

We welcome items for our Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline – saving lives, crisis support, suicide prevention. For assistance telephone 13 11 14.

Ongoing: Carer Line is a free national telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636.

Until March 16: Entries open for the 35th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards. Details at www.magn.net.au

March 13-15: Converge, First Nations Media National Conference, in Brisbane. The annual conference is hosted by Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA), the peak body for First Nations media. More details at <https://irca.net.au/sites/>

From March 27: Dan Sultan's *Killer Solo* tour starts in Hobart, with performances around Australia in following weeks. More details at www.dansultan.com

June 5-7: 2018 National Native Title Conference, to be held in Broome, Western Australia. Registrations close on March 30. Details at www.aiatsis.gov.au

May 13: Baker Boy National Tour starting in Perth. Cost applies. Full details at www.facebook.com/dabakerboy/

June 28-29: The National Conference on Indigenous Incarceration, at Mantra at Salt Beach, far northern NSW. An optional workshop on healing centres as alternatives to prisons will be held in Grafton, NSW, on June 30. Details at www.facebook.com/pages/Close-the-Prison-Gap/1575863035964148

Northern Territory

Until April 8: *Clay Stories: Contemporary Indigenous Ceramics from Remote Australia* exhibition at the Araluen Centre, Alice Springs. A display of contemporary ceramics by established and emerging Indigenous artists from remote parts of Australia. Details at www.claystories.com.au/touring-venues.html

April 26-29: Tjunga Indigenous Cultural Festival at Ayers Rock Resort. Culture, music, dance, film, fashion, food, sport and more. Details at www.ayersrockresort.com.au/events/

May 21-June 9: Inaugural Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival. Screenings, workshops and more at venues across the Territory. Details at ntravellingfilmfestival.com

Victoria

Now open: Nominations for the Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll, which recognises the achievements of Aboriginal Victorians who have made a profound contribution to their community and the state. They close on July 7. More information at dpc.vic.gov.au/vahr

During March: Celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the Aboriginal First XI cricket team of 1868. The annual Johnny Mullagh Championship Cricket match on March 11 at Johnny Mullagh Oval, Blair Street, Harrow, is a highlight. Full details at www.harrow.org.au

March 9-July 15: *Bush Mechanics: The Exhibition* at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum. Cost applies. More details available at www.museumsvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka/

March 10-May 13: New exhibitions *Baga-k gaabi bruna biik (Symbols in sand)* and *Benim: Cloaked Histories* at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. Details at www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

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at the Carlisle Street Arts Space, St Kilda. Other exhibitions are also being held at Eildon Gallery in St Kilda and The Torch Gallery, St Kilda. Detail at www.thetorch.org.au

March 15-September 2: *Colony: Frontier Wars* exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Full details at www.ngv.vic.gov.au

March 15-25: Melbourne Design Week events at the Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square, Melbourne. More details at www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au/whats-on/

March 23-25: The Lake Bolac Eel Festival – Kuyang Lapakira at Lake Bolac in western Victoria. Details at <http://www.eelfestival.org.au>

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: ACE Community College Aboriginal driver training. Held at ACE Community College, 59 Magellan Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 6622 1903.

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Indigenous people across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Ongoing: Lismore women's and men's healing groups. Held at Rekindling The Spirit, Lismore, Monday and Wednesday, 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 5534.

Until March 10: *Masterpieces from the Western Desert* talk and exhibition at nanda/hobbs gallery, Chippendale, Sydney. More details by emailing info@nandahobbs.com

Until April 1: Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's Mardi Gras exhibition *Luscious All Sorts: LOVE WON*. Featuring works by a range of artists. More details at www.boomalli.com.au

March 7: Because of Her Indigenous Women's Day panel from 2.30pm at Aerial UTS Function Centre, Ultimo, Sydney. A celebration of Indigenous nurses. Details on 0416 300 946.

March 7: Murrawin International Women's Day Breakfast and Networking at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern. Details from Debbie Hoger on 0417 405 727.

March 7-28: Ongoing public workshops examining the consultation draft of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2018*. Run by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. Held at venues around the state. More details at www.alc.org.au

March 8: Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Workshop at Grafton District Services Club, northern NSW, from 9am. Details from Maria Krohn on (02) 9857 2661.

March 9: Bundjalung Tribal Society community day at Namabunda Farm, Whites Lane, Alstonville, from 8:30am. For details call (02) 6621 6992.

March 11: Blak Market, at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern, from 9.30am. Details on 0487 224 659.

March 16: Panel discussion dedicated to reconciliation in the construction industry as part of Sydney Build Expo 2018. From 9.30am at Royal Hall of Industries. More details at www.oliver-kinross.com/events/

March 17: Orange Aboriginal Medical Service Close the Gap Ball from 6.30pm at Orange Ex-Services Club. More details from Zoe on (02) 6393 9000.

March 23: Young Men Speak Out treaty forum at Redfern Community Centre. Arrive at 5.30 for 6pm start. More details from Cathy on 0422 385 852.

March 24-May 20: *Justice/Injustice* exhibition at The Lock-Up in Newcastle, opening at 6pm. More details at www.thelockup.org.au/whats-on/justiceinjustice

March 30-April 1: Mumu Bulwalwanga Rarramangk Gathering at Jamane Gunya on the NSW south coast. Celebrating ancient traditions that honour personal and planetary wellbeing. More details from Trish 0405 646 911.

Queensland

Ongoing: *The Albert Namatjira Story*, a new display featuring early works by Albert Namatjira. Held at Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, daily from 10am-5pm. Free. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qagoma.qld.com.au

March 7: Black, Bold and Beautiful Indigenous Women's Luncheon at The Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall. A celebration for International Women's Day. Costs apply. More details from Sandra on 0438 448 008.

March 8-April 16: UMI Arts *You and Me* members exhibition in Cairns, showcasing works from 12 artists. Details at www.umiarts.com.au/

March 10: The start of Palm Island Council celebrations marking the centenary of the community. Events on March 10 focus on the past, with 'present' events on April 20-22 and 'future' events on June 8-10. Details at www.piac.com.au/

April 4-15: UMI Arts Festival 2018 in Cairns. An art and cultural program that will showcase art, stories and cultures including an art exhibition, artist talks, storytelling and community markets. Details at www.umiarts.com.au/

July 12: NAIDOC celebrations at Ipswich. Events from 10am at Briggs Road Sports Club, Flinders View. More details from Ipswich City Council (07) 3810 6655.

June 13-15: Indigenous Men's and Women's Wellbeing Conferences at the Pullman International, Cairns. Costs apply. Details on this and other Indigenous-related conferences at www.icsconferences.org

May 16-17: Bindi Wadyabay, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Forum held at Dreamtime Cultural Central in Rockhampton. More details at www.qilac.org.au

Western Australia

March 8-25: *Knowing Country, The Power of Aboriginal Women in Art* exhibition at Artitja fine art, South Fremantle. More details at www.artitja.com.au

Until August 13: *Julie Dowling – Babanyu (Friends for life)* exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA in Perth. Featuring works by the First Nation Badimaya artist. Details at www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

Every Monday in school terms: Reconciliation through music local WA community choir rehearsals. The Madjiti Moorna choir sings for better understanding and to promote Indigenous culture by practising and performing all over the state. Details at www.madjitimoorna.org.au

May 26: National Sorry Day indoor netball tournament at Seamer Indoor Sports Centre, Perth. Details at ms_djc@icloud.com

South Australia

Until March 18: The Adelaide Festival will feature several Indigenous acts including Briggs and Christine Anu. Full details at www.adelaidefestival.com.au

Until April 29: *Milerum and Me: The Art of Jacob Stengl* free Aboriginal cultural exhibition at the South Australian Museum. Details at www.samuseum.sa.gov.au



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