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MID MURRAY CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK WITH FAMILY FUN DAY AT MANNUM

A family fun day at Mannum will bring together the Mid Murray community in a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures to mark NAIDOC Week 2022.

The Mannum Aboriginal Community Association Inc (MACAI), Mannum Community College and Mid Murray Council have joined together to deliver the special day from 10am on Tuesday, 5 July beginning at the Mannum Council office.

In line with this year's theme, *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*, the event encourages all Australians to stand together to push for systemic change and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It's also a time to celebrate those who have driven and led change in communities over the generations.

Beginning with a Welcome to Country, flag raising and smoking ceremony, the day will also feature the annual NAIDOC *'Together As One'* walk to the Mannum Showgrounds. Then there's plenty of fun with free activities, a barbecue lunch, a dance performance by David Booth, interactive workshops, petting zoo and more.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said everyone in the community was encouraged to attend.

"The Mid Murray has a significant and valuable Aboriginal heritage, and the Traditional Custodians of the lands in this district still have strong connections to country here," Mayor Burgess says.

"NAIDOC Week is an important time to come together as a community to celebrate Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures – to raise awareness, continue building connections and understanding with each other and, this year, to focus on how we can work together to support positive change and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

"The annual Mannum Family Fun Day is a great way to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and show solidarity as we unite in the *Together As One* walk."

The Mid Murray Council is continuing to work towards its commitment to reconciliation and giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples a stronger voice in local decision-making by developing its first *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan*, and by appointing a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee to advise Council on a range of local matters.

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