

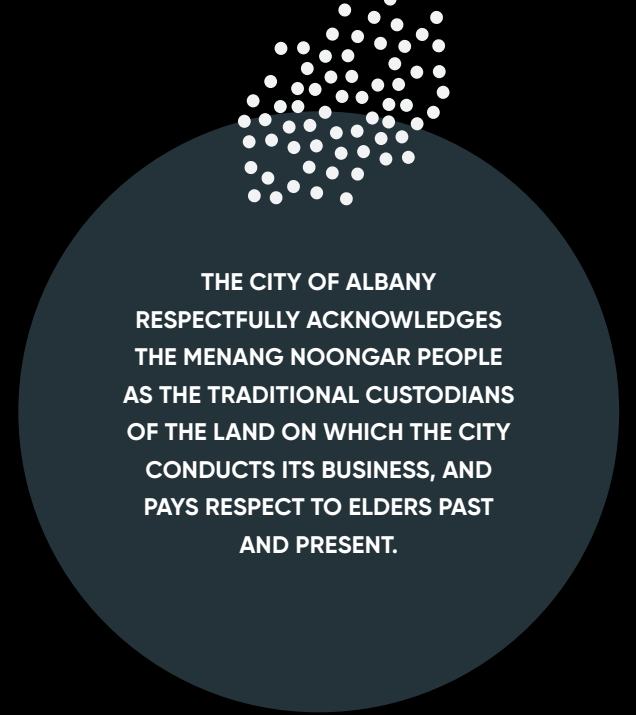



**THE NEXT  
GENERATION:  
STRENGTH,  
VISION &  
LEGACY**  
6-13 JULY 2025

**EVENT  
PROGRAM**







THE CITY OF ALBANY  
RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES  
THE MENANG NOONGAR PEOPLE  
AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS  
OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE CITY  
CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS, AND  
PAYS RESPECT TO ELDERS PAST  
AND PRESENT.

## Cover Art

### **Ancestral Lines by Jeremy Morgan Worrall**

This artwork is a visual representation of the generational lines that carry through my mob. When I think of the next generation, I think towards my ancestors—Lucy Wright, Enoch Wright, Nonie Wright—through to my Nanna Audrie and my Mother Vanessa. Looking back gives me the strength and vision to look forward. Each figure in the painting is tied to family lines, like songlines, reflecting what they knew and what they passed on. The first represents lore, hunting, and tracking. The second reflects care, weaving, and love. The third shows the two combined, while the final two carry unfinished elements—symbols of knowledge and care in motion. Above them sits the essence of Country—swirling skies and a giant moon over Emmaville. It is by the fire, under these cool skies, where the next generation finds their strength, vision, and legacy.

#NAIDOC2025

#StrengthVisionLegacy

# HELLO. WELCOME

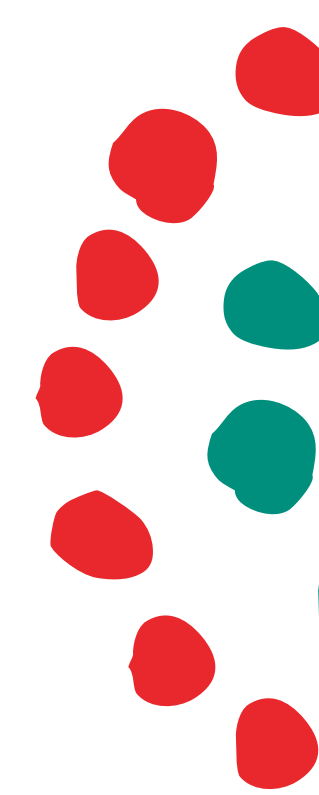
# Kaya. Wandjoo!

NAIDOC Week 2025 holds significant importance as we come together to celebrate the theme *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*.

This year's theme not only acknowledges the accomplishments of the past but highlights the promising future shaped by the strength of young leaders, the vision of communities, and the profound legacy passed down through generations.

