

Media Release



Northern Rivers Community Gallery & Ignite Studios

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NAIDOC WEEK 2020 Art Program Weaving Workshops

Join master weaver Aunty Tania Marlowe Jugun Dandii – Embrace the Earth, to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2020 and enjoy a day of weaving at Ignite Studios in Ballina!

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held nationally across Australia from 8 -15 November to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's NAIDOC theme, 'Always Was, Always Will Be.' recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. To find out more about NAIDOC Week 2020, visit the website: naidoc.org.au

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

On **Saturday 14 November** Tania will be teaching two introductory weaving workshops as part of national NAIDOC week celebrations. Participants will learn basic weaving skills and construct simple wearable woven pieces in the morning session or learn to weave a simple fish trap in the afternoon session. No prior weaving experience is necessary and all materials are provided.

Two separate 2-hour weaving sessions are being offered on Saturday 14 November which includes **Woven Wearables** from 9.30am – 11.30am and **Fish Trap Weaving** from 1pm – 3pm. Each workshop will be held at **Ignite Studios**, 60 Crane Street, Ballina. All bookings can be made online, visit **nrcgballina.com** or phone the Gallery on 6681 0530.

Book online via the Gallery website **nrcgballina.com.au** or phone 02 6681 0530. The Northern Rivers Community Gallery is located at 44 Cherry Street Ballina and is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and weekends from 9.30am until 1pm. For further information contact the Gallery on telephone 02 6681 0530 or visit www.nrcgballina.com

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Image 1: Weaving Circle IV Workshop, October 2020, Ignite Studios – Northern Rivers Community Gallery. Image credit: Ben Wyeth.