

UnitingCare West celebrates NAIDOC Week

UnitingCare West's Tranby Day Centre, which provides support for people experiencing homelessness, will recognise NAIDOC Week by hosting a range of cultural experiences. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for UnitingCare West to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

UnitingCare West CEO, Sue Ash, says "Tranby is a place where a great mixture of people come together. The activities planned for this week will create a stronger sense of community by uniting people and celebrating Aboriginal culture".

Lenard Thorne, who led Tranby in NAIDOC Week art activities last year, will open the celebrations alongside Sue Ash on Monday, 8 July during Tranby's daily breakfast service, commencing at 7.00am.

Mr Thorne will return during Tuesday's breakfast to coordinate a bark painting activity to commemorate the Yirrkala Bark Petitions in 1963. Scotch College students kindly primed the bark pieces for Tranby to use.

Dancers from The HALO Leadership Development Agency will join Tranby on Thursday to perform traditional dances. HALO is a not-for-profit agency providing advocacy, mentor programs and networking opportunities to build Aboriginal young people's Hopes, Aspirations and Leadership Opportunities.

The week will wrap up with a traditional cook-up of damper and kangaroo stew.

Tranby Day Centre is part of the UnitingCare West Inner City Centre. The centre provides breakfast, takeaway meals, showers and clothing five days a week to people needing these services. A mental health nurse, Centrelink, and a GP are also available on site.

Tranby is in constant need of warm clothing, such as beanies and socks, as well as travel-sized toiletries. To make a donation to Tranby, contact the UnitingCare West Inner City Centre on 9220 1288.

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Event Details - NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Venue: Tranby Day Centre, 5/5 Aberdeen Street, East Perth 6000.

Day/Time: Monday 8 July, Opening and Welcome, guest Lenard Thorne, 7.00am – 7.30am

Tuesday 9 July, bark painting art session, guest Lenard Thorne, 7.00am – 8.00am

Thursday 11 July, HALO dance performance, 8.00am – 8.30am

Friday 12 July, traditional cook up, 7.00am – 8.00am

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