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MEDIA RELEASE

Young NAIDOC's positive image for Aboriginal Youth

This year's Young NAIDOC Celebrations, presented by the Northern Rivers Social Development Council (NRSDC), will help young Aboriginal people in our region to identify and to build upon their strengths and abilities.

This year's theme is "Stand proud, walk tall" and with the two continuing key messages, No shame and *Dream, Believe, Achieve*, organisers have pulled together an inspiring group of workshop presenters including Miss NAIDOC 2014 Kimberly Kay and local award winning hip hop artists Mitch King, DJ Mud and Blake "Teddy" Rhodes as TLK.

Participants can take part in cultural performance workshops which aim to reconnect local youth to culture. There will also be yarning sessions connecting future leaders with Elders. Specialist facilitators will be on hand for the "walking with pride" and "no shame" workshops before participants take to the stage at the Lismore shopping square for the Young NAIDOC Parade.

Last year, 56 local Aboriginal youth participated in the event, cheered on by their families, friends and the community.

Quote from Jindeena:

Young NAIDOC is in its 5th year running and it has been providing a safe, supportive space where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth can be creative, expressive and comfortable in exploring and discovering not only who they are as individuals but also their hopes, dreams, goals and aspirations, It is a safe environment where individuality is celebrated.

It's an empowering and inspiring event which aims to help young people build resilience and realise their potential and achieve their dreams.

The Young NAIDOC Workshops will be held at the Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council, (53 Conway Street Lismore) from 11.30am on Friday 8th July with the Young NAIDOC Parade kicking off at the Lismore Shopping square at 5pm.

If you would like to be involved in the Workshops and Parade, please contact the event coordinator Jindeena King on 02 66201800 or email Jindeena.king@nrsc.org.au

All are welcome to come along and support the parade at the Lismore Shopping Square.



NAIDOC Week runs from 4th – 10th of July and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian's history, culture and achievements.

The 2016 NAIDOC theme is Stories and Song lines: The living narrative of our nation.

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