

Tuesday 25 June 2013

## **NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES IN CITY OF RYDE**

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia every year in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year, NAIDOC Week runs from 7 – 14 July, and the City of Ryde is running some special events celebrating local Indigenous stories.

### **OFFICIAL LAUNCH Meeting Place and Snapper Fish Wind Sculptures**

Monday 8 July, 12.30 pm, Kissing Point Park, Putney

Join us for the official launch of two stunning art works that acknowledge Aboriginal culture in Ryde.

The Meeting Place references generations of local Aboriginal families who collectively met, ate and talked along the river foreshore. Today, locals and visitors alike are welcome, and are encouraged to re-enact the Aboriginal approach to gatherings.

The Snapper Fish represent the traditional totem of the area's original inhabitants, the Wallumedegal people. It is likely that the clan's name derives from the word 'wallumai' meaning snapper fish.

### **Guided Walk: Glades Bay Reserve** (Free/booking essential 9952 8222)

Saturday 6 July, 1.00 – 3.00pm, Glades Bay Reserve, York Street, Gladesville

Take a walk along the Wulaba track, enjoying the remnant of bushland in Glades Bay Reserve as you are guided to the shores of the Parramatta River. You will learn about the history of the Wallumedegal people, see rock carvings and find out about local bush tucker plants. You will also be treated to a delicious afternoon tea featuring bush tucker and Indigenous foods. Easy grade walk, suitable for adults, and accompanied teenagers/children who are competent walkers.

### **Song Time** (Free/booking essential 9952 8222)

Monday 8 July, 10.30 – 11.30am, Ryde Library

Indigenous performer Jacinta Tobin sings powerful songs about Aboriginal history, adaptation, survival and growth. Suitable for teens and adults.

### **Story Time** (Free/booking essential 9952 8222)

Tuesday 9 July, 10.30 – 11.30am, Ryde Library

Jacinta and Chris Tobin tell some ancient stories that provide entertaining lessons about how to behave! Suitable for children and grown-ups of all ages.