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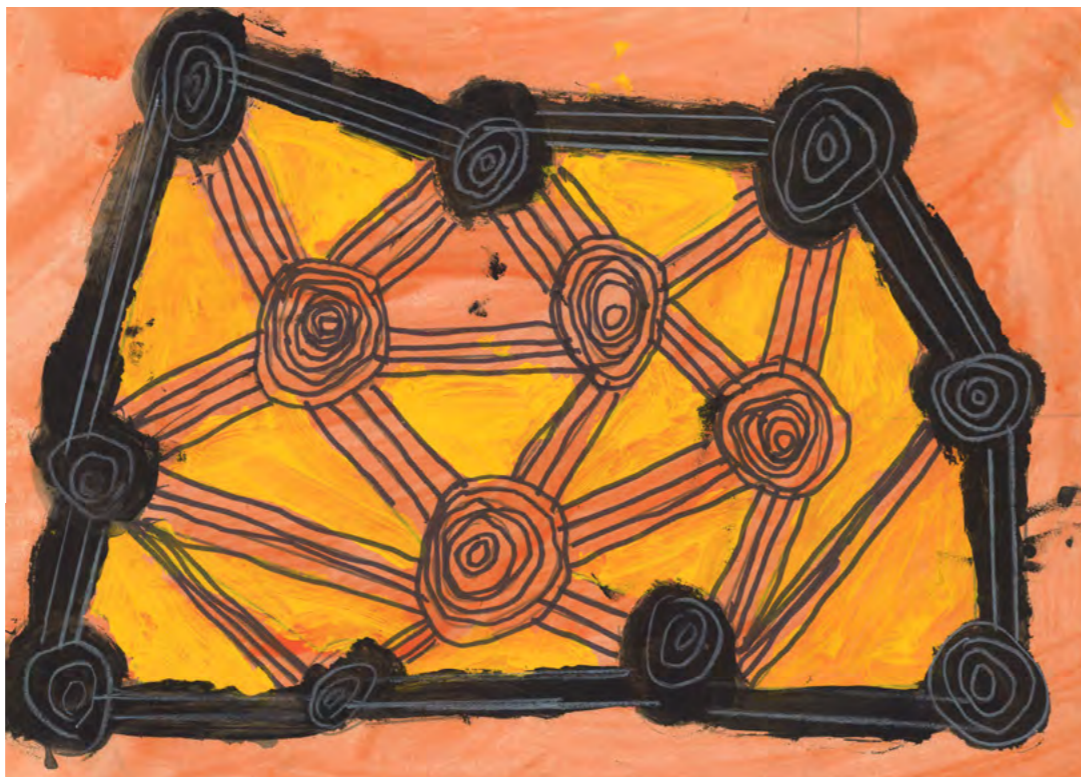
A Celebration of Aboriginal Culture and Heritage

26 May - 9 July 2017

The Cover

For the 2017 Guringai Festival, primary students were invited to create an artwork that responded to the theme of 'Connection'.

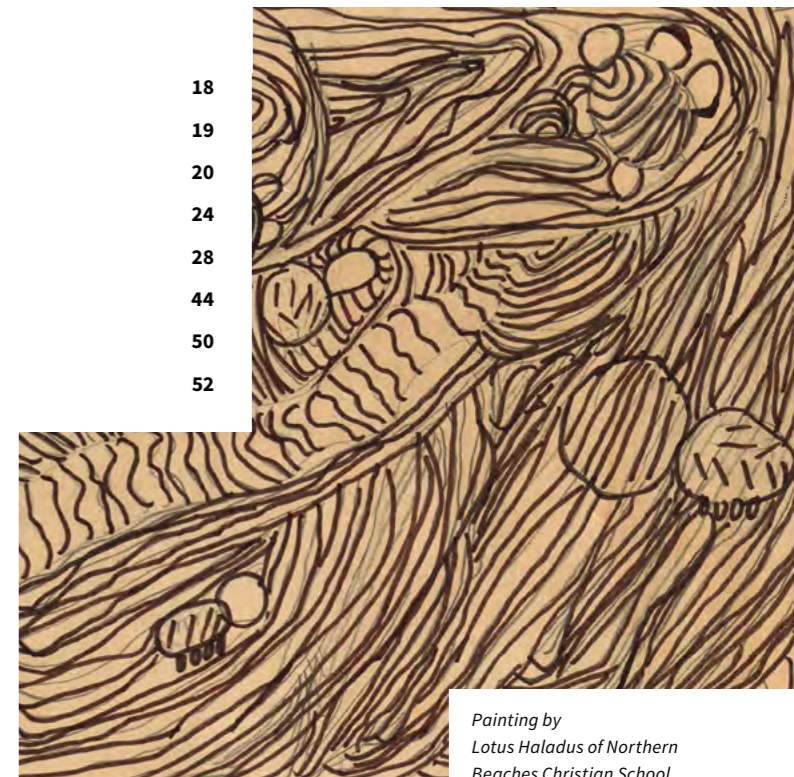
Hundreds of entries were submitted, exploring connection of people and place, connection of communities, connection of families. The winning entry by Liam James Parker is featured on the front and back covers of the 2017 program. Other highly commended entries feature throughout the program.



Artist:
*Winning painting
by Liam James Parker of
Northern Beaches Christian School*

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*Painting by
Lotus Haladus of Northern
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Welcome



Sue Pinckham, Caroline Glass-Pattison and Susan Moylan-Coombs

Welcome to another year of celebrating First Australian culture and heritage in the Northern Sydney region. Welcome to the Guringai Festival 2017, we are still going strong!

“Connections” is this year’s festival theme, inviting people of all ages to connect and participate in events across the region. We are promoting intergenerational conversations, activities and perspectives and when viewed by different people of different age groups, gender and races we have the ability to connect and shape our future, being inclusive of all.

“Connections” invites youth in the region to contribute to our story of place so we can be better informed about what is needed now and for the next generations. As adults we need to listen and grow up our young ones strong!

Once again we have a long list of activities that commemorate, celebrate and create spaces and places for those important conversations to be had.

We invite you to come along; attend a concert; film night, forum, art exhibition or bush walk, which has all been created for you and your families enjoyment.

Once again, welcome to this years Guringai Festival

**Susan Moylan-Coombs,
Caroline Glass-Pattison and
Sue Pinckham**

Co-Chairs, Guringai Festival Committee

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Guringai people on whose land we now stand, we pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

Sorry business - we would like to acknowledge the passing and contributions of those members of the local community who are no longer with us to celebrate the Guringai Festival.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this document/website may contain images or names of people who have since passed away.

About the Guringai Festival

Founded in 2001, the Guringai Festival aims to raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Northern Sydney region. The annual festival usually starts on Sorry Day, 26 May and goes through to the end of NAIDOC week, the second week in July.

The festival involves 9 councils and numerous reconciliation and community groups. Events include workshops, walks, performances, films and talks.



