

2023 NAIDOC Week Indigenous inspired morning tea

Talking points – Canberra

Guest speaker – [REDACTED]

- Good morning everyone and welcome to our NAIDOC Week morning tea celebration.
- My name is [REDACTED], and I am part of the HR Operations team and as part of the RAP working group, I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting this morning, the Ngunnawal [**nunna-wall**] people, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and future.
- I would also like to extend that respect to our First Nations colleagues joining us today.
- While we are holding our morning tea here in Canberra, our colleagues in Sydney and Melbourne are also experiencing in an indigenous inspired morning tea in their state offices.
- NAIDOC Week is a weeklong celebration from the first to second Sunday in July. Each year a theme is chosen to reflect important issues and events.
- The theme for 2023 is *For our Elders*. Across every generation, Indigenous Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.
- As well as morning tea, there are a number of other NAIDOC week celebrations happening around the ACMA. In each office we will run Aboriginal art workshops, facilitated by contemporary artist and, Indigenous Australian Government Development Program trainee Fiona Lockwood. You can register for these workshops via Learnhub.

- We have also created a NAIDOC Weeks MS Teams channel. On this channel you will find Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander book, movie, podcast and recipe recommendations.
- So, if you haven't already joined the MS Teams channel, I encourage you all to jump in after morning tea and engage with the conversation.
- This morning we will be sampling some indigenous inspired cuisine from a local indigenous catering company, Ribanas catering. Ribanas Catering was started in 2017 by two brothers from the Kamilaroi **[kar-mil-ar-roy]** mob. Their aim is to have people experience a taste of the bush with casual food.
- Some of the native ingredients you'll be sampling are: Strawberry Gum, Lemon Myrtle, Kakadu Plum and Wild Limes.
- So, without further ado, please help yourself to morning tea and thank you for your support of NAIDOC week 2023.