The City of Albany is proud to support and celebrate NAIDOC Week, fostering an inclusive environment where the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures is celebrated and honored.

As we embrace this theme, we stand united in recognising the vital role of Indigenous communities in shaping our present and future. Together, we continue to learn, reflect, and act, ensuring the legacies of our ancestors endure for generations to come.





# GENERATIONS COLLECTIONS

27 June – 19 July, Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Albany Town Hall

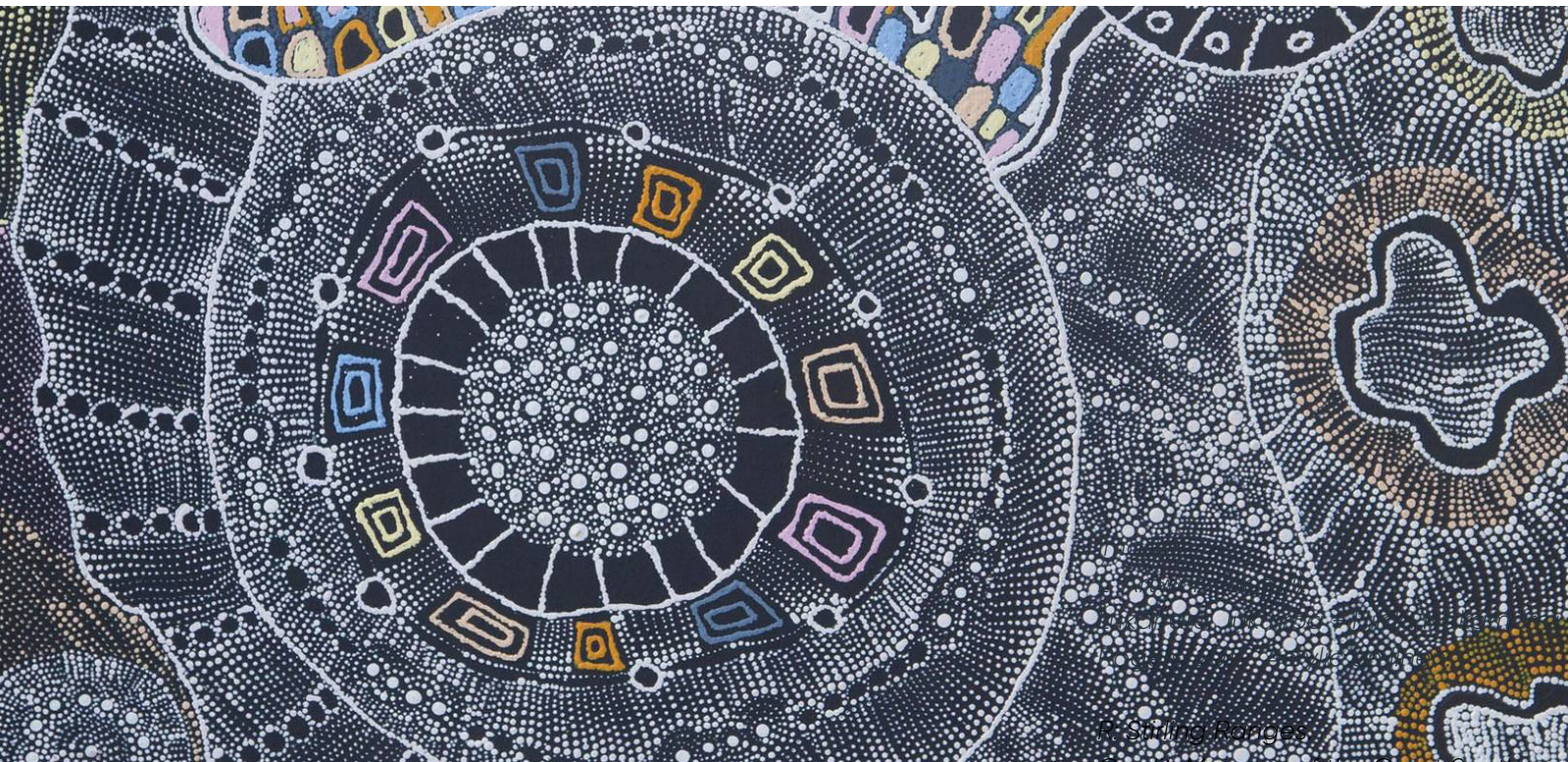
Drawing on a private collection of over 80 Indigenous Desert paintings, this exhibition features second and third generation women artists who, whilst retaining the inherited conventions of traditional tribal lore, are now freely exploring individual stylistic innovation.

**Free exhibition. No bookings required.**

*Images:*

*Below: Artwork (detail): Lukarrara Jukurrpa – Hilda Nakamarra Rogers, 2017. Acrylic on linen.*

*Right: Stirling Ranges. Credit: Museum of the Great Southern*



# CURATORIAL - THE OUTLAWING OF CULTURAL BURNING ON MENANG BOODJA

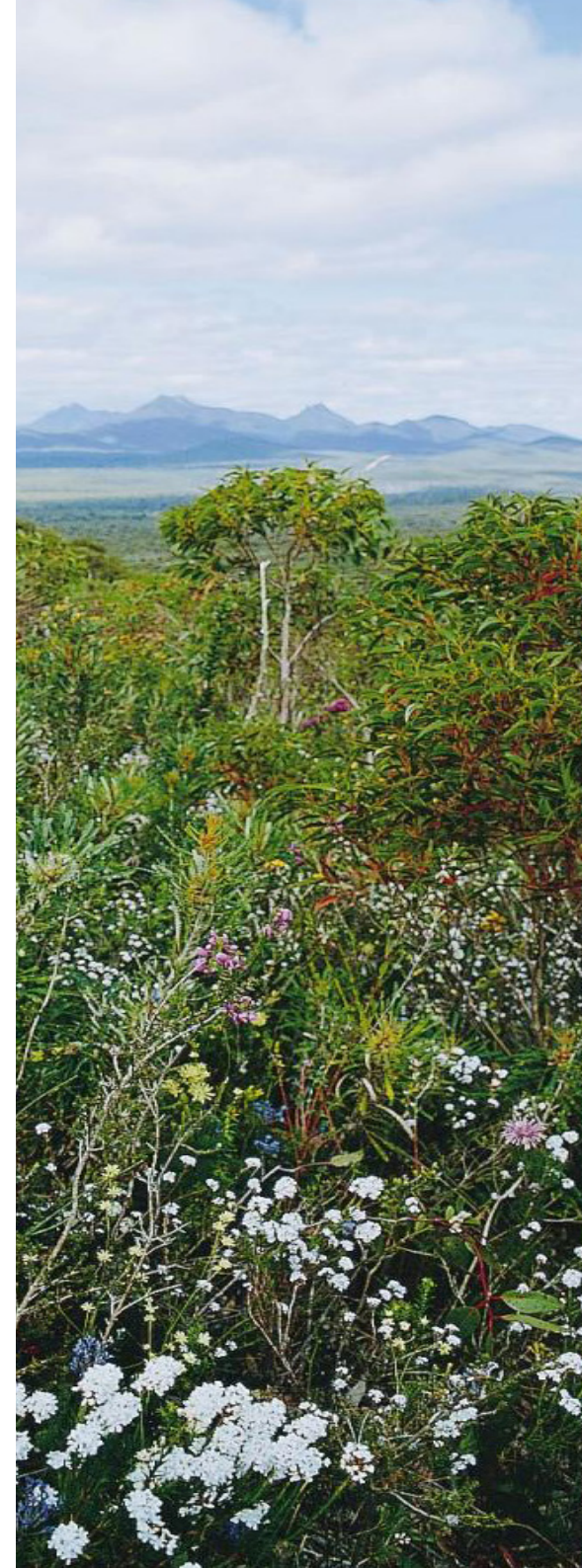
Tuesday 1 July, 10:30am – 11:30am  
Museum of the Great Southern

Archaeologist and Fire Specialist Dr Sean Winter takes a closer look at the Western Australian Regulations that were passed as early as 1847 to limit Noongar cultural burning practices. These regulations were intended to curb the spread of uncontrolled wildfires, but they ultimately had the opposite effect.