Painting by Tom Aivazian of Northern Beaches Christian School

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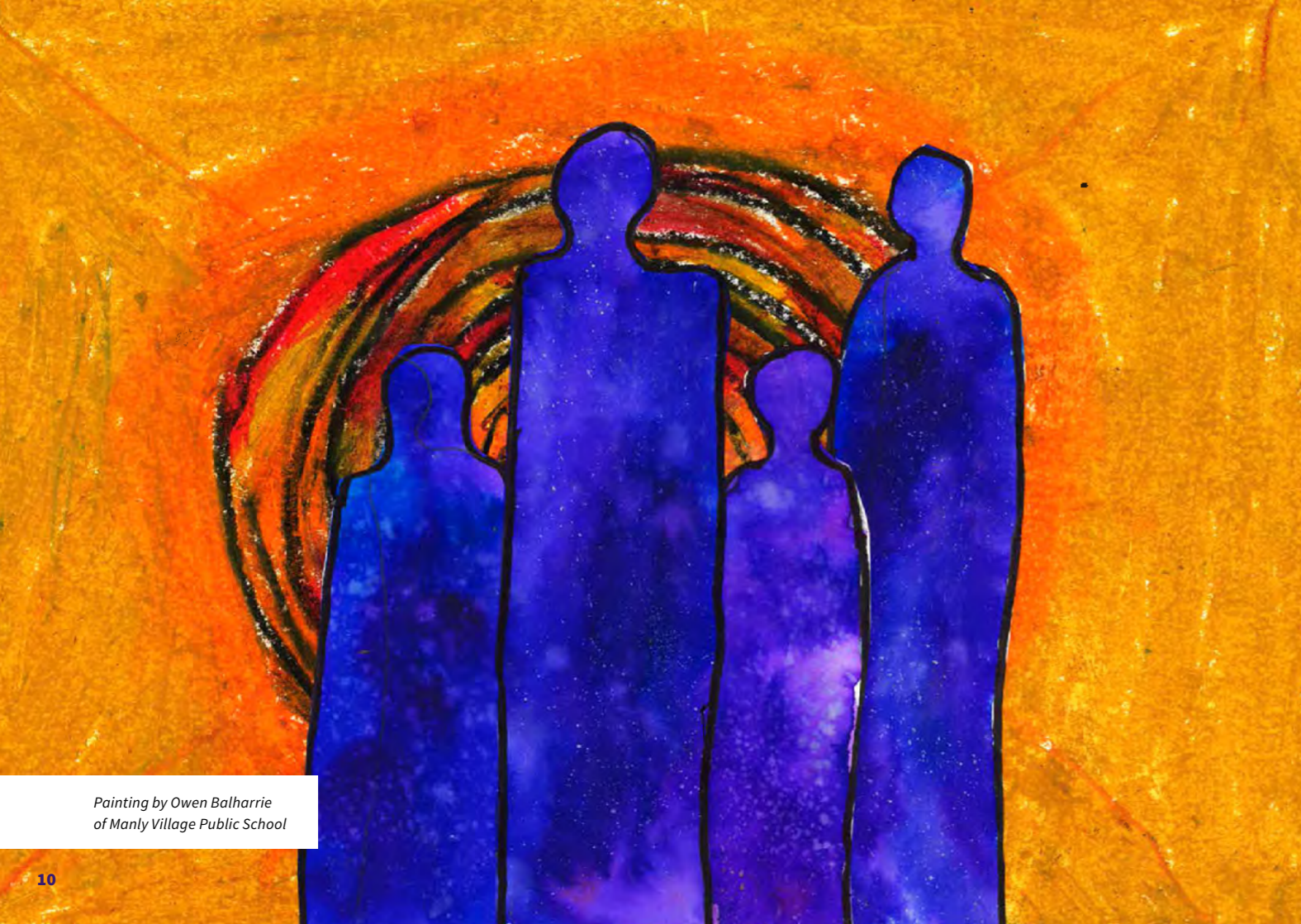
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Painting by Owen Balharrie
of Manly Village Public School

Events

Connected Classrooms: 5 Week Video Conferencing Event - Primary Schools

Tuesday 23 May - Tuesday 20 June

9.30am - 10.15am

Live at your Primary School

via video conference

\$ Free

Celebrate Aboriginal Culture and Heritage, at your primary school. Aboriginal Heritage Officer, Karen Smith, and Manly Environment Centre are running a 5 week Video Conferencing event designed to educate and engage primary school students around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, Culture, Heritage and Arts. Students will learn through song, dance and storytelling.

The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week with the theme 'Our Language Matters'. Collaborate with other Guringai Festival events including Launch of the Weaving Bridges Project.

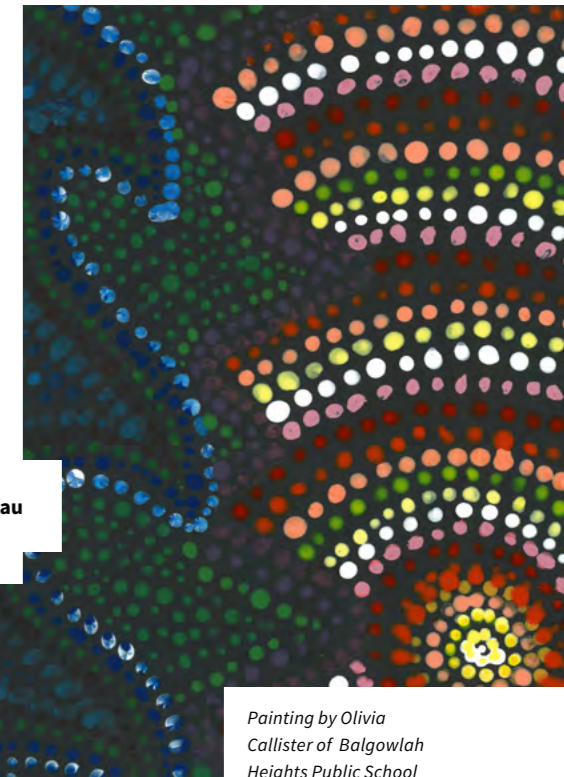
Sessions run every Tuesday from 23 May for 5 weeks. Book online for Guringai Festival live video conference sessions.

[www.virtualexcursionsaustralia.com.au/
category/events](http://www.virtualexcursionsaustralia.com.au/category/events)

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Painting by Olivia
Callister of Balgowlah
Heights Public School



Childrens art from
Berrowa Christian School

Hornsby

Children's Voices for Reconciliation

Friday 2 June, 10.00am - 12.00pm
Florence St, Hornsby Mall
\$ Free

Free concert event celebrating National Reconciliation Week. School students express their understanding of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians through story, song, dance, speech, poetry or the display of artwork. Local Elders share their stories, and Hornsby Area Residents for Reconciliation share information.

Enquiries: **Dennis Mageropoulos**
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hornsby.nsw.gov.au
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Hunters Hill



Historian Keith Vincent by Kevin Hunt

Indigenous Voices: Who Gave The Words?

Saturday 3 June, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Gladesville Rd Community Centre
44 Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill
\$ Free

In this illustrated talk, historian Keith Vincent Smith will look at indigenous informants and cultural brokers from the Sydney area, including Bennelong, Patyegarang, Bungaree and Maroot the Elder. Their legacy is a gift of knowledge from the past, words and meanings, that now help revive the languages they spoke.

Enquiries: **Jane Tamasauskas**
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Kellys Bush Walk & Talk

Saturday 10 June, 2.00pm - 3.30pm &
Sunday 18 June, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Weil Park Hall, Weil Park, Woolwich Rd,
Woolwich. Opposite Marist Sisters College,
66a Woolwich Rd.
\$ Free

Local indigenous resident, Dave Bird will lead two walks around Kelly's Bush in Woolwich. He has an outstanding knowledge of the area, which has a proud indigenous history as well as being the site of Australia's first "green ban". This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the bushland plant and animals as well as the fascinating history of this interesting area. Meet Dave Bird outside Weil Park Hall

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Ku-Ring-Gai

Aboriginal Heritage Bushwalk & Didgeridoo/Smoke ceremony

Saturday 3 June, 10.00am - 12.00pm
Roseville Chase
\$ Free

Beginning with a traditional smoking ceremony and didgeridoo performance, this walk through bushland at Roseville Chase will take in Aboriginal rock paintings and some stunning views across Middle Harbour. Lead by Karen Smith and Brendon Moore. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent, energy food, hat, suitable protective clothing and shoes for walk. Will be cancelled if raining, slippery or wet. An easy walk with uneven ground and some steps. For ages 15 and over. Book before Monday 29 May.

Enquiries: **Kathy Kai**
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Aboriginal Bush Skills & Survival

Thursday 6 July, 9.00am - 4.00pm
Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
\$58

Challenge yourself as we imagine an Australia before European settlement! Learn the arts of fire-lighting, animal tracking, finding bush foods, and building your own humpy house. Walangari Karntawarra will join us for a lesson in boomerang-throwing and special cultural traditions.

Further information and online bookings at www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/bushkids

Enquiries: **Jennifer Edyejones**
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Dreamtime Stories & Art

Thursday 6 July, 10.00am - 11.30am
Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
\$13

Join Aboriginal artist and storyteller, Walangari Karntawarra, for a fun morning of dreamtime stories, dancing and art. We'll be making our own dot paintings to take home.

More information and online bookings at www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/bushkids

Enquiries: **Jennifer Edyejones**
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Walangari Karntawarra plays the didgeridoo with a group of Bush Kids participants at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden. Photo by Wildflower Garden staff.

Aboriginal Art & Culture Day

Thursday 6 July, 9.00am - 4.00pm
Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives
\$58

We'll be spending a fascinating day in the bush exploring our ancient cultures. Enjoy some favourite dreamtime legends and learn different techniques of rock art. Join renowned Aboriginal artist and storyteller Walangari Karntawarra for a special session featuring the didgeridoo, dancing and dot painting. RSVP required by Thursday 6 July.

More information and online bookings at www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/bushkids

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Wildflower Garden staff - Walangari.



Image from 2016 Children's Voices for Reconciliation event featuring Kaleb Taylor performing a traditional smoking ceremony

Lane Cove

Children's Voices for Reconciliation

Thursday 1 June, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Lane Cove Plaza. Pedestrian Plaza between Longueville Road and Burns Bay Road.
\$ Free

Celebrating its 21st year, this combined schools performance brings young people together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Reconciliation. Join us for an exciting morning of entertainment where young people of all ages share their voice on Reconciliation through music, dance and song. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of The 1967 Referendum, this year's event will feature performances inspired by the theme Reconcile.

Enquiries: **Cultural Development Officer**
cultural@lanecove.nsw.gov.au
9911 3594

Walking Country

Saturday 24 June, 10.00am - 1.30pm
Lane Cove Area
\$ Free

Discover the rich heritage of the Lane Cove area. Not only did this Saltwater Country provide everything the Wallumedegal & Cameraygal needed but these waterways provided trade opportunities across the Sydney basin. Connect with Aboriginal culture and join the Aboriginal Heritage Office and their Education guide Karen Smith. After the walk, we will share an exciting bush tucker lunch & conversation. Bookings essential.

Walk: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Lunch: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Enquiries: **Bushcare**
www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/bushcareevents
9911 3583

Gallery Lane Cove Exhibition: Blak Mirror

Thursday 6 July - Sunday 30 July
Gallery Lane Cove, Upper Level
164 Longueville Road, Lane Cove
\$ Free

Blak Mirror is an exhibition featuring emerging, early career, regional, local and interstate multidisciplinary artists reflecting their view of Australian society through a black lens. The artists' works gaze into the eyes of non-Aboriginal people and reflect the current realities of being Aboriginal today, whilst holding a mirror up to Australian society.

The exhibition is curated by Jason Wing, a Sydney-based artist who strongly identifies with his Chinese and Aboriginal heritage.

Calling into question our understanding of history and of our current socio-political reality, Wing repurposes everyday objects and imagery, creating works that are both visually confronting and deceptively simple.

Featuring: Dean Cross, Nicole Monks, Chico Monks, Brad Harkin, Amala Groom, Teena McCarthy, Billy Cooley, Lulu Cooley, Aleshia Lonsdale and Adam Hill aka Blak Douglas, Blak Mirror was originally shown at 107 Projects in January 2017 and will travel to Gallery Lane Cove for the Guringai Festival and NAIDOC Week.

Opening night: Wednesday 5 July,
6:00pm - 8:00pm. For exhibition opening hours visit www.gallerylanecove.com.au

Enquiries: **Felicity Martin**
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Teena McCarthy Self Portrait as a Bush Mary 100cm x 75cm
digital print, 2016



Macquarie University

Launch Macquarie University RAP

Thursday 25 May, 12.00pm - 2.00pm
Learning Circle, Macquarie University
Gymnasium Road, North Ryde
\$ Free

The event launches the inaugural Macquarie University Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAP demonstrates our commitment to strengthening relationships with the local Aboriginal community and other Aboriginal communities, and describes our aspirations towards social justice for all staff and students.

RSVP: www.mq.edu.au/support/rap-launch

Macquarie University Reconciliation Event

Thursday 1 June, 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Macquarie University Art Gallery
Building E11A, Balaclava Road, North Ryde
\$ Free

To celebrate Guringai Festival and National Reconciliation Week, an evening cocktail event will be held to celebrate Macquarie University's achievements towards reconciliation and acknowledge the significant contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to higher education in Northern Sydney region.

