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Registrations open for Wagga Wagga NAIDOC Week March and Flag Raising Event

First Nations Elders, community members and allies are encouraged to register to march together at the annual NAIDOC Week March and Flag Raising event on Monday 7 July 2025.

NAIDOC Week is held annually during the first week of July to recognise and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

National NAIDOC Week 2025 commences on Sunday 6 July and will continue until Sunday, 13 July with a huge program of events to occur across the community.

This year celebrates a powerful milestone for NAIDOC: 50 years of honoring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience.

The 2025 theme; The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy, celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of young leaders, the vision of communities, and the legacy of ancestors.

Council's Community Development Coordinator Alex Osgood said Wagga Wagga should be proud of the diverse range of NAIDOC Week celebrations happening in our community.

"NAIDOC Week lands in school holidays again this year and it's always wonderful to see community groups and organisations planning meaningful NAIDOC activities to give everyone in Wagga Wagga an opportunity to participate, learn, share and celebrate," Alex Osgood said.

"During NAIDOC Week several events will be held in Wagga Wagga, with Wagga Wagga City Council hosting a march down Baylis street along with a flag raising event on Monday 7 July from 10am.

"The march will start on Morgan Street (near Baretta Lane), then head down Baylis Street to the Wagga Wagga Civic Centre where the flag-raising ceremony, Welcome to Country, and smoking ceremony will take place at about 10.30am."

A free bus will be provided for Elders and community members who need assistance.

Registrations in advance are highly recommended for this year's march to ensure the community is kept up-to-date with any important safety information or changes to the event.

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Groups and individuals can register to participate in the march by contacting Council's Community Development Team via 1300 292 442 or first.nations@wagga.nsw.gov.au.

NAIDOC events will be held across the city throughout the week, ranging from family fun days to 3x3 basketball competitions.

For more information on NAIDOC Week 2025 events in Wagga Wagga please visit: wagga.nsw.gov.au/naidoc-week

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Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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