

WARAMI

*Warami is a program of events and activities celebrating traditional and contemporary First Nations culture in the City of Parramatta. Warami (pronounced Wuh-rah-mee) is a Dharug word meaning 'good to see you'. Calling Parramatta home for over 60,000 years, Warami recognises the Burramattagal people's connection to the land and community. Our 2024 program features three main events: **National Sorry Day on 26 May**, a day of reflection and healing; **1 June - an outdoor cinema and family-friendly event called 'Stories Under the Stars' on the River Foreshore**; and **'Burramatta NAIDOC' on 13 July**, a major outdoor concert with workshops and market stalls.*

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Sunday 26 May: Sorry Day - 10.00am – 2.00pm: Old Government House Parramatta

Join us for a day of acknowledgement, reflection and healing as we gather to honour the Stolen Generations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and civic leaders will honour the legacy of the Stolen Generations at a gathering with Smoking and Welcome Ceremonies, workshops and performances. Observe National Sorry Day by learning the stories of the Stolen Generation, celebrate Aboriginal achievements, and the importance of acknowledging historical trauma. Parramatta, being a city with a rich Indigenous history and culture, is an important location for observing this significant day.

Reconciliation Week: Mon. 27 May – Monday 3 June

Sat. 1 June 2024: 3.00 – 7.00pm: Stories under the Stars (FREE - Parramatta River foreshore – between Wilde Ave & Parramatta Quay)

Listen, learn and participate in a beautiful evening by the Parramatta River. Join us at a family-friendly event celebrating First Nations art, language and culture with an outdoor cinema, a glow-in-the-dark artwork installation, storytelling, markets, music and more, inc. an outdoor Cinema sponsored by Optus. Bring your picnic blanket, rug up and snuggle down to watch documentary 'Araatike! Rise Up' under the moonlight. This powerful film follows NRL star Dean Widders' journey to invent a new pre-game ceremony in response to the Māori Haka, to celebrate Aboriginal cultures and counter racism in Rugby League. With thanks to SBS for providing content via their Reconciliation Film Club program.

First Nations Events (May – July, mostly in Western Sydney, FREE)

6 Apr-29 June	10am-5pm	Djiriyay and Révolution , Jayne Christian (Woven pieces, sculptures, video, photos etc.), Blacktown Arts Centre
25 May	10am-4pm	Coonee Festival Peter van Hasselt Park, Shalvey (Blacktown)
26 May	10am-2pm	Sorry Day* - Acknowledgement, Reflection and Healing Old Government House, Parramatta Park
27 May-3 June		Reconciliation Week 27-May-3-June “Now More than Ever”
27 May	11:30-1pm	Tokenist, Ally, Accomplice , UTS Great Hall. Dr Summer May Finlay will provide a keynote address on how non-Indigenous people can stand and act with First Nations people Register on Humanitix Search on Tokenist, Ally or Accomplice
29 May	07:30-9am	Virtual Reconciliation NSW Breakfast with Speakers Live-streamed and connected with local events. The recording will be available to R4WS after the event
01 Jun	10am-4pm	Mt Druitt Reconciliation Walk and Festival “Now More than Ever” Celebrating the building of mutual and respectful relationships between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians. There will be activities, stage entertainment, Dreamtime stories, cultural workshops, art displays and stalls. Dawson Mall, Mt Druitt
01 June	3pm-7pm	Stories under the Stars* A family-friendly event with an outdoor cinema, a glow-in-the-dark artwork installation, appearances by the Parramatta Eels, native plant giveaways, music and more. Parