

## media release

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# KINGSTON LIGHTS UP FOR NAIDOC

Kingston City Hall will light up with projections by artist Josh Muir next week to kick off our annual NAIDOC celebrations.

On Sunday evening July 3, stunning artworks by Melbourne-based multimedia artist and proud Yorta Yorta/ Gunditjmara man, Josh Muir will be projected onto the Kingston City Hall Clock Tower.

Earlier that day, the month-long program will be officially launched with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, and the opening of Indigenous artist Paola Balla's exhibition 'Songlines Her: Stories'.

Kingston Mayor Tamsin Bearsley said everybody was welcome to attend. "Come along and immerse yourself in the rich culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Cr Bearsley said.

"This is the seventh year running that Kingston Arts celebrates NAIDOC with a month-long program featuring a range of arts and cultural activities. It is a great time for all of us to learn about the rich social, cultural and spiritual contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said.

**NAIDOC Week 2016:** Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July

**NAIDOC Opening with Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony:**

Sunday 3 July 2-4pm, Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin

### **Exhibition and Artist Floor Talk - *Songlines Her: Stories* by Paola Balla**

Exhibition open from Sunday 3 July to Tuesday 2 August, Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin

Artist Floor Talk: Saturday 16 July, 2pm: In considering this year's national NAIDOC theme of "Songlines: The living narrative of our nation", artist Paola Balla presents a series of new photographic and site-specific works as a love letter of respect and awe to her Aboriginal family and the strong, beautiful women within it.

### **Clock Tower Projections by Josh Muir:**

Screening nightly from Sunday 3 July, 6-9pm: Melbourne-based multimedia artist and proud Yorta Yorta/ Gunditjmara man Josh Muir's stunning artworks are projected onto the Kingston City Hall Clock Tower.

### **Baluk Arts Workshop for Kids:**

Saturday 9 July 2-4pm, Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale: A fun workshop with traditional Indigenous storytelling and the opportunity for kids to create their own mini storybook using Aboriginal symbols and designs.

### ***The Sapphires* Film Screening and Afternoon Tea:**

Saturday 23 July 2-5pm, Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin: Nourish your body, mind and soul with a celebration of Indigenous culture. Relive the glitz, grit and gorgeous songs of *The Sapphires* and hear stories from one of the original Sapphires, Aunty Lois Peeler and actors from the movie. Followed by an Indigenous afternoon tea.

### **Baluk Arts Workshop for Adults:**

Saturday 30 July 2-5pm, Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin: Learn traditional Indigenous weaving techniques and have the opportunity to create a bush sculpture creature.

**Kingston Arts Centre, 979-985 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin**

**Shirley Burke Theatre, 64 Parkers Road, Parkdale**

**See more at <http://bit.ly/28L2Rck> or call Box Office on 9556 4440**

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The national NAIDOC theme for 2016 is: *Songlines: The living narrative of our nation.*

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*Photo opportunities available and photo of the artist, Paola Bella can be supplied.*