



Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service

November 2023 Newsletter

Events

NAIDOC Ball



On November 18th, GRAMS hosted the annual NAIDOC Ball. The NAIDOC Ball has been a GRAMS tradition for a number of years, and brings together our mob to celebrate culture and community in a night of unity and recognition.

The Ball was held at the QEII Community Centre in Geraldton, and featured a performance by Red Ochre. The memorable evening was dedicated to the theme 'For Our Elders', and was a tribute to our Elders and those before us who paved the way for our mob. The evening served as a reflection of achievements and milestones, and we recognised the individuals who have made important contributions to the community.



Special shout-out to Deadly Sista Girlz from Champion Bay Senior High School for their support in face painting and serving Elders. Huge thanks to volunteers and Patience Sandland Pty LTD for the captivating sand mural!



Thanks to all volunteers and contributors for making GRAMS TIS Family Fun Day a great day!

Family Fun Day



Over 2,000 members of the GRAMS mob came out to the Family Fun Day. The day was filled with fun, activities, and live performances by Red Ochre, The Karloo Rockers, Jazmine Allen, Razy Mak, and Sam Bennell. Our mob turned up for fun kids' activities, live music, and our Social Emotional Wellbeing Team served up a free BBQ.

Special mention to our award winners!

Elder of the Year Barbara Dalgety

Barbara is a pillar of the community with an inspiring dedication to education spanning over 30 years. She has shown a commitment to ensuring that every Aboriginal student at Bluff Point Primary School receives the education they deserve. Beyond academics, Barb's nurturing spirit extends to providing breakfast, lunch, and clean uniforms for students, fostering an environment where smiles are abundant. For those who have had the privilege of growing up under her guidance, Barb is not just an educator but a respected elder and a source of support through both the good and challenging days. Thank you Barbara for your contribution to our community!



Youth of the Year

Trevor Farrell



Barbara is a pillar of the Trevor is more than just a recipient of the Youth of the Year award; he is a beacon of inspiration for our community. His endeavours and triumphs emphasise the significance of courage, resilience, and the positive influence that a single person can wield in the lives of many. Trevor stands tall as a living testament, affirming that greatness transcends mere achievements; it is rooted in the character and values one embraces. Unquestionably, he is a remarkable young person, promising a future that holds the potential to make a lasting impact on those fortunate enough to be part of his journey.

Belle and Beau of the Ball Gloria Fogarty and Deltyn Jones

Gloria and Deltyn stole the spotlight as this year's Belle and Beau of the Ball!



Scholars of the Year co-winner

Faith Cook



Meet Faith Cook, proud Mulgana-Nada woman, and NAIDOC Awards Scholar of the Year co-winner.

Faith, a high achiever at Geraldton Senior College, is not only the Year 12 Dux but also recipient of several prestigious awards. Faith's passion extends beyond academics – she's an active member of the WA Student Council, a dedicated volunteer at NAIDOC events, and has been offered early acceptance to study psychology at UWA. Her journey highlights the importance of Indigenous representation in health.

Scholar of the Year co-winner

Manny Richardson



Meet Manny Richardson, NAIDOC Awards Scholar of the Year co-winner.

Over the last 4 years, Manny has been a dedicated leader for Aboriginal youth in Geraldton, completing 2 years of ATAR study and holding key roles like WA Student Council Representative and Rural Inspire Youth Ambassador.

Manny, the first Aboriginal head student at Champion Bay Senior High School in 2023, has earned an early offer to study Medicine at Curtin University in 2024 due to his academic excellence.

Passionate about supporting regional students, Manny played a pivotal role in developing a program addressing mental health risks during ATAR studies. In 2022, he advocated for academic excellence at Australia's Parliament House, engaging with leaders like Patrick Dodson.

Manny's journey, recognized with the Randolph Stow Poetry award in 2023, reflects his commitment to education and community. As he steps into the next chapter, our ancestors watch proudly.

Upcoming Events



Elders Day – Christmas Lunch

Date: Thursday 6th December

Time: 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Location: Gybes Yacht Club