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NAIDOC WEEK A TIME TO RECOGNISE ABORIGINAL CULTURE ACROSS NSW

As NAIDOC Week draws to a close it is poignant to reflect on what we have learnt about Aboriginal culture, history and stories in order to recognise Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

NAIDOC is a nationally celebrated week, this year running from 4-11 July, dedicated to acknowledging, understanding and sharing the diverse culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander accomplishments, history, culture and people, as a part of Australia's heritage.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Don Harwin said this week provides an important opportunity for communities to reconnect and engage with each other and country in a safe and meaningful way.

"The 2021 NAIDOC theme is *'Heal Country!'*. Healing Country is vital for the many countries and nations across our continent. This week is an incredible opportunity for all citizens of NSW to acknowledge and raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievements, histories and stories. It is also an opportunity to commemorate Aboriginal survival," Mr Harwin said.

"While this year has been impacted by COVID and health restrictions, I know that many communities found innovative ways to safely commemorate this week."

"I strongly encourage families and households to stay safe and observe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through reading, watching or learning online, and enjoy our remarkable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities." Mr Harwin said.

For more information about NAIDOC Week visit www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au or www.naidoc.org.au

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