Awards will be presented at the event to Macquarie University's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff that have contributed to reconciliation. Aboriginal art, NRL merchandise and other Aboriginal artefacts will be auctioned at the event to raise funds for Aboriginal education and scholarships.

RSVP: www.mq.edu.au/support/rap-signature-event

Ryde

NAIDOC Week at Ryde Library: Stories & Culture

Wednesday 5 July, 11.00am - 12.00pm
Ryde Library, 1 Pope St, Ryde.
\$ Free

A fun and interactive NAIDOC week morning for children and families with special guest Chris Tobin, indigenous artist and story teller. Let Chris take you on a journey where you will learn a whole lot of things you didn't know about indigenous people in the Ryde area and their history. You will enjoy stories that have been told for generations and find out about how culture is lived.

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Painting by Lucy Lynch of
Northern Beaches Christian School



Painting by Leila Elizabeth Williams of Cromer Public School

Mosman

Coastal Connections Exhibition

Monday 26 June, 10.00am - 5.00pm
 Mosman Art Gallery
 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman
 \$ Free

An exhibition of artworks by Year 7 from Mosman High School. This series of prints are based on the Aboriginal names of edible sea life. The artworks will be on display on the Ground Floor of Mosman Art Gallery .

Enquiries: **Julie Petersen**
j.petersen@mosman.nsw.gov.au
9978 4186



Painting by Finnian Hume of Manly Village Public School

NAIDOC WEEK School Students' Artwork Exhibition

Sunday 2 July - Sunday 9 July
 10.00am - 5.00pm. Mosman Library,
 Library Walk, 605 Military Road, Mosman
 \$ Free

Display of artwork by public and private schools in the Mosman/Neutral Bay areas on the Guringai Festival theme: Connect and the NAIDOC theme: Our Languages Matter

Enquiries: **Frennie Beytagh**
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Kadal with Ryka Ali

Tuesday 4 July, 10.30am - 11.30am
 Barry O'Keefe Library.
 605 Military Road, Mosman
 \$ Free

Be entertained and educated by a delightful performance about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures. The show features songs and dances about unique animals, Torres Strait dances and didgeridoo music. Audience participation is encouraged. Suitable for children 5-12 years old.

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Painting by Michaela Sia
of Northern Beaches
Christian School

Mosman

Colour Your Own Boomerang

Wednesday 5 July, 10.30am - 11.30am
Barry O'Keefe Library.
605 Military Road, Mosman
\$ Free

In this activity we will be drawing beautiful designs onto boomerangs for children to take home. Will you be able to throw it so that it comes back? Suitable for children 5-8 years old.

Enquiries: **Simin Reyhanian**
S.Reyhanian@mosman.nsw.gov.au
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Punkii

Thursday 6 July, 10.30pm - 11.00am
Barry O'Keefe Library.
605 Military Road, Mosman
\$ Free

Come and join Punkii as she shares her Aboriginal culture and wisdom with children in celebration of NAIDOC week. She loves reading and sharing stories with children, getting them involved in learning about the Dreamtime, Australia, animals, family and friendship. Punkii is performed by acclaimed actress Sharni McDermott. Suitable for all ages.

Enquiries: **Simin Reyhanian**
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Painting by Liam Daniels
of Balgowlah North Puplic School



By Andrew Scott
West Head, 2013

North Sydney

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Walk

Sunday 28 May, 9.00am - 3.00pm
North Sydney Council Chambers Car Park
220 Miller St, North Sydney
\$20

Connect to Country on a guided walkthrough Warriewood Wetlands with the AHO Education Officer for the Guringai Festival.

Bush Tucker lunch provided, cost \$20/pp. Recommended for ages 12 yrs and above. Medium grade walk.

Enquiries: **Andrew Scott**
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Bush Tucker (bush foods) harvested at Alice Springs Desert park, courtesy of Tourism NSW

The Oldest Foods on Earth: Discussions & Demonstrations, Northside Produce Market

Saturday 17 June, 10.00am - 11.00am
Northside Produce Market
Civic Park, 220 Miller St, North Sydney
\$ Free

Food writer, reviewer and author of *The Oldest Foods on Earth*, John Newton joins guest speakers and chefs in conversation exploring Indigenous foods of Australia and the reasons why cooking with local produce makes sense! Guests include First Hand Solutions and the renowned indigenous market, Blak Markets.

The event will include cooking demonstrations of traditional bush foods with native produce supplied by Outback Pride.

The event will be held at the Northside Produce Market, a twice-monthly fresh produce market held in Civic Park.

Enquiries: **Rachel Bangoura**
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Traditional Basket Weaving

Saturday 24 June, 11.00am - 1.00pm
Stanton Library Conference Room
234 Miller Street, North Sydney
\$ Free

Two hour workshop facilitated by Karleen Green. You will learn the traditional technique of basket weaving to create your own small coiled basket to take home.

Enquiries: **Amanda Hudson**
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North Sydney



Jahmali, a Koomurri entertainer,
Explorers Playgroup 2016

Explorers Playgroup Guringai Experience

Tuesday 13 June, 10.00am - 12.30pm
North Sydney Community Centre
220 Miller St, North Sydney
\$6 - \$12

A wonderful cultural learning experience tailored to preschoolers - be introduced to traditional stories, learn and participate in ancestral song, music and dance and experience the sounds of traditional Aboriginal instruments. Held in conjunction with the North Sydney Community Centre's regular Explorers Playgroup program, children under 5, their parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to enjoy this creative and interactive way to explore Aboriginal culture and heritage.

Enquiries: **Rachel Bangoura**
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Aussie Bush Food: Talk & Tasting

Friday 7 July, 10.30am - 11.45am
Crows Nest Centre
2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest
\$ Free

Join us during NAIDOC Week to see, smell, touch, taste and hear about Aussie bush food. Presented by Jess Sinnott, Aboriginal Educator/Owner of Koori Kinnections.

For event information contact the Social Support Coordinator. Bookings not required.

Enquiries: **Social Support Coordinator**
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Koori Kinnections
- Aussie Bush Food

Water, Women & Wellbeing Art Session

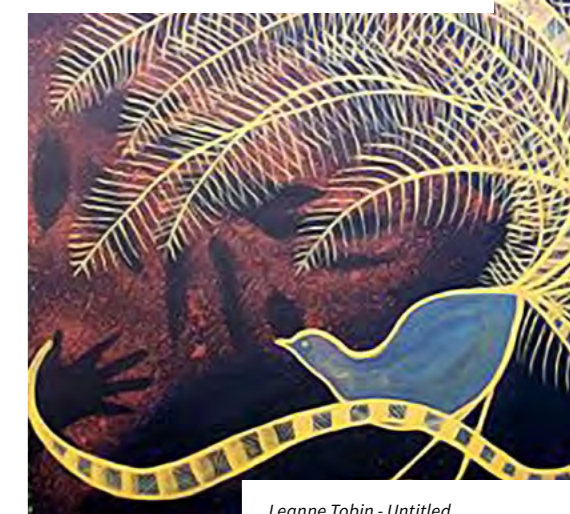
Saturday 8 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Mater Hospital Cottage
24 Sinclair Street, Wollstonecraft
\$ Free

A free art session facilitated by Aboriginal artist Leanne Tobin and art therapist/counsellor Fiona Fitzpatrick especially for women recovering from illness, along with their female carers and family members.

