



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION INVITATION

2021 theme

Heal Country!

A Call for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Country is more than a place and inherent to our Identity.

Country that we speak about like a person, sustaining our lives in every aspect – spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally.

SSMO invites all Agencies and Offices to join us in celebrating NAIDOC Week 2021. This invitation extends to 2 separate events with both events having cultural connections to each other.

We have provided details below and hope you can join us.

We recognise that some Agencies may have already identified and begun working on their NAIDOC Week celebrations. However, for others who have not, we are putting forward this invitation to join in a Whole of Government state-wide NAIDOC Week celebration. Agencies who have already identified and begun working on their NAIDOC Week celebration are also invited to encourage their teams to participate.

EVENT OPTION 1 – LIVESTREAMING PERFORMANCE – JOIN US LIVE FOR MORNING TEA

FRIDAY July 9th at 10:30am

Celebration Concept Song

The concept behind this NAIDOC celebration draws on the ‘strength of song’. This year’s NAIDOC theme is ‘Heal Country’ and what better way to ‘Heal’ than having an opportunity to come together to share in the power of song. “Song and music are integral parts of who we are as Aboriginal, First Nations Peoples; Our spirituality is deeply tied to our landscape (Country), our family and our community. Country is inherent to our Identity”.

Song and Artists

The Song that will bring us all together is ‘liyini milaythina rrala’ meaning ‘Singing Country Strong’. We have been fortunate enough to get special permission from song writer Theresa Sainty and producer Jodi Haines to share the song as part of our NAIDOC Week celebration. Vocalists: Jodi Haines, Kartanya Maynard, Merinda Sainty (violin) and Jude Reid will lead us through the song. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in singing. If singing is ‘not your thing’ you can hummmm along, tap your leg, sway to the rhythm of the music, whatever you feel comfortable doing.

What you need to do to participate

It is easy for you to participate in this event!

- Book your morning tea now and invite team members and guests, for the 9th July at 10:30am (the event will run for approx. 1 hour)
- Join us by logging into the live broadcast (virtual participation) either as an individual, team, workgroup, or agency.
- You can participate in many ways. Join in singing, humming, dancing, tap leg or sway to the rhythm of the music, whatever you feel comfortable doing.
- You can also join in the sing-along live streaming event via your mobile, laptop and other devices.

***** LIVE STREAM LINK - [Click here to join the meeting](#)**

Words to ‘liyini milaythina rrala’ meaning ‘Singing Country Strong’ are included on page 5.

Word translation on page 7.

Please note: A recording of this event will be available for those who are unable to participate on the day. (Agencies/departments will be notified when this will be available to access)

Suggestions for organising your participation in the Livestreaming event

1. Nominate someone to co-ordinate your participation in the event.
2. Set the event in your calendar: ensure you have the ability to livestream the event (e.g. via teams)
3. Introduce the concept/celebration across your agency and offices
4. Support and encourage participation (lunch time 'singing Country Strong' practice session/s, distribution of song sheets so everyone can learn the words, provide link to online video clip of the song so everyone can become accustomed to the tune/remember the words and become familiar with language use/pronunciation.
5. Decide how you are going to participate. Options for individual, teams, workgroups or agency. (in large or small groups, in teams, via different and/or alternative devices)
6. Organise for someone to film/record your participation.
7. Share the attached copy of the words to song 'liyini milaythina rrala' (meaning 'Singing Country Strong').
8. Nominated co-ordinator to organise practice sessions – practice pronunciations of the palawa kani words in the song.
9. Nominated co-ordinator to log into the live streaming (before 10:30am start)
 - a. Make sure IT is working (video/audio) is setup
10. Nominated co-ordinator to organise to take photos of or record your participation.
 - a. SSMO will be show casing participation in the TSS Aboriginal Employment website and via the Aboriginal Employee Network Newsletter August/September editions.

This type of co-ordinated event has never been undertaken across the whole of State Government before. So, lets 'ROCK' this event with a mass attendance across the state and support our Aboriginal State Service colleagues and demonstrate our respect for all Tasmanian Aboriginal People.

