

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Subject: NAIDOC Week 2022 CELEBRATIONS

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RECOGNITION of Australia's First Nations people and celebrating Murray Bridge's cultural heritage will culminate in a calendar of events to mark NAIDOC Week beginning with a Bridge Walk, and an official flag raising and awards ceremony on Monday 4 July.

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held throughout Australia from Sunday 3 to Sunday 10 July 2022, to honour the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Mayor Brenton Lewis said the theme for 2022 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

"The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support the local First Nations community," he said.

"To get up, stand up and show up, we must properly work towards redressing historical injustice.

"This is an opportunity for our community to come together, learn the history, celebrate the achievements and honour one of the oldest living cultures on our planet."

NAIDOC Week celebrations in Murray Bridge will kick off with the Bridge Walk, Flag raising and awards ceremony beginning on the east side of the Murray Bridge road bridge on Monday July 4 at 9.30am. The walk will flow through to the Local Government Centre (2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge) for the NAIDOC Awards Ceremony at 9.45am.

"The annual walk across the bridge is symbolic of people bridging the divide together in the community, between cultures, between people and healing," said Mayor Lewis.

Please see calendar of events attached.

For more information phone Council on 8539 1100.