European legislators did not understand that controlled burns managed the vegetation and minimised damaging bushfires—fires that have occurred annually across Australia since European settlement in 1788. Dr Winter urges a return to the acceptance of controlled cultural burning to mitigate the increasing threat of fires in our region.

Dr Sean Winter is the Cultural and Statutory Fire Co-ordinator at Wagyl Kaip – Southern Noongar Aboriginal Corporation.

**Gold coin donation welcome.  
No bookings required.**







# NAIDOC OFFICIAL OPENING

Sunday 6 July , 2:00pm  
Albany Town Hall

This year marks a significant milestone—the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week.

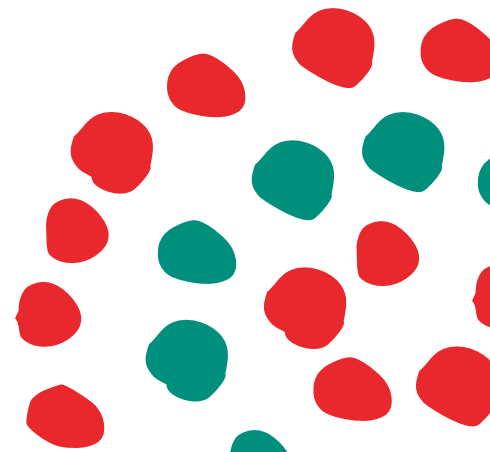
We invite you to join us for a free community event that will acknowledge this momentous occasion and officially launch the 2025 NAIDOC celebrations.

This event will be a time to reflect on the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, honour their contributions to our society, and celebrate their vibrant cultures. It's also an opportunity to unite the community in recognising the importance of NAIDOC Week as we look toward the future with the 2025 theme: ***The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy.***

Don't miss out on this important occasion to stand in solidarity and celebrate a future shaped by strength, vision, and legacy.

Free.  
Registrations required - [albany.wa.gov.au/bookable](https://albany.wa.gov.au/bookable)

Image: Binalup / Middleton Beach Festival 2021.  
Credit: Krysta Guille Photography





## NAIDOC KAAWAR & RAIN STICKS

Wednesday 9 July, 10:30am – 11:30am  
Albany Public Library

This activity honours Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander cultures through a fun project with rain stick activity while exploring a traditional and Indigenous story.

This hands-on experience fosters cultural awareness and appreciation while encouraging creativity.

Join us for a meaningful and artistic observation of NAIDOC Week.

Suitable for ages 5–12. All materials are supplied.

Free event.

Bookings required – [albany.wa.gov.au/bookable](http://albany.wa.gov.au/bookable)

## NAIDOC THEMED STORY AND CRAFT

Thursday 10 July, 10:30am – 11:30am  
Child and Parent Centre, Lockyer

A NAIDOC themed storytime session for kids to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander cultures through a fun project while exploring traditional and Indigenous stories.

This hands-on experience fosters cultural awareness and appreciation while encouraging creativity.

Join us for a meaningful and artistic observation of NAIDOC Week.

Suitable for children aged 3–12

Free event.

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*Bangarra Dance Theatre is a modern dance company unlike any other ... remarkably imaginative and richly varied. – New York Times*

# ILLUME

## BY BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE

Friday 18 July, 7:30pm

Albany Entertainment Centre

From the extraordinary Bangarra Dance Theatre comes an iridescent new theatrical experience, drawing together music, visual arts and dance to explore the ways light has captivated and sustained Indigenous cultural existence for millennia.

