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Learn, Respect and Celebrate during NAIDOC Week in Subiaco

NAIDOC Week (5 to 12 July) will launch with a flag raising ceremony and Welcome to Country on Monday 6 July. The City of Subiaco has a jam-packed NAIDOC Week calendar, with a number of community events for the entire family.

This year's theme *We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate* reflects the strong spiritual connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the land and sea.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said the city is excited to offer such a diverse and interesting calendar of events in celebration of NAIDOC Week.

"The city is committed to recognising the achievements, contributions and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and is proud to be part of NAIDOC Week celebrations happening around the country." Mayor Henderson said.

As well as a special NAIDOC Week storytime and petting zoo with native Australian animals at Subiaco Library, there is also a Marn Grook workshop at Palms Community Centre, and an exciting line up at the sunday@subi concert to round out the festivities.

"It is wonderful to see NAIDOC Week continuing to grow each year. I encourage everyone to get involved in celebrations to recognise the rich history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mayor Henderson said.

For more information about NAIDOC Week events in Subiaco visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Photo and interview opportunities available on request.

- **Photo opportunity 1: Petting zoo at Subiaco Library**

West Oz petting zoo is visiting Subiaco Library with a number of native animals for children to interact with and learn more about.

When: Thursday 9 July, 10.30am

Where: Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road, Subiaco

- **Photo opportunity 2: Marn Gook football workshop**

Local kids will learn about the origins of Australian Rules Football and the theory that it was influenced by a traditional indigenous game called *Marn Gook*. Other bush games will also be played and a didgeridoo performance enjoyed at the end of the session.

When: Tuesday 7 July, 1.30pm-3pm

Where: Palms Community Centre, corner Rokeby and Nicholson Road

- **Photo opportunity 3: sunday@subi concert**

The first act features community choir Madjtil Moorna, a group of aboriginal and non aboriginal singers that sing songs in English, Noongar and other aboriginal languages. The second act The Merindas, are Australia's premier Indigenous female soul trio, belting out some of Motown's greatest hits for a performance not to be missed.

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