

National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week Celebrations for 2024

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Reconciliation Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Public

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update following the report presented to the Reconciliation Committee at its meeting on 26 February 2024, regarding the status of the activities planned to celebrate National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June 2024) and National NAIDOC Week (7 July to 14 July 2024).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE ADVISES COUNCIL:

That the Reconciliation Committee:

1. Notes the update of activities to celebrate the 2024 National Reconciliation Week, between 27 May and 3 June 2024, and National NAIDOC Week, between 7 July and 14 July 2024, in the City of Adelaide, as contained in this report.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Community An inclusive, equitable and welcoming community where people feel a sense of belonging
Policy	Action 2 (National Reconciliation Week) and Action 15 (NAIDOC Week) of the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021- 2024.
Consultation	Consultation regarding the proposed activities and connections to the national and state activities occurred at Panpanpalya on 31 January 2024, with the Reconciliation Committee on 26 February 2024 as well as discussions with the SA NAIDOC Committee and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Adelaide is the host for the 50th anniversary of the celebration of NAIDOC Week. This will provide an opportunity to showcase the city to a national audience. The City of Adelaide’s Reconciliation Officer is staying abreast of the national and state NAIDOC Committee discussions to progress opportunities for collaboration, this work includes engagement and collaboration with the State Government.
23/24 Budget Allocation	The 2023/24 budget allocation for NAIDOC week is \$50,000.
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	The proposed 2024/25 National NAIDOC Week activities budget allocation is \$54,307 subject to the outcomes of consultation on the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget open from 26 April 2023 to 19 May 2024 and Council decision in June 2024.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The current report relates to National Reconciliation Week and National NAIDOC week activities and celebrations for 2024.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	In collaboration with the State NAIDOC Committee, funding opportunities for National NAIDOC Week will be sought through the State Government and the National NAIDOC grants.

DISCUSSION

National Reconciliation Week (NRW), 27 May to 3 June 2024

1. The 2024 theme for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is 'Now More Than Ever', which was chosen as a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue.
2. The City of Adelaide's (CoA) 2021-2024 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan commits to providing educational and promotional support to NRW and supporting employees to attend events and participate during the week.
3. First Nations employees, along with members of the Reconciliation Committee, Council and Executive have been invited to the Reconciliation SA breakfast.
4. Flagpole banners will be displayed on King William Street and Gouger Street throughout the week.
5. CoA social media posts will share information about Reconciliation Week.
6. CoA activities during Reconciliation Week are detailed in the following table:

	Date	National Reconciliation Week Activities	CoA Lead (Y/N)
1.	29 May 2024, 10am	Kurna Voices Launch – CoA main event during NRW, a launch event showcasing the videos and launch of the project.	Yes
2.	31 May 2024, 7am-9am	Reconciliation SA Breakfast. Table booked for CoA including Reconciliation Committee Members.	No
3.	Friday 31 May 2024 and Saturday 1 June 2024	Aboriginal music performances, 2 artists for 2 hours each day at the Adelaide Central Market. Information to be included in Market Lovers Newsletter Social Media Campaign. Promotion of Something Wild catering service.	Yes

National NAIDOC Week, 7 July to 14 July 2024

7. 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.
8. 2024 is the 50th year of the Celebration of NAIDOC. Adelaide will be the host city for National NAIDOC Week celebrations in 2024. It has been nine years since Adelaide was the host city for the national celebration.
9. The SA NAIDOC Committee is leading the coordination and organising of activities for the national celebration. The CoA's Reconciliation Officer is attending Committee meetings to observe and to receive regular updates on the organising Committee's activities.
10. The theme for 2024 is "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud!" which celebrates the unyielding spirit of Aboriginal communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.
11. The CoA's 2021 – 2024 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan commits to two annual events during NAIDOC week:
 - 11.1. **NAIDOC in the Mall** - This event, on 9 July 2024, is for the public to participate in celebrations during NAIDOC week. The event will consist of various Aboriginal businesses, engaging activities for all ages, light refreshments, and entertainment for the duration of the event.
 - 11.2. **Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Award** – This has been an annual event since 2019. The Award is given each year to a respected member of the Aboriginal community who has made significant contributions to Reconciliation in the City of Adelaide. The award ceremony has typically been held as a Civic Event for members of the award recipient's family, Reconciliation Committee members and other stakeholders involved in delivering on the City of Adelaide's Reconciliation Action Plan.

12. The Lord Mayor’s Award ceremony has in the past few years been held as a CoA event but has historically been held in combination with the Premier’s NAIDOC Awards where event activities aligned.
13. Due to the significance of National NAIDOC Week being hosted in Adelaide in 2024 the organising committees have agreed to combine the Awards with one event in 2024 to be held in the Adelaide Town Hall on Saturday 6 July 2024.
14. A Memorandum of Understanding with the SA NAIDOC Committee is being developed to confirm responsibilities and CoA funding commitment.
15. CoA activities during National NAIDOC week are detailed in the following table:

	Date	National NAIDOC Week Activities	CoA Lead (Y/N)
3.	6 July 2024	National NAIDOC Ball including National NAIDOC Awards, Adelaide Convention Centre.	No
4.	9 July 2024, 10am – 1pm	NAIDOC in the Mall – Rundle Mall, Gawler Place Canopy.	Yes
5.	11 July 2024,	SA NAIDOC Awards – Combined Premier and Lord Mayor, Adelaide Town Hall.	No
6.	12 July 2024	NAIDOC March and Family Fun Day.	No

Next Steps

16. Event planning for National Reconciliation Week and National NAIDOC Week are continuing for delivery during May to July 2024.
17. Calendar invitations will be sent to Reconciliation Committee Members for attendance at CoA lead events.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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