EVENT OPTION 2: Regional morning tea/event at any stage during NAIDOC Week

Celebration Concept: Storytelling and Picture board

Storytelling is one of the most powerful means of communication available to us. As human beings, storytelling is part of who we are. Storytelling is what makes us feel, learn, react and remember. Story telling is central to Aboriginal people and culture.

Invitation

You are invited to participate by creating a 'picture story board' within your team/workplace. Shared picture story boards record an individual's story and pictures about on Country places/landscapes/placescapes that are important to them; how Country heals and how we can help to heal Country.

What you need to do to participate

1. Nominate someone to co-ordinate the creation of your story board. Start before the beginning of NAIDOC Week and continue developing the story board during NAIDOC Week. This person may also facilitate the event/activity on the day
2. Support and encourage participation
 - a. Find a suitable board, spare wall or notice board or determine how best to share the storyboard in your workplace. This person may also facilitate the event/activity on the day
3. In your meeting invitation, invite team members to choose a special place on Country that is important to them.
 - a. For example, a favourite place such as a holiday or fishing spot, walking area or track, a place they find themselves at peace, a place of fun and sharing with family.
4. Bring in a photo of your special place or perhaps some item that reminds you of your special place such as a picture, journal entry, leaves, shells, barks, flowers, hand drawn pictures, written story, poem, post card – anything really!
5. At your afternoon tea or morning tea team members can share their photos and stories with each other with a focus on the importance of Country and healing Country as Country heals us.
6. Leave the picture board up in your work area for a few days/week
 - a. Stories and sharing will continue having a visual impact

Please Note: SSMO would love you to share photos of your story board and morning or afternoon tea with us so we can celebrate and acknowledge the contributions and participation of everyone involved, and particularly, the strength and connections that prevail when we have the opportunity to come together and work together.

LIYINI MILAYTHINA RRALA

Lyrics: Theresa Sainty; Music: Jodi Haines; copyright 2014

Instrumental

Intro ooohh x 2

Verse 1

lutruwita is the Country of our Ancestors They travelled a long way
a long time

Dancing many fires x 2

Songs are within the land

Singing Country strong x 2

Verse 2

Babies born to mothers

Fathers hunting wallaby

Rivers' waters flowing- flowing to the sea.

Strength of our grandmothers

Growing families strong x 2

Bridge 1

Oooh x repeat under chorus 1

Chorus 1 (spoken)

(We) stand strong for our country

We are the people of lutruwita

From larapuna to kunanyi

This is our land

And we will always stand

Chorus 2 (straight)

takamuna rrala nipaluna-ta

waranta pakana lutruwita

tapilti larapuna kunanyi

milaythina-mana-mapali

**takamuna rrala timumili minanya
waranta pakana lutruwita
tapilti larapuna kunanyi
milaythina-mana-mapali**

Verse 3

Dancing many fires
Dancing many fires
Songs are within the land
Singing country strong
Rivers' waters flowing
Flowing to the sea
Strength of our grandmothers
Growing families strong
Singing country strong

Bridge 2

Cause we're singing and dancing Singing country strong x 8

Add lib (singing country strong, where I belong)

liyini milaythina rrala x 3
Singing country strong (x 2)

nipaluna ta x 3 singing country strong
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Written by Theresa Sainty (words) and Jodi Haines (composition) 2015

Follow on for Translation

Translation

lutruwita- Tasmania

lu tru wee tah

larapuna- edystone Point

lah rah pu nah

kunanyi- mt wellington

ku nah nyee

takamuna rrala- we stand strong

tah kah mu nah rrah lah

nipaluna-ta - country around Hobart

nee pah lu nah - tah

waranta pakana- we are the people

wah rahn tah - pah kah nah

tapiliti- from

tah peel tee

milaythina mana mapali- this is our land

mee lie dthee nah

mah nah

mah pah lee

timtumili minanya - Derwent River

teem tu mee lee mee nah nyah

liyini milaythina rrala- singing country strong

lee yee nee

mee lie dthee nah

rrah lah

takayna ta- at the Tarkine

tah kye nah