NAIDOC

Each year has a different theme and host city (which must have a rich Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander history).

Where does 'NAIDOC' come from?

1938–1955 Aborigines Day (Day of Mourning; on Australia Day).

1955 National Missionary Council of Australia suggests the day should be observed nationally.

1956 Formation of the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC).

1975 The event covers a week, from the first to second Sunday in July.

1991 Include Torres Strait Islanders, NADOC renamed to NAIDOC.

What happens during NAIDOC Week?

- Celebration of history, culture and achievements.
- Recognition of contributions to country and society.
- Fun at the NAIDOC Ball and National Awards Ceremony.

Where can you get involved?

- Communities
- Schools
- Workplaces
- Government agencies
- Groups & clubs
- Local councils

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