for a lively panel discussion about their contributions, experiences and challenges as Aboriginal women. There will also be a Q&A with the panellists.

Bookings essential:
georgesriverlibraries.eventbrite.com
Enquiries: 9330 9527

Aboriginal dot painting workshop

Monday 16 July
Hurstville Museum & Gallery
14 MacMahon Street, Hurstville

Session 1: 10.00am-12.00pm (workshop for children 6-14 years old)
Session 2: 12.30pm-2.30pm (youth and adult workshop)

Under the expert guidance of local Aboriginal Elder and artist Aunty Annette Webb, have a go at creating your own dot painting artwork to take home as a memento of your experience.

Free event
All materials are included

Bookings essential:
To book visit the What’s on page at www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au
Cultural workshops for pre-schoolers
Tuesday 17 July
Aboriginal Elder Aunty Deanna Schreiber will visit Georges River Council child care centres to offer children opportunities that create an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal culture.

9.30am-10.15am Carss Park Narani Child Care Centre
10.45am-11.15am Ocean Street Kindergarten
12.15pm-12.45pm Hurstville Early Learning Centre
1.15pm-1.45pm Jack High Child Care Centre
2.15pm-2.45pm Penshurst Long Day Care Centre

Yarning circle
Thursday 19 July | 2.00pm-3.00pm
SGCH Hurstville, Community Housing, 38 Humphreys Lane, Hurstville
Join a yarning circle to discover the role of women in Aboriginal Elder Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr’s family. Hear about dreaming stories, cultural protocols and traditions.

Film screening Radiance
Friday 20 July | 10.00am-12.00pm
Civic Theatre, MacMahon Street, Hurstville
Watch a screening of the Australian independent film Radiance - a story of three sisters whose lives have taken them down different paths. After reuniting for their mother’s funeral, deep and dark family secrets and personal conflicts start to unravel, but not all is gloom.
Free event Rating: M15+

Book reading: Annie’s Story – Growing up Strong on Boandik Country
Thursday 19 July
10.00am-10:45am (pre-schoolers/early primary)
Kogarah Library and Service Centre
Kogarah Town Square, Belgrave Street, Kogarah
12.00pm-12.45pm (pre-schoolers/early primary)
Hurstville Library
Corner Queens Road and Dora Street, Hurstville

Join Lifestart’s Aboriginal Practice Lead, Brooke Joy, as she shares her great-great-grandmother’s life, through a shared reading of Annie’s Story in both English and traditional Aboriginal language, Bunganditj.
Annie’s Story is a new publication launching in NAIDOC Week 2018.
Georges River Council NAIDOC Week is supported by Council’s Aboriginal Reference Group, SGCH Hurstville, Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation and Lifestart.

For bookings and enquiries about Council’s NAIDOC Week Program, contact jbassam@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au or 9330 6069.