



News of the week

NAIDOC Week 2023

6/27/2023

Join us in celebrating, supporting and learning more about the oldest continuous living cultures on earth during NAIDOC Week this year. Find out more about the activities and events we're hosting throughout the week.

NAIDOC Week theme: For Our Elders

The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week (2-9 July) is [For our Elders](#), which celebrates and acknowledges the important role and prominence that elders have in our communities and families.

Indigenous inspired morning tea

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, all staff are invited to a morning tea prepared by local indigenous catering companies.

Tuesday 4 July, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- Ngunnawal Nation - Canberra – Richard Butler I & II
- Eora Nation - Sydney – Level 5 kitchen

- Kulin Nation - Melbourne – West Gippsland room

You're invited to sample a range of indigenous cuisine such as 'ebur' in a blanket, homemade damper and strawberry gum scones with hibiscus jam and cinnamon myrtle whipped cream.

So grab your cuppa and come along.

Indigenous catering

You can find out more about your local indigenous caterers:

- Canberra: [Ribanas Catering](#)
- Sydney: [Goanna Hut](#)
- Melbourne: [Mabu Mabu](#)

Aboriginal Art Workshops

If you've ever wanted to try your hand at some Aboriginal-inspired art you will have the chance to learn from our very own contemporary Aboriginal artist, [REDACTED].

Fiona is our [Indigenous Australians Government Development Program](#) (IAGDP) trainee, who will be running the art workshops in each of our office locations.

Fiona will be demonstrating and explaining the meaning of some symbols used to create Aboriginal art. Participants will be invited to create their own piece of contemporary Aboriginal-inspired artwork.

How to register for the workshops

There are a limited number of places available in each session, [register now via LearnHub](#) to secure your spot!

- **Ngunnawal Nation – Canberra**
Tuesday 4 July
2 pm to 2:30 pm
- **Eora Nation – Sydney**
Wednesday 5 July
2 pm to 2:30 pm
- **Kulin Nation – Melbourne**
Thursday 6 July
2 pm to 2:30 pm

Celebration Series: Our MS Teams channel

Follow our celebration series on our [2023 NAIDOC Week MS Teams channel](#).

During NAIDOC Week, the channel will be a place to engage in conversations and share:

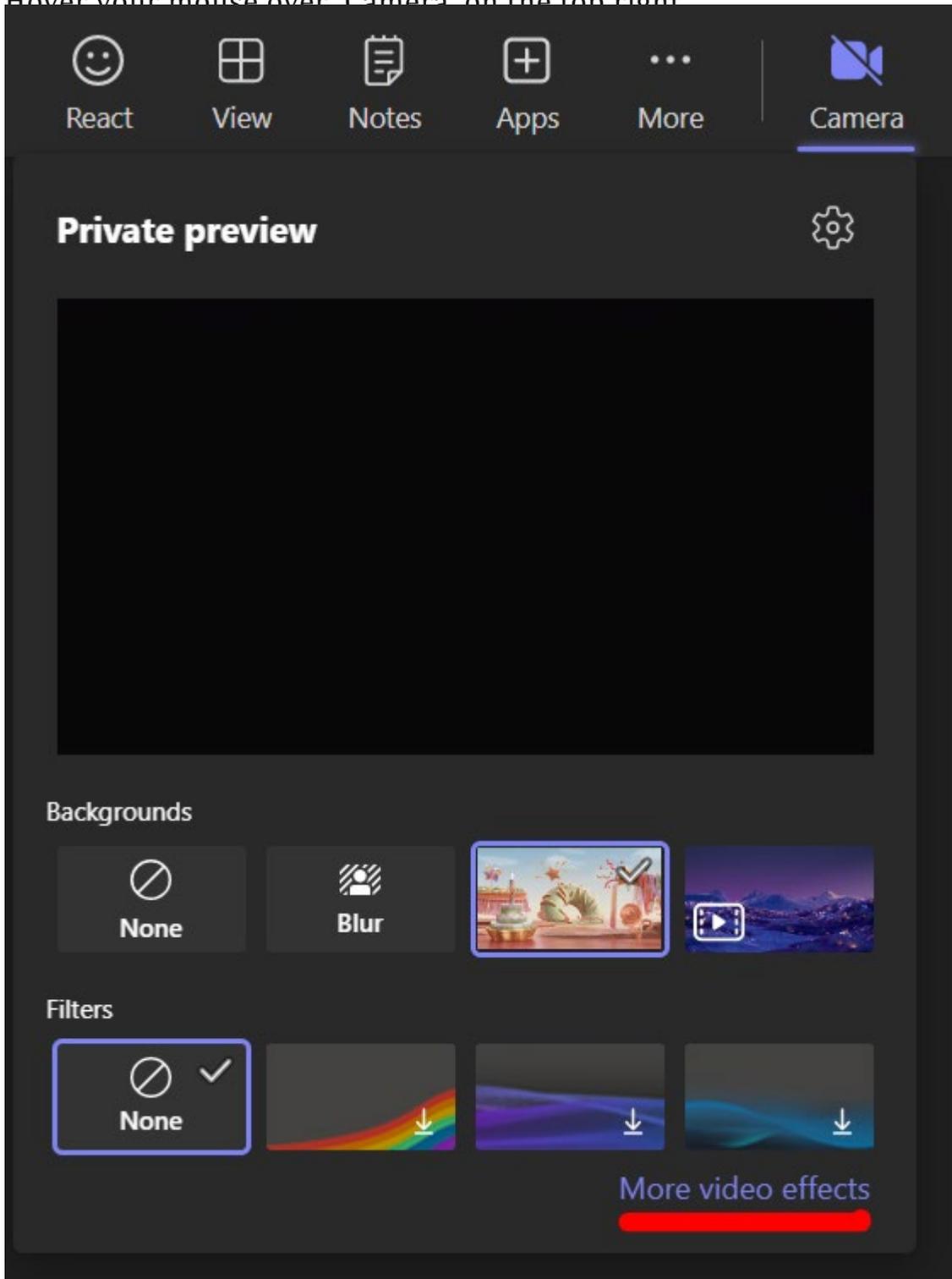
- daily posts about NAIDOC Week
- information on how to get involved in the celebrations
- podcast, movie and book recommendations
- a link to our Spotify playlist.

We also encourage you to use this platform to contribute your own recommendations.

MS Teams background

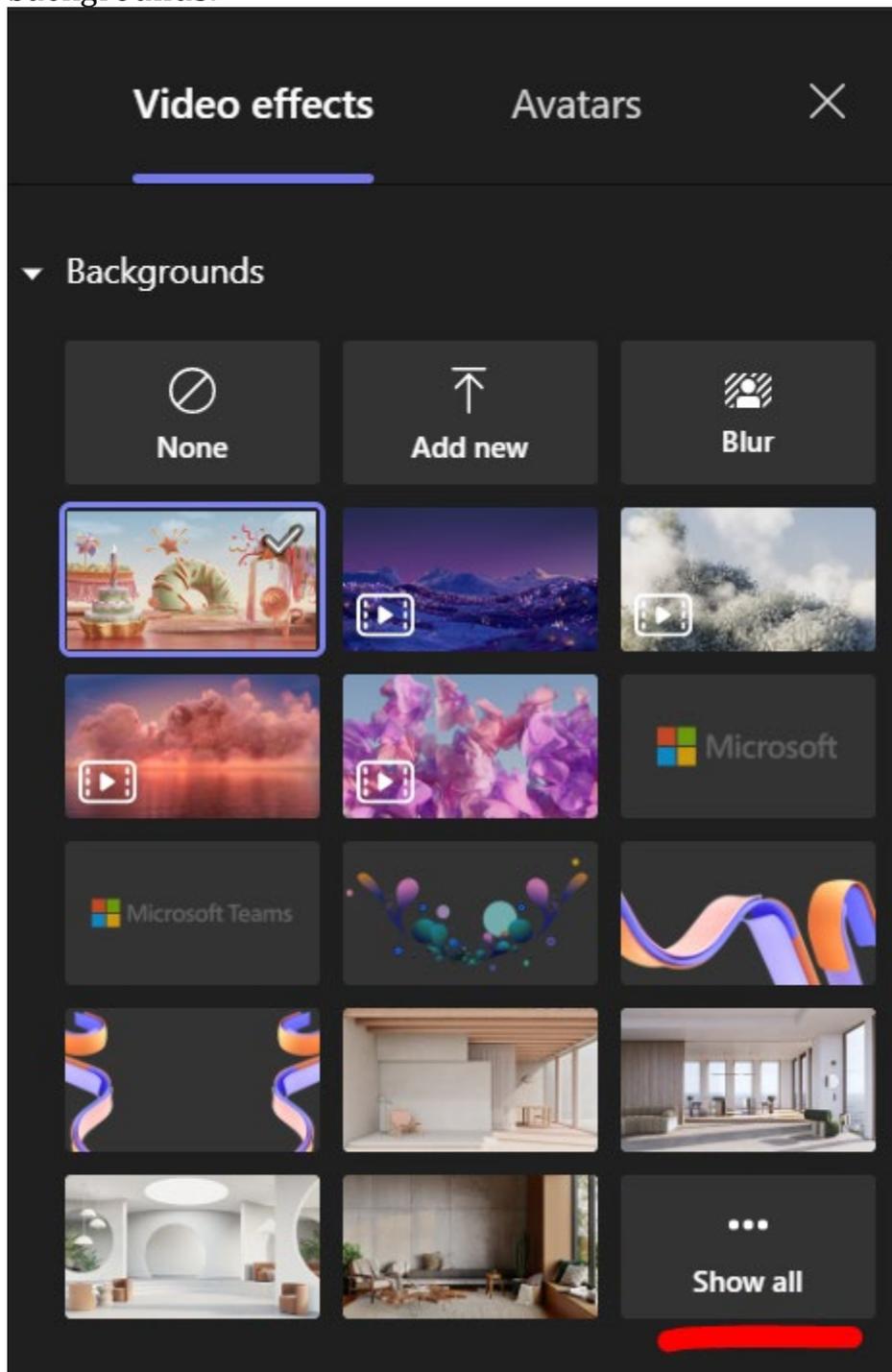
You can also show your support by using the MS Teams NAIDOC Week backgrounds. To change your background in MS Teams:

- Hover your mouse over 'Camera' on the top right



- Click on 'More video effects' to open up the background and filters options.

- Select 'Show all' and scroll to the bottom for the NAIDOC Week backgrounds.



Local events

There are events happening all over Australia to celebrate NAIDOC Week, [see what is on in your area](#).

The history of NAIDOC Week

Have you ever wondered what NAIDOC stands for?

- In **1956** Major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, and a number of church groups, all supported the formation of NADOC the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee.
- In **1974**, The NADOC committee composed entirely of Aboriginal members for the first time.
- In **1975**, it was decided that the event should cover a week from the first to second Sunday in July.
- In **1991**, NADOC was expanded to recognise Torres Strait Islander people. The committee became known as the National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee commonly referred to as NAIDOC.
- **Present**, this new name has become the title for the whole week not just the day. Each year a theme is chose to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC.

You can read more about the history of NAIDOC Week at [NAIDOC history](#).

You can also find out more about how the ACMA is recognising First Nations cultures at [Our reconciliation journey](#) on The Hub.