



Good morning

Welcome to our special NAIDOC Week edition of IPAA CONNECT.

Happy NAIDOC Week from Ngunnawal Country. The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week is 'Heal Country'. This theme calls on all of us to think about how we can take measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. NAIDOC 2021 invites everyone to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage, and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

IPAA ACT recognises the amazing contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees make to Australia, and we support efforts to build cultural capability and cultural integrity across the public sector. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment that reflects the rich diversity of our members and the Australian community. We have recently finalised our first [Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#), which sets out our ambition, action and accountability in creating an environment where the IPAA ACT team, members, sponsors, and speakers feel valued and included. One practical way we are developing our cultural understanding as a team is by taking a tour of Indigenous experiences of democracy at the Museum of Australian Democracy.

I encourage everyone to take time this NAIDOC Week to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Yours
Caroline

Caroline Walsh
Chief Executive Officer, IPAA ACT



WHAT'S ON AT IPAA



IPAA VICTORIA | 8 JULY NAIDOC WEEK - HEAL COUNTRY!

The IPAA Victoria Aboriginal Advisory Committee invites you to their 2021 NAIDOC Week event on cultural burning and healing country. Hear case studies in the public sector learning from Aboriginal traditional knowledge, and empowering Traditional Owners in decision-making. [More >>>](#)



IPAA ACT WORK WITH PURPOSE | 16 AUGUST RELEASE LEILANI BIN-JUDA, TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY

Leilani Bin-Juda, CEO of the TSRA, will speak about her journey to a public service leadership position as an Indigenous woman, serving her communities, and how COVID-19 in PNG impacted the Torres Strait, and the work of the TSRA and other Australian agencies in the region.

WORK WITH PURPOSE



LATEST EPISODE

RESPECTING INDIGENOUS COMMUNICATIONS

When it comes to communicating with Indigenous audiences, Government needs to be tailored in its approach to ensure messages are clearly relayed and understood. Effective communication, however, is not a one-way street and cannot rely on words alone. Culturally respectful, trust-based relationships, built over time are imperative to ensure every voice is heard, and Indigenous Australians own the decisions and policies that affect their lives and livelihoods.

In this special NAIDOC Week episode, we're joined by Ray Griggs AO CSC, Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency, Letitia Hope, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency, and Justine O'Brien SCMP, President of the International Association of Business Communicators in Canberra, who explore how to connect and engage with Indigenous audiences. [Listen to the podcast or read the transcript >>>](#)



VIDEO HIGHLIGHT



We were honoured to have Aunty Jude Barlow give the Welcome to Country at a *Public Service Medals – Spirit of Service* event last month, held in partnership with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Aunty Jude's stories, grace and sense of humility rippled across the room. It's fitting that we share her Welcome to Country with you, as we acknowledge and celebrate Indigenous culture and contributions to Australia's public service this NAIDOC Week. [Watch the video >>>](#)



NEWS AND RESOURCES



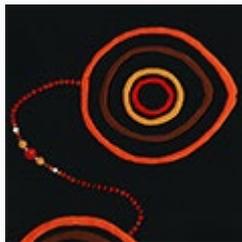
WILEY'S 2021 NAIDOC COLLECTION

To acknowledge and celebrate this important week, Wiley has released their 2021 NAIDOC collection of videos and over 50 free-to-access research papers spanning a range of topics centered around this year's theme of 'Heal Country!'. [More >>>](#)



INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCES OF DEMOCRACY

MoAD is holding tours at Old Parliament House that tell stories of how Indigenous Australians and their supporters have taken different pathways to bring about change, many of which led them to the seat of Federal Parliament, between 1927 and 1988. [More >>>](#)



JAWAN SECONDEE OPPORTUNITIES

Jawun partners with Indigenous communities in place-based capacity building, to empower Indigenous-led change and foster meaningful connections. The not-for-profit places skilled people from the public and private sectors into Indigenous organisations to share their expertise and help Indigenous leaders to achieve their development goals. [More >>>](#)



MAP OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia is made up of many different and distinct groups, each with their own culture, customs, language and laws. Acknowledging the land you are from, and the land you are on demonstrates your respect for Traditional Owners. Find your place on this AIATSIS map. [More >>>](#)

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK.

If there are events, content, speakers and themes you would like on our program, please [reach out](#) and let us know!

OUR PARTNERS



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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