



# NAIDOC 2025

**Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture**



A program of events run by organisations across the community. All welcome!



**Sat 5 July**



## Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation Flag Raising and Welcome to Country

Join us to honour NAIDOC Week 2025, our local Aboriginal community and acknowledge the culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Time:** 10am | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Cessnock TAFE Grounds, Darwin Street, Cessnock 2325

**Contact:** 0474 106 537 or visit the Kiray Putjung Facebook page

## Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Family Fun Day



We invite everyone to join us for this great day out to celebrate Aboriginal culture. There will be weaving workshops, entertainment, Elders marquee and market stalls. Lots of fun for everyone!

**Time:** 10am–3pm | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Cessnock TAFE Grounds, Darwin Street, Cessnock 2325

**Contact:** 0474 106 537 or visit the Kiray Putjung Facebook page

**Sun 6 – Sun 13 July**



## Butjungbaaguwa by Nicole Chaffey

Nicole Chaffey's latest exhibition at Performance Arts Culture Cessnock presents a compelling exploration of identity, memory, and the Australian landscape.

As a Biripi woman and Newcastle-based artist, Chaffey's practice is deeply rooted in her connection to Country and ancestral narratives. Her works often delve into personal and collective histories, offering a nuanced perspective on the interwoven nature of past and present. Official Opening Saturday 14 June 12pm–2pm.

**Time:** Monday–Friday 9am–5pm, Saturday 10am–2:30pm | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Performance Arts Culture Cessnock, 198 –202 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325

**Contact:** 4993 4266

## Les Elvin Kungera Art Gallery at the Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre



Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Indigenous art at the 'Les Elvin Kungera Art Gallery'. Discover local treasures including scarves, jewellery, placemats, and native-inspired culinary delights—all inviting you to embark on a captivating cultural journey. Visit us and experience it firsthand.

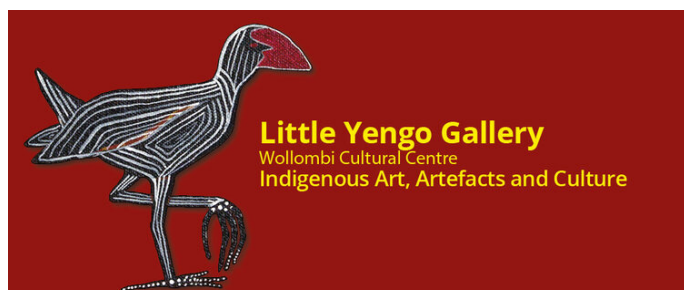
**Time:** Monday–Saturday 9am–5pm, Sunday 9am–4pm

**Cost:** Free

**Address:** Hunter Valley Visitor Information Centre, 455 Wine Country Drive, Pokolbin 2320

**Contact:** 4993 6700

**Sun 6 July**



## Little Yengo Gallery

Visit the Little Yengo Gallery in the beautiful Wollombi Valley and view the works of Aboriginal artists. Artworks and giftware are also available for purchase at the gallery. Open weekends and public holidays.

**Time:** 10am–4pm | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Little Yengo Gallery, 2892 Wollombi Road, Wollombi 2325

**Contact:** yengogallery@wollombi.org

**Tue 8 July**



## Barkuma's NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Celebrate NAIDOC Week these school holidays with Barkuma's Family Fun Day. Raising awareness within our non-Indigenous community and providing positive access to various services for our Indigenous community. Free entertainment and give-aways for all ages. Food and drinks available for purchase. No pets. No alcohol.

**Time:** 10am–2pm | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Binarri Jinama–Gu, 1075 Old Maitland Road, Sawyers Gully 2326

**Contact:** Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre 4937 1094



## Wayapa Storytime at Cessnock Library



The Wayapa Storytimes at Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries are run by Rainbow Crow Cultural Collective, and are an Aboriginal-led early literacy program designed to integrate Indigenous perspectives into Storytime sessions.

These Storytime sessions aim to create a welcoming and inclusive space where both Indigenous and non-Indigenous families can connect with culture and enjoy early learning experiences.

**Time:** 10am-11am | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Cessnock City Library, 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325

**Contact:** 4993 4399

## Wed 9 July



## Wayapa Storytime at Kurri Kurri Library

The Wayapa Storytimes at Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Libraries are run by Rainbow Crow Cultural Collective, and are an Aboriginal-led early literacy program designed to integrate Indigenous perspectives into Storytime sessions.

These Storytime sessions aim to create a welcoming and inclusive space where both Indigenous and non-Indigenous families can connect with culture and enjoy early learning experiences.

**Time:** 10am-11am | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Kurri Kurri Library, 253 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327

**Contact:** 4937 1638

## Assemble your own Rain Stick



Join us in celebrating NAIDOC week with a creative workshop that invites young people to assemble and decorate a rain stick. Template designed by Indigenous Artist Kerri-Ann Taggart. This event is for young people aged 11-18 years.

**Time:** 3:30pm-5pm | **Cost:** Free (Bookings essential)

**Address:** Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service, 49D Aberdare Road, Aberdare 2325

**Contact:** Cessnock Youth Services 4993 4355

## Spirit of Place with special guest Uncle Warren Taggart



Join us for this special talk with Uncle Warren Taggart.

Uncle Warren Taggart is a Wonnarua elder and teacher of Aboriginal culture. In 2021, he collaborated with photographers to publish 'Spirit of Place: Aboriginal Sites of the Hunter Region', a book that documents cave shelters, rock engravings and landmarks of significant importance for the Wonnarua people and the people of the surrounding lands: the Darkinjung, Awabakal and Dharug people.

In Spirit of Place, Uncle Warren has written about his cultural journey – about conversations with his father and his rediscovery of his Country through the wonderful sites that show such powerful imagery from his people. Much of his knowledge has come from stories told by his father and visits to sites. His ancestral family have inhabited these sites. Come on a journey with Uncle Warren as he shares even more stories about Country, the art sites and their Dreaming importance.

**Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm | **Cost:** Free (Bookings essential)

**Address:** Cessnock City Library, 65-67 Vincent Street, Cessnock 2325

**Contact:** 4993 4399

## Fri 11 July



## Mindaribba's NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Join us for Mindaribba's NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Lots of fun to be had by all! The event includes elders tent, entertainment, market stalls, free sausage sizzle and much more!

**Time:** 10am-2pm | **Cost:** Free entry

**Address:** Harold Gregson Park, 285-287 High Street, Maitland 2320

**Contact:** Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council 4015 7000 or [admin@mindaribbalalc.org](mailto:admin@mindaribbalalc.org)

## Mon 14 July



## Community BBQ

Castle Employment, Kurri Kurri Rotary and Kurri Kurri Community Service invite you to join us for a free Community BBQ Lunch to commemorate NAIDOC 2025.

**Time:** 11am - 2pm | **Cost:** Free

**Address:** Kurri Kurri Community Centre, 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri 2327

**Contact:** 4004 3190 or [ydo@kkcs.org.au](mailto:ydo@kkcs.org.au)

# 2025 National NAIDOC Poster



## Poster title

Ancestral Lines

## Artist

Jeremy Morgan Worrall

## About

Ancestral Lines is a visual representation of the lines and ties that follow a generation and the songs that come with it.

When I think of the next generation I think towards my Ancestor Lucy Wright, Enoch Wright, Nonie Wright, all the way from my Nanna Audrie to my Mother Vanessa.

When I look back at my mob it helps me see towards the future, it gives me hope and strength knowing what my mob have survived through and accomplished amid adversity.

Each person in the painting depicts a series of lines akin to songlines, that represent what they know, who they were and what they have passed on, the first being that of lore (interpretive), hunting, protecting, and tracking, the second of care, weaving, fishing, and love.

The third is when we see the two combine into one, and the last two take unfinished elements of them all, to show the passing down of knowledge and care.

Above them is the essence of the land they live and protect/care for. It is a depiction of my home the cold skies of Tenterfield with the swirling clouds and giant moon, a place around the fire is where the next Generation find their strength, vision and legacy.



Cessnock City Council acknowledges that within its Local Government Area boundaries are the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua, Awabakal and Darkinjung people. We acknowledge these Aboriginal peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our offices and operations are located and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now live within the Cessnock Local Government Area.