Participants can expect to complete a series of individual works, as well as contribute towards a collaborative piece exploring the themes of water, womanhood and wellbeing which will become a part of the Mater Hospital collection.

All materials provided. Includes morning tea and lunch. Water, Women, Wellbeing is a joint project supported by the Guringai Festival, North Sydney Council and The Mater Hospital.

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Leanne Tobin - Untitled



Northern Beaches

Re-discover Bush Tucker, Traditional Foods and Customs of the First People of Australia.

Monday 8 May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Mona Vale Memorial Hall
1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale
\$ Free

With Les McLeod, a Discovery Ranger will tell us more about how the Guringai People lived in the local area. The plants our Aboriginal ancestors used didn't only nourish them, they also have medicinal healing properties which you will find useful today.

You never know what to expect with Uncle Les. He makes it a workshop. Bring a friend it's going to be a fun night.

The more people share and learn and talk about these things the more we can retain information. That's how our Aboriginal ancestors spread the knowledge. There will be plenty of recipes to take home. This is a free night and includes a light supper.

Enquiries: **Neil Evers**
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Weaving Bridges Project: Yarn to Yarn Workshops

Thursday 25 May, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Manly Community Centre
12 Wentworth Street, Manly
\$ Free

Building on from the success of the Weaving Bridges Project since 2013 - join the Northern Beaches Council, Manly Environment Centre, Manly Community Centre, Sanctuary Respite Centre, One Door Mental Health, Northern Beaches Aboriginal Community members for an exciting new weaving project - 'Connect' incorporating the NAIDOC theme of 'Our Languages Matter'.

Individuals, community groups and schools are invited to participate in 'Yarn to Yarn' workshops collaborating towards a large scale art installation. Enjoy a laugh and a yarn with a member of the Aboriginal community at the same time.

Launch event at Queenscliff NAIDOC Week. Every Tuesday from May 25 for 6 weeks. Like us on facebook to find out about workshops in your area.

www.facebook.com/Weavingbridgesproject

Enquiries: **Robynne Millward**
Northern Beaches Council
9976 1426



Stuart Sommerville Bridge, Queenscliff. Weaving Bridges Project 2016.

Northern Beaches



Jeremy Cameron painting his brother Miko with the Gandjalala (Sugarbag Hunter) design at Weemol, NT, photographed by Liz Thompson.

Sharingstories Foundation Exhibition & Liz Thompson Photography

Friday 26 May - Sunday 9 July
Manly Art Gallery & Museum
West Esplanade Reserve, Manly
\$ Free

SharingStories Foundation supports communities in holding and sharing cultural knowledge and stories through dynamic digital storytelling programs.

This exhibition offers deep insight into relationship with Country and culture through vibrant, multi-media forms produced by the Wägilak Community of North-East Arnhem Land and links to local stories.

Liz Thompson's photographs from her A Song for Country series, also produced with the Wägilak community, are part of the 2017 Head On Photo Festival and Guringai Festival programs.

Enquiries: **Manly Art Gallery & Museum**
artgallery@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
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Walk & Talk Series: Gulgadya Mura, Manly Dam

Saturday 27 May, 8.45am - 1.00pm
Picnic Area 1, Manly Dam End of King St
(Off Condamine St) Manly Vale
\$ Free

Join Manly Environment Centre and Karen Smith, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on a guided walk looking at the surroundings and bushland along Gulgadya Mura. Learn more about your local Aboriginal heritage and culture along with how they lived in this environment around Manly Dam. Bring water. Refreshments provided. Bookings essential, Numbers limited.

Enquiries: **Robynne Millward**
Northern Beaches Council
9976 1426



Grass Tree, Angophora and Casurina.

Northern Beaches

Commemorate National Sorry Day 2017

Sunday 28 May, 2.00pm - 6.00pm
Scout Hall, 53 Wakehurst Parkway
North Narrabeen
\$ Free

A time to reflect on the profound grief and trauma experienced by the Stolen Generation. An opportunity of shared commitment to healing and reconciliation. Together we can make a difference! 2pm - Free BBQ and afternoon tea. 2.45pm - Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country and a One minute's silence to remember and reflect. Dancing by Jannawi Dancers, didgeridoo playing by Scott Romain, dancing Gerard McMinn and fun activities for the children.

Enquiries: **Neil Evers**
Aboriginal Support Group
info@asgmwp.net
9999 3045

Painting by Zachary Carl Doctor
of St. Mary's Manly

Sydney Native Bees: Installation & Discussion

Sunday 28 May, 10.00am - 11.00am
Coastal Environment Centre
1 Lake Park Road, Pelican Path
Narrabeen
\$ Free

Australia has over 1600 native bee species with 200 being endemic to the Sydney region. Please join us in welcoming a newly rescued, natural habitat 'Native Stingless Bee Nest' into our community, with a short introductory talk and Q&A on our native 'solitary & social' bees.

Learn about Aboriginal peoples integral relationship with 'Ngarruu' - the Sugarbag Bee, through medicine, tools, food and spirit and how to connect and contribute to the conservation of indigenous biodiversity in Sydney's urbanised environment.

Made possible by: Sydney Native Bees - ASGMWP - Permaculture Northern Beaches.

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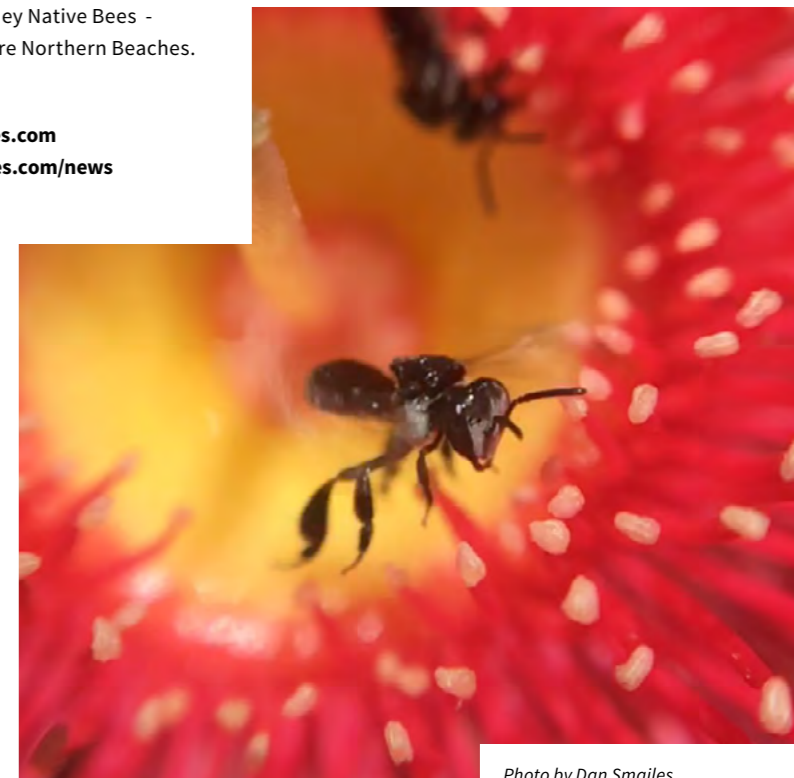


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Image of Johnny Nicol
by Anne Lanyon.

