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LEARN local Aboriginal language, how to play the digeridoo and make flower feathers at Ngarrindjeri Cultural Day celebrations at the Murray Bridge Library.

Ngarrindjeri Cultural Day will be held 10am until 1pm Wednesday 24 April 2019.

Library Team Leader Tim Law said the inaugural event was a unique collaboration with Moorundi staff and local Ngarrindjeri Elders to share culture.

"We are hoping events like this will help break down barriers, strengthen local language and cultural understanding in the community," Mr Law said.

A Welcome to Country will set the scene at 10am, followed by a performance from The Deadly Nannas (including Iullabies and message songs in English and Ngarrindjeri) and didgeridoo by Harley Hall.

Moorundi is an Aboriginal controlled health service working to improve the health of the community from a cultural perspective and Cultural Community Development Officer Georgina Trevorrow will also star in 'The Deadly Nannas' on the day.

"This event is open to the whole community, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to celebrate Ngarrindjeri language, the work that goes into reviving the language, local artists and working together to make a better community," she said.

"All cultural knowledge is beneficial to make a community work together and this can start with something as simple as coming along to learn some basic words – it all starts with the little ones."

Share Storytelling with Aunty Vicki and Aunty Lena in the children's area from 10.30am.

Boys can learn to play and paint a didgeridoo to take home and girls can do the same with clap sticks.

Other Cultural Day activities include line painting, weaving, colouring and learning how to make feather flowers - traditionally made from pelican feathers for Ngarrindjeri ceremonies.

Celebrations will include a free healthy lunch at 12noon - for more information follow Murray Bridge Library on Facebook or phone 8539 1175.