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NAIDOC week in Esperance

Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (ETNTAC) and The Shire of Esperance invite the Esperance community to celebrate NAIDOC week which commences Monday, 8 July.

The week will open with a ceremony at 9.30am at the Shire of Esperance administration building. The ceremony will conclude with the raising of the flags and a minute's silence, followed a 'walk with us' to the Whale Tail where there will be a free sausage sizzle along with bush foods and tools on display.

This year's theme is Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future. This theme acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always wanted an enhanced role in decision-making in Australia's democracy.

Do you know what NAIDOC stands for? National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. They have a strong purpose being to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "From the ceremonial raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at the start of NAIDOC week, to the fluttering banners in our main street, we acknowledge the first people of our region and Australia and celebrate their culture. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Aboriginal culture and share the stories of our Nyungar people. We would like to encourage everyone to join us for the opening of NAIDOC Week."

Gail Reynolds-Adamson, Chairperson of ETNTAC said, "NAIDOC week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. It is time for our knowledge to be heard through our voice. We hope to see everyone on the Monday at the Shire of Esperance, followed by the festivities at the foreshore where you can learn about bush foods and artefacts."

You can learn more about NAIDOC Week here <https://www.naidoc.org.au>

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