



# Media Release



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## Black Screen films for NAIDOC Week

Shoalhaven City Council will screen three Aboriginal films at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre as part of the NAIDOC week events. NAIDOC Week runs from 4 to 11 July, with the theme *Unsung Heroes – Closing the Gap by leading the way.*

Shoalhaven City Deputy Mayor Councillor Gareth Ward will officially open NAIDOC Week at an official flag raising ceremony at Council's Nowra Administration Centre on Monday 5 July. The official launch will be followed by the screening of Aboriginal short films.

"Council is proud to include some great short films from the National Film and Sound Archive in our NAIDOC Week celebrations," Cllr Ward said.

"The films will help showcase the talents of our Aboriginal actors and filmmakers and we have chosen films which will also resonate with the experiences of Shoalhaven citizens.

"Council recognises the importance of the indigenous community in the city. These films show how artists and actors are preserving their identity and culture in modern Australian settings."

On Wednesday 7 July, Council will coordinate a NAIDOC Community Day at the Nowra Showground. The day will feature rides, foods, and stalls with information on health and community services.

Council will screen two further films on Thursday 8 July at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. There will be two screenings at 10am and at 1pm in the studio. Each screening will feature two films and last for about one hour.

Films will be rated either PG or M and they will be announced shortly.

As part of NAIDOC week Council is also holding the 2010 NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition and the inaugural Black Cockatoo Art Award at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre. The exhibition and Art award will be held in the Nowra School of Arts in Berry Street Nowra, from 2 to 11 July 2010.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

For further information on the NAIDOC Week launch and film screenings contact Council's Community Services on (02) 4429 3440.

**Note:** Black Screen is a National Film and Archive screening program designed to provide Indigenous communities and the Australian public with access to films by Indigenous filmmakers.

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