Northern Beaches

Singing Up Country 2017 Presents Johnny Nicol & Friends: Dinner & show celebrating his 60 year musical journey

Friday 2 June, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
St Anthony in the Fields Church
46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills
\$60

Johnny Nicol, great jazz guitarist and singer, is a Birri-gubba man from North Queensland. For many years he hid his Aboriginal background except from his closest friends.

This year he celebrates his 60 years in show business at a Dinner and Show, telling stories and performing pieces from his long musical journey.

Hosted by the Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group in partnership with the Northern Beaches Aboriginal Community, as part of the continuing journey of Sharing the Story, Sharing the Land.

Enquiries: **Anne Lanyon**
Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish
Social Justice Group
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0408 279 871

Narrabeen Lagoon Walk

Saturday 3 June, 10.00am - 2.30pm
27 Morgan Rd, Oxford Falls
\$ Free

A great explore especially for children's eyes. Aboriginal heritage, extraordinary biodiversity set within the surprisingly changing landscape of the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Allow 4-5 hrs. BYO lunch and water. Start next to 27 Morgan Rd, Oxford Falls, end at Deep Creek and carpool back.

Enquiries: **Conny Harris**
conny.harris@gmail.com
0432 643 295



Deep Creek Wetland Walk

Sunday 4 June, 10.00am - 2.00pm
Deep Creek Reserve
Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen
\$ Free

Join a tour to discover how aboriginal people used this area and experience this unique place. The walk reveals waterfalls, rock pools and bush food. Guided by the Aboriginal Heritage Office, you may see evidence of Aboriginal life and you could be lucky enough to discover the remains of ancient camp sites. The walk will take over an hour and will finish with a BBQ on the edge of Deep Creek. RSVP required by phone before Friday 26 May.

Enquiries: **Jillian Macintyre**
Northern Beaches Council
9942 2913

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Bushwalk in the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

Sunday 11 June, 10.00am - 2.30pm
2-10 Cromer Road, Cromer
\$ Free

Free Event: 10am – 2.30pm We will walk down to Oxford Falls and carpool back. Allow 4 hrs. BYO lunch and water. Start at 2-10 Cromer Rd, 300 meters after entrance to Cromer Golf Club.

Enquiries: **Conny Harris**
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0432 643 295

Film Screening: Jasper Jones

Wednesday 14 June, 9.30am - 12.00pm
Collaroy Cinema
1097 Pittwater Road, Collaroy
\$ Free

Join us at Collaroy Cinema to see ‘Jasper Jones’ - Growing up in a small country town in 1965, Charlie’s uneventful life is turned on its head when the town outcast, an Indigenous boy named Jasper Jones, appears at his window begging him for help. Directed by Rachel Perkins.

Enquiries: **Neil Evers**
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Peninsula Community of Schools “Connection - Community and Beyond”

Thursday 15 June, 5.00pm - 7.30pm
Warriewood Square
Jacksons Road, Warriewood
\$ Free

PCS Art Exhibition Opening Night - Artworks created by the students from K to Y12 attending the 13 State Primary and Secondary Schools on the Northern Beaches, from Cromer PS down to Barrenjoey HS and Avalon PS. The collection reflects the 2017 Guringai Festival theme depicting the strength of connection to our community and beyond. The art exhibition will run at Warriewood Square for 8 days finishing on Friday 23rd June.

Enquiries: **Michelle Flaskas and Germaine Oris**
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Painting by Freya Louise MacDonald
of Castle Cove Public School

Northern Beaches



Paper Bark Bowl Workshop

Saturday 17 June, 10.00am - 2.00pm
One Door Mental Health Art Space
Building 40, North Head Sanctuary
Scenic Drive, Manly
\$ Free

Join Karleen Green, One Door Mental Health and Manly Environment Centre at North Head for a short bush walk followed by a hands-on paper - bark bowl making workshop. You will need to bring along your own bowl (small – medium size) for this workshop.

Refreshments will be provided. Bookings essential. Numbers are limited. BYO bowl.

Enquiries: **Katherine Owen**
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Walk & Talk Series: Little Manly/Nth Head

Sunday 18 June, 8.45am - 1.00pm
Little Manly Beach, Beside Cafe
Stuart Street, Little Manly Beach
\$ Free

Learn about your local Aboriginal heritage on a guided bush walk with Karen Smith, Aboriginal Heritage Officer. Walk starts at Little Manly Beach, through the bush and up to North Head Sanctuary Foundation Nursery.

Following morning tea at Bandicoot Heaven, join the conversation with Aunty Frances Bodkin, Dharawal knowledge-holder and botanical author. Bring water and hat.

Enquiries: **Robynne Millward**
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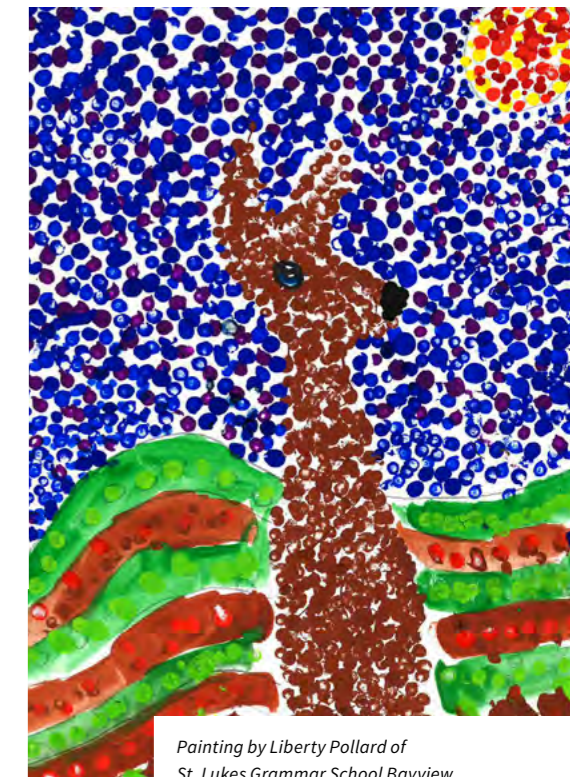


Walk the Basin Track

Sunday 25 June, 10:00am - 1:00pm
West Head Road, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, West Head
\$20

See it through the eyes of the children. At the site you will be told stories of times long gone by. There will be explanations as to how the sites were used as school rooms for Aboriginal Children. Bring your camera for the view from West Head. Amazing!

