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NAIDOC Week in Esperance

Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation and The Shire of Esperance invite the Esperance community to celebrate NAIDOC week which commences Monday, 9 July.

NAIDOC Week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. This year's theme, 'Because of her, we can!' celebrates the essential role that women have played and continue to play as active and significant role models in the community.

At Esperance Tjaltjraak, fifty percent of the Board of Directors and the organisation's employees are female. Tjaltjraak's Chairperson, Gail Reynolds-Adamson, is looking forward to acknowledging the achievements of these women during NAIDOC week.

Celebrations will commence Monday 9 July at 9:00am at the Shire of Esperance Administration Building. There will be an official opening of NAIDOC week with a Welcome to Country speech, a Flag Raising Ceremony and a walk with the Mandaboornup Eagles through town and to the Whale Tail. From 11:30am to 1pm members of the community are invited to join a free sausage sizzle along with bush foods and tools on display.

Tjaltjraak would like to thank all the volunteers and for their hard work in organising this special day.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "We are delighted to celebrate NAIDOC Week with our traditional owners in Esperance. This year we are reminded to reflect on the many inspirational indigenous women who have made remarkable achievements in their local and broader communities. Esperance is fortunate to have many examples of positive and strong indigenous women who are role models in our community.

"We would like to encourage everyone to join us for the Welcome to Country and Flag Raising Ceremony."

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

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