

## LANGFORD

# Plenty to see and do in Naidoc week

ARMADALE residents have been encouraged to celebrate the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Tuesday, July 5.

The City of Armadale will hold its annual free Naidoc Celebration Day gathering from 10am-3pm at the Champion Centre in Challis Road, Seville Grove.

This year's theme is *Songlines – The living narrative of our nation*, which highlights the importance of Songlines and Dreamtime to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

There will be performances by local indigenous musicians, fashion show and Aboriginal dancers.

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■ The importance of Dreamtime will be celebrated as part of this year's Naidoc week.

The annual event, which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, will take place from July 3-10.

There will be a range of events held through the Gosnells area to give residents the opportunity to learn more about the history and cultures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

■ Songlines highlights the importance of Dreamtime to



**Part of the Art and Yarn art group Nerolie Blurton, Kiara Tuhakaraina-Bynder (4) and Catherine Bynder.**

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is reflected in traditional songs, stories, dance and art.

Langford Aboriginal Association manager Jill Abdullah said Songlines represented the connectedness to the community where the cultural knowledge was held and passed on.

"It is the stories and the belief systems that are in place that keep perpetuating in song, dance, art and storytelling to keep cultural traditions alive," she said.

■ A collection of works by local Aboriginal artists will be featured at an exhibition at Maddington Central shopping centre throughout the week.

The week will begin with a flag-raising ceremony at the Gosnells Civic Centre on July 4 from 11am.

The art exhibition will run from July 4-10 during shopping centre opening hours and local families are also invited to drop into the Culture Kids Zone at the centre on July 7 where little ones can celebrate the culture of Aboriginal Australia through art, craft and storytelling.

■ The Langford Aboriginal Association will hold a breakfast on Sunday, July 10, from 9-11am.

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