Today, artificial light pollution disrupts ecosystems and obscures the dark night sky, devastating First Nations people's connections to sky country and limiting their ability to share celestial knowledge and skylore. First Nations people stand on the precipice of the world under threat.

Mirning Choreographer Frances Rings and Bard Visual Artist Darrell Sibosado's collaboration explores the awe of light, a bridge between the physical and spiritual worlds. It charts the impacts of light pollution in a climate emergency. Illume asks the urgent question: is the deep wisdom passed down from elders enough to illuminate a path forward from the shadows of a dark future?

Journey with us through a kaleidoscope of images, patterns and synergies into the otherworldly language of light.

**Tickets required.**

Book at [tickets.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au](https://tickets.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au)

Image: Illume. Credit: Bangarra Dance Theatre





# NAIDOC BALL

## HOSTED BY SOUTHERN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

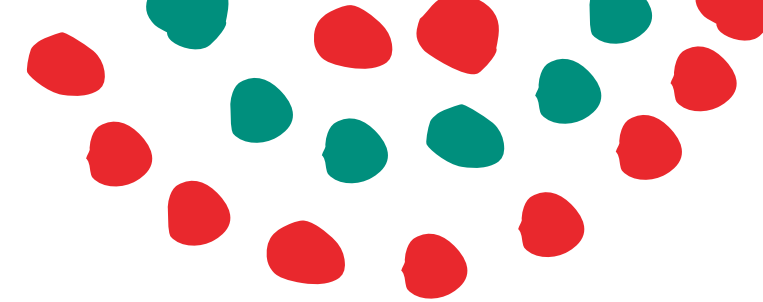
Saturday 26 July, 6pm – 11pm

Albany Entertainment Centre

Celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at the annual NAIDOC Ball, hosted by the Southern Aboriginal Corporation in Albany.

This prestigious event shines a spotlight on Indigenous trailblazers who have made significant impacts in areas such as arts, sports, education, health, justice, and leadership. It's a night of celebration and recognition, honouring those who have paved the way for future generations.

The NAIDOC Ball also provides an opportunity for the Indigenous community to come together, share stories, traditions, and aspirations, and build stronger connections with the wider community.



A symbol of pride, resilience, and strength, the NAIDOC Ball is a night you won't want to miss—come celebrate the powerful legacy of Indigenous peoples and their ongoing journey toward recognition and equality.

The evening will be one to remember, inviting people to dress up, enjoy a 3 course sit down dinner, amazing non-alcoholic drinks and entertainment.

Dress: Cocktail/Ball

**Tickets required.**  
**Scan the QR Code to book:**



*Images: NAIDOC Ball 2024:  
Credit: Southern Aboriginal Corporation,  
Jenny Feast Photography*





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DATES	TIME	EVENT	COST / BOOKING
27 June - 19 July	10:00am - 5:00pm	Generations Collections	Free No bookings required
Tue 1 July	10:30am - 11:30am	Curatorial NAIDOC Week – the outlawing of Cultural Burning on Menang Boodja	Free - gold coin donations welcomed No bookings required
Sun 6 July	2:00pm	NAIDOC Official Opening	Free Bookings required <a href="http://albany.wa.gov.au/bookable">albany.wa.gov.au/bookable</a>
Wed 9 July	10:30am - 11:30am	NAIDOC Kaawar & Rain Sticks	Free Bookings required <a href="http://albany.wa.gov.au/bookable">albany.wa.gov.au/bookable</a>
Thu 10 July	10:30am - 11:30am	NAIDOC Themed Story and craft	Free Bookings required <a href="http://albany.wa.gov.au/bookable">albany.wa.gov.au/bookable</a>
Fri 18 July	7:30pm	Ilume BY Bangarra Dance Theatre	\$25 - \$60 Tickets required <a href="http://tickets.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au">tickets.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au</a>
Sat 26 July	6:00pm - 11:00pm	NAIDOC Ball Hosted by Southern Aboriginal Corporation	\$80 per person Tickets required See event page 13 for booking details



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