Enquiries: **Laurie Bimson**
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Painting by Liberty Pollard of St. Lukes Grammar School Bayview



Uncle Max and whales
credit Julija McDowell

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LAUNCH of Weaving Bridges Project: A NAIDOC Week Event

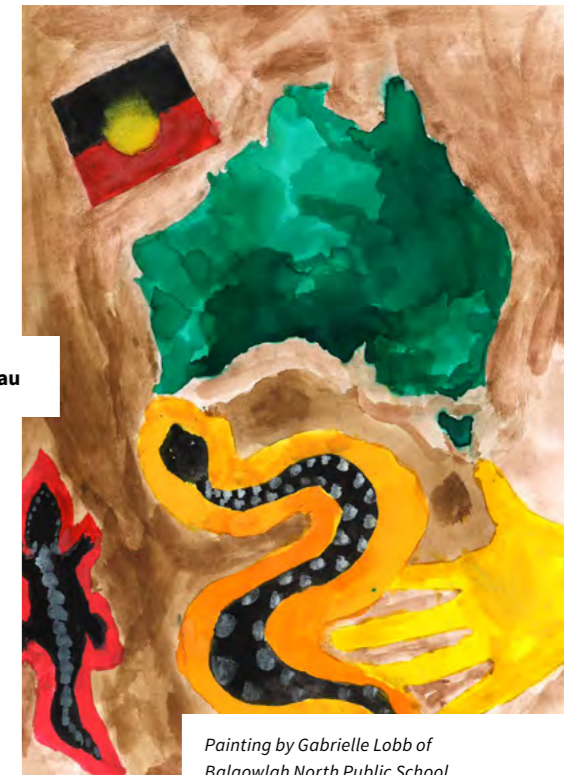
Tuesday 4 July, 10:30am - 12:30pm
Queenscliff Surf Living Saving Club
Ocean Beach Road, Queenscliff
\$ Free

Northern Beaches Council , Manly
Environment Centre, Manly Community
Centre, Northern Beaches Aboriginal
Community members, Northside Community
Forum In, Sanctuary Respite Centre, One Door
Mental Health, community groups, individuals
as well as school children, join together to
weave, knit and crochet artworks around the
theme of - 'Connect'.

These artworks create a large textile
landscape for this year's Weaving Bridges
Project, which is to be installed on the Stuart
Somerville Bridge, Queenscliff.

A NAIDOC Week event, the Launch Ceremony
includes guest speakers, a smoking ceremony,
didgeridoo performance, entertainment and
the unveiling of the installation. Morning tea
will be served.

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Painting by Gabrielle Lobb of
Balgowlah North Public School

Northern Beaches

Walk & Talk Series: Waterfall Walk Manly Dam - A NAIDOC Week Event

Wednesday 5 July, 9.45am - 2.00pm
Manly Dam. End of King St
(Off Condamine Street) Manly Vale
\$ Free

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a bush walk to the Waterfall through Manly Dam with Aboriginal Heritage Officer, Karen Smith. Learn more about the original inhabitants, the environment they lived in, the food and plants of this area that sustained Indigenous communities in this area.

The 2017 NAIDOC theme - Our Languages Matter - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in both cultural identity, linking people to their land and water, and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. Bring water, hat. Bushtucker refreshments provided.

Enquiries: **Robynne Millward**
Northern Beaches Council
9976 1426



Painting by Giselle Taylor of St. Mary's Catholic Primary

NAIDOC Information Night

Monday 10 July, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Mona Vale Memorial Hall
1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale
\$ Free

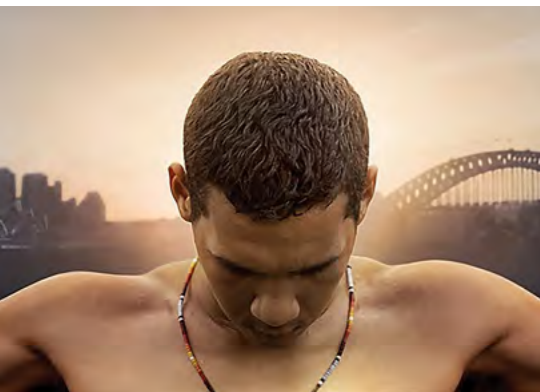
Our Languages Matter The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be celebrated and the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, in history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. All welcome - This is a free night including light supper.

Enquiries: **Neil Evers**
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Painting by Annabelle Bourgault of Balgowlah Heights Public School

Willoughby



Zachs Ceremony Poster

Film Screening: Zach Ceremony

Thursday 1 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Chatswood Library
409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood
\$ Free

Somewhere between tribal tradition and city life, a young boy must learn what it takes to become a man and awaken the warrior within. A perceptive, benevolent documentary about a contemporary and particularly high-stakes rite of passage from young adolescence to manhood.

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9777 7595



Aboriginal Art Card Making workshop

Sunday 4 June
Willoughby Park Art & Recreation Centre
Corner of McClelland St & Warrane Rd
Willoughby
\$10

With Indigenous designer and artist Suzy Evans, you will develop your own abstract representations of Aboriginal cultural symbols applying them to lino-cut outs for printing greeting cards using fabrics and paper. Suzy will also talk about her creative design process for screen printing on fabric and homewares.

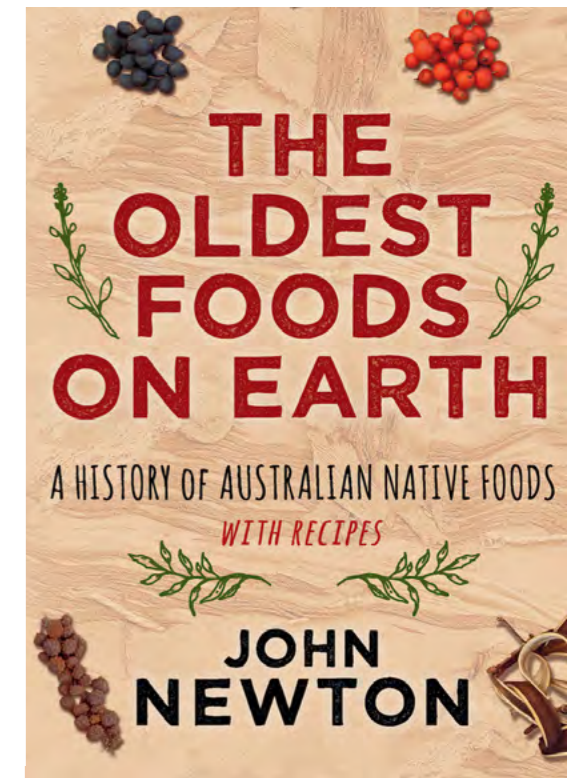
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Talks @ Willoughby John Newton: The Oldest Foods on Earth

Tuesday 13 June, 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Chatswood Library
409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood
\$ Free

Come along to a free author talk to hear author John Newton talk about his latest book "The Oldest Foods on Earth: the story of Australian native food" where you will learn about the unique flora and fauna that nourished the Aboriginal peoples of this land for over 50,000 years and the flavours of our own foods, everything from kangaroo to quandongs, from fresh muntries to the latest addition, the magpie goose.

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of Mowbray Public School

Willoughby

The Aboriginal Experience: Young Mob Leaders Program, World Vision

Monday 19 June, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
North Shore Temple Emanuel
28 Chatswood Avenue, Chatswood
\$ Free

“Mark Thorne, a Gamilaroi and Ngemba man, joined World Vision in July 2014 and is now a Young Mob Facilitator in the Young Mob Leaders program. He will be joined by some current program participants.

Mark was part of the program in high school and will speak about this and about the benefits he sees for himself and now for the young people he works with – some of whom are in juvenile detention – in terms of the development, growth, resilience, strong spirit and confidence that Young Mob brings about in young people.

Enquiries: **Nic Witton**
Jews for Social Action
wittons@optusnet.com.au
9888 5774

Contemporary Bush Tucker Cooking Workshop

Saturday 17 June, 10.00pm - 12.00pm
Blend Café. The Dougherty Community
Centre, 7 Victor Street, Chatswood
\$10

Join Jess Sinnot from Koori Kinnections for a fun cooking workshop while you learn how to make delicious native dishes including kangaroo stew, a speciality damper, salad and a delicious cake.

Enquiries: **Oceana Kovacs**
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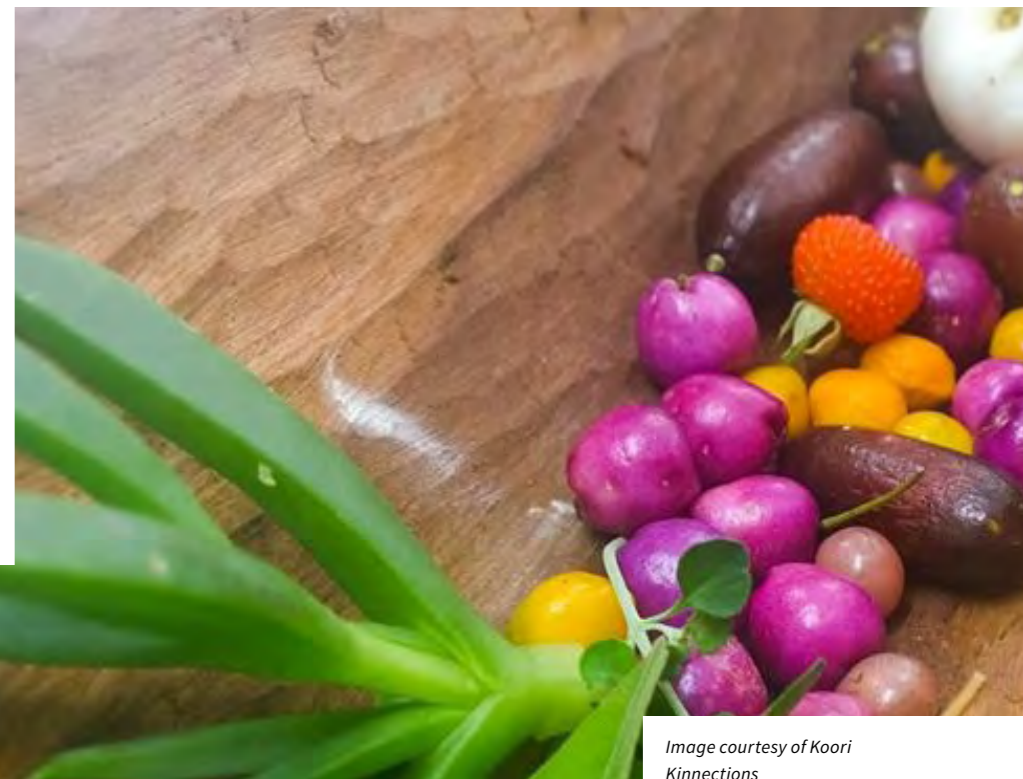


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Kinnections



Painting by Grace Merriman
of Manly Village Public School

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Bushfood Collection, Stories & Landscapes

Sunday 25 June, 10.00am - 12.00pm
Warners Park, The Outpost, Northbridge
\$Free

Learn about Willoughby's local Aboriginal history and bushfood collection. Karen Smith from the Aboriginal Heritage Office and Jessica Sinnot food collection by Aboriginal women Families or Clans.

Enjoy a relaxed discussion in a lovely setting, a short bush walk and bushfood morning tea provided. Suitable for all (children aged 5 and up). Bookings essential.

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Punkii - Credits Jason Williamson Management

Indigenous Storytelling Experience with Special Guest Punkii

Wednesday 28 June, 11.15am - 12.00pm
Chatswood Library. Lower Ground,
The Concourse, 409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood
\$Free

Punkii sparks passion and inspires a sense of wonder about Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian stories in pint-sized audiences. For children aged 3-6yrs and their carers. Places limited and bookings required, RSVP by Tuesday 27 June.

Enquiries: **Eleni Tsakiris**
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NAIDOC Preschool Storytime & Craft Session

Wednesday 5 July, 11.15am - 12.00pm
Thursday 6 July, 11.15am - 12.00pm
Chatswood Library. Lower Ground,
The Concourse, 409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood
\$Free

Join us for a fun preschool storytime involving stories, songs and a craft project related to indigenous culture locally and around the country. For children aged 3-6yrs and their carers. No bookings required. Please check the Willoughby City Library website for more details.

Enquiries: **Eleni Tsakiris**
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Acknowledgements



Important Dates

Sorry Day

Friday 26 May

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the change to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen Generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

nsdc.org.au

Reconciliation Week

Saturday 27 May – Saturday 3 June

National Reconciliation Week offers people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation, to hear about the cultures and histories of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to explore the new and better ways of meeting challenges in our communities. The week is timed to coincide with two significant dates in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols of our hopes and aims for reconciliation.

nswreconciliation.org.au

NAIDOC Week

Sunday 2 July – Sunday 9 July

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

The NAIDOC Week theme for 2017 is 'Our Languages Matter'. See the website for local community celebrations during NAIDOC Week.

naidoc.org.au



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Narabeen Lakes Public School*

