

Mossman NAIDOC Week 2014 REPORT



NAIDOC WEEK 2014

Mossman NAIDOC Week celebrations: 14th to 18th July 2014.

This years NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of our country. From our warriors in the Frontier Wars to our warriors who have served with honour and pride in Australia's military conflicts and engagements across the globe. We proudly highlight and recognize the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice. We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to join together to recognise the valuable contribution Indigenous people make to Australia's national identity. The Mossman NAIDOC Committee encourages individuals, families, schools, community agencies, and businesses to take part in the various activities planned for the week. Learn about our local cultures, have fun and take steps to make our community even better.

Monday 14th July 2014

- * Flag Raising Ceremony: 10am to 11.30am at Douglas Shire Council, Front Street, Mossman
- * NAIDOC Baby Show: 12pm to 3pm at Mossman Gorge Community Church

Tuesday 15th July 2014

- * Elders Lunch: 11am to 2pm at Mt Kooyong Nursing Home, Julatten

Wednesday 16th July 2014

- * MSPS Multicultural Activities: 9am to 11am at Mossman State Primary School, Front Street, Mossman
- * Rainforest Markets: 10am to 2pm at Mossman Gorge Centre

Thursday 17th July 2014

- * Goodstart NAIDOC Morning Tea & Flag Raising: 10am to 12pm at Goodstart Early Learning Centre
- * MSHS NAIDOC Luncheon: 1pm to 2pm at Mossman State High School

Friday 18th July 2014

- * Mossman Community Street March: 9.30am—10.30am at Douglas Shire Council car park, Front Street, Mossman
- * NAIDOC Family Fun Day: 10.30am—2.00pm at Bubu Kinkari (George Davis) Park, Mossman

"In the Spirit of Reconciliation"



The Mossman NAIDOC Committee is a local group of volunteers from various agencies in Mossman area who get together to organise annual events for NAIDOC week in the Douglas region. Representatives are from local schools, council, community agencies, government organisations and from local businesses. In 2014 the Committee organised a week of events throughout the community, ensuring there was something for children, young people, Elders and families.

Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Inc. auspiced the Committee and provided financial support in 2014.

Flag Raising Ceremony

NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony was the official start to Mossman NAIDOC week 2014. Douglas Shire Council coordinated this event which involved Welcome to Country, Flag Raisers (Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Non-Indigenous locals), Guest speakers who address the yearly NAIDOC theme followed by a morning tea.





NAIDOC Baby Show

Cape York Partnerships organised the NAIDOC Baby Show at the Mossman Gorge Community church in 2014. Organisers reported that the families really enjoyed their day.

Comments made where:

- “it was nice to sit around with other mum’s and focus on how beautiful our babies are”.
- The prizes were great, and no-one missed out”
- It’s so good to see the NAIDOC Baby Comp up and running again after so many years without it.
- 14 Babies entered , 30 family members in attendance.



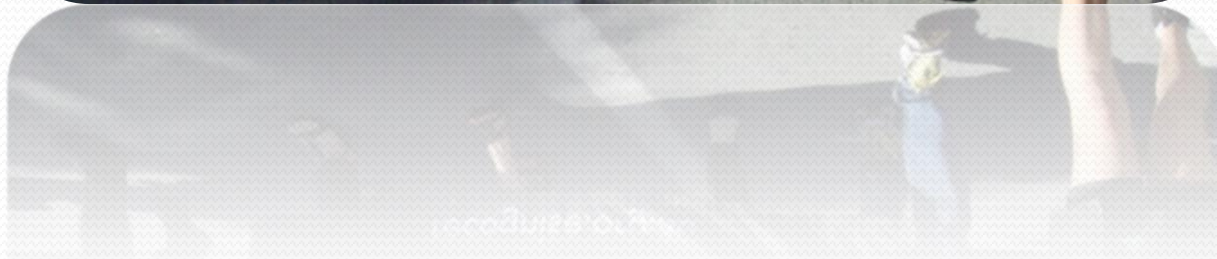


NAIDOC Elders Lunch



NAIDOC Street March





NAIDOC Family Fun Day



Thank you to all our supporters.

The Mossman NAIDOC Committee on behalf of the local community would like to thank all our supporters in 2014. Without the assistance and support from you NAIDOC events in the Douglas Shire would not be as successful. Thank you to the following for 2014 support and we hope you can support us again in 2015 to make our NAIDOC celebrations bigger and better.

- Bamanga Bubu Ngadjimunku Inc (auspicing organisation)
- DATSIMA (funding support)
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (funding support)
- Mossman Gorge Centre
- Mossman Pizza & Pasta
- Douglas Shire Council
- Goobidi Bamanga CACS Ltd
- Goodstart Early Learning Centre
- Apunipima CY Health Service
- Shanelle Indigenous Artefacts
- Mossman Youth Centre
- Wonga Beach State School, Mossman State Primary School, Mossman State High School, St Augustines Primary School

All our community organisations, businesses and individuals who contribute and participate in our NAIDOC events.

