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**Subject:** NAIDOC Week 2023 Celebrations

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**THE RICH cultural heritage, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will take centre stage during NAIDOC Week celebrations in Murray Bridge, Sunday 2 - Sunday 9 July 2023, when the nation comes together to honour and pay tribute to Australia's First Nations people under the theme for this year "For Our Elders."**

The NAIDOC Bridge Walk will begin with a Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony at 9 am on Monday 3 July with the Walk starting from the east side of the road bridge. The Awards Ceremony will commence at 10 am at the Local Government Centre.

Mayor Wayne Thorley said the theme for this year "For our Elders," signifies the role that Elders hold within our community.

"Elders guide generations and pave the way for our future. Their guidance, through generations of advocacy, activism, and everyday life helps us all to find our place in the world," He said.

"NAIDOC Week is an important time of the year to come together, learn the history, celebrate the achievements, and honour one of the oldest living cultures."

NAIDOC Week provides an important occasion to acknowledge the significant contributions of First Nations people and their ongoing resilience, cultural strength, and achievements. It is a time for all Australians to come together and reflect on our shared history, while also looking towards a future that embraces diversity and cultural unity.

Please see the calendar of events [here](#).

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