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## **NAIDOC Week in Albany**

The City of Albany welcomes the start of NAIDOC Week 2015, which was officially launched today in Albany Town Square.

The Albany Minang Noongar community is staging a series of events around Albany between 6-10 July to mark this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme seeks to highlight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

To coincide with NAIDOC Week, the City of Albany has today officially renamed Albany Town Hall's Lesser Hall the **Carol Pettersen Hall**.

Carol Pettersen JP was the first Minang Noongar person elected to Council in Albany. She served the Town of Albany between 1993-1996.

Carol is a direct descendent of the Traditional Owners of the land upon which we stand through her Great-Grandmother Jacbam, and her Great Uncle, the well known Tommy King.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said Carol had long been recognised throughout Albany and the Noongar Nation as a strong advocate for her community.

"It gives me great pleasure to rename this space Carol Pettersen Hall after one of our community's most well respected leaders," he said.

Carol Pettersen Hall is one of Albany's most popular and well used facilities, and is used regularly for many different types of exhibitions and events.

NAIDOC Week will be officially launched Tuesday 7 July at 12:30pm at Albany Town Square, with a Welcome to Country, information stalls, a sausage sizzle and live music.

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## **NAIDOC Week events 2015**

A range of events will be held to mark this year's NAIDOC Week:

### **MONDAY 6 JULY**

**Launch of the Kinjarling Language & Culture Resource Indigenous Corporation - 'Preserving and promoting culture through language'.**

Albany Public Library

### **TUESDAY 7 JULY**

**Launch of NAIDOC Week 2015.**

Albany Town Square

12:30pm

**Local Noongar authors share stories of the Dreaming.**

Albany Public Library

4-5pm

For information call Library on 9841 9390

### **WEDNESDAY 8 JULY**

**Art workshops with Lance Chadd (\$30pp).**

WA Museum Albany

10am-12:30pm

Contact the Museum on 98414844

**Local Noongar authors share stories of the Dreaming.**

Albany Public Library

10:30am-11:30am

For information call Library on 9841 9390

### **THURSDAY 9 JULY**

**Language workshops with Miles Franklin Award-winning Noongar author Kim Scott (\$30pp).**

UWA Function Room

1-3pm

To register call Southern Aboriginal Corporation: 9842 7777

**Family Fun Day.**

Alison Hartman Gardens

10:30am onward

**Local Noongar authors share stories of the Dreaming.**

Albany Public Library

2-3pm

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### **FRIDAY 10 JULY**

**Breakfast event with Miles Franklin Award-winning Noongar author Kim Scott (\$15pp)**

View Restaurant (Albany Entertainment Centre)

7:30am-9am

**Public talk with Kim Scott**

Albany Town Hall (free)

10am

**Art workshops with Lance Chadd (\$30pp).**

WA Museum Albany

10am-12:30pm

**"Kim on the Couch" – author reading and chat with Kim Scott.**

Albany Public Library

1pm

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