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MEDIA RELEASE

ALL WELCOME AS WE COME TOGETHER ON NGANGURAKU LANDS FOR NAIDOC WEEK 2018!

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. NAIDOC Week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This year the theme is: ***Because of her, we can!*** We are helping celebrate Indigenous women's role in the cultural, social and political survival of all Aboriginal people, as in the past they have often been invisible, unsung or diminished.

In order to celebrate this year's theme, members of the Mannum Aboriginal Community Association Incorporated (MACAI) have partnered with Mid Murray Council to bring a range of activities to the community in order to help celebrate NAIDOC Week in 2018.

Everyone from the Murraylands is invited to join us for the flag raising and smoking ceremony, followed by the NAIDOC march, commencing 10.30 am on Friday 13 July 2018 at the front of the Mannum Council Office. United as a group, we will walk to the Nganguraku Lands (Mary Ann Reserve – Mannum) for a BBQ lunch including a traditional menu of kangaroo steaks and Coorong mullet burgers, as well kangaroo tails cooked in a fire pit. This will be followed by a range of activities, such as jewellery and whirly making, fishing and painting, just to name a few. OPAL, Fun4YOUth and Mid Murray Family Connections will also run activities including sumo suits, smoothie bike and other fun games.

Mid Murray Council's, Mayor Dave Burgess, said NAIDOC week is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Indigenous community and he encourages everyone to join in the festivities.

"We look forward to partnering with MACAI for the fourth year in a row to bring a day which is all inclusive, builds strong families and strong communities, and creates mutual respect by coming together".

"As a Council we are proud of the strong relationship we have with MACAI and look forward to continuing our partnership to protect, preserve and promote the wonderful cultural heritage of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community", said Mayor Burgess.

There will be plenty of food, crafts and games on offer - a great opportunity to celebrate the leadership of MACAI in our community.

The celebration of NAIDOC Week will be on Friday the 13 July 2018 starting at the Mannum Council Office from 10.30am.

For further information on NAIDOC Week, please visit:

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