

Media Release

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BROAD ENCOURAGES APPLICATIONS FOR NAIDOC FUNDING

The Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad, says a grant round that opens today, supports the celebration of the history, culture and achievements of First Australians through activities held during NAIDOC Week and he's calling on people in the Wimmera Mallee to apply.

The 2017 NAIDOC grants round is part of the \$1.9 million investment that the Coalition Government has committed to support NAIDOC celebrations this year.

Mr. Broad said that the Wimmera Mallee has a rich Indigenous history and that NAIDOC Week offered the community an opportunity to come together to reflect on the enduring significance of Indigenous culture in the region.

This year's NAIDOC theme is '*Our Languages Matter*' and it focuses on the importance, resilience and richness of Indigenous languages.

"For First Australians, their languages are a way of linking people to their land and water and it is also a way of sharing and preserving their culture and their history.

"It is through language that First Australians have passed down their stories, the very essence of who they are, through the generations."

NAIDOC Week celebrates the unique place that Indigenous Australians hold in the country through various activities including community marches, exhibitions and festivals.

The 2017 NAIDOC grants are open from today until April 27 and further details can be accessed via the [Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet](#)

"I encourage people to apply for this funding to support NAIDOC activities across the Wimmera Mallee. We have a wealth of Indigenous cultural history worthy of celebration."

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