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NAIDOC Week 2019 grants to celebrate Aboriginal cultures

The 2019 NAIDOC Week Grants opened today, with financial contributions being offered for community-based organisations to run local events from 7 to 14 July 2019. Eligible organisations are invited to apply for funding in the order of \$500 to \$1,000.

Head of Aboriginal Affairs NSW Jason Ardler PSM said NAIDOC Week is a time for all Australians to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

“NAIDOC week is fantastic opportunity for all Australians to come together to acknowledge the invaluable contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders make to our society and our nation,” Mr Ardler said.

“The theme for this year’s NAIDOC week is *Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let’s work together for a shared future.*”

“It gives me great pleasure to now be able to call on organisations across NSW to apply for grants that will support and finance 2019 NAIDOC Week activities.”

Grant applications for 2019 are open from 9am Monday, 18 February 2019 and close 5pm Thursday, 18 April 2019. Organisations can request \$500 to \$1,000 grants, or for more significant events, funding up to \$3,000 will be considered. A total of \$200,000 is being made available through the grants to support NAIDOC activities across NSW.

NAIDOC, which stands for *National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee*, is held nationally each year in the first week of July.

The grant round will be administered exclusively through SmartyGrants. Only applications received through the SmartyGrants platform and during the opening times can be considered.

For more information and how to apply, visit the Aboriginal Affairs NSW website at <https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/grants/naidoc-week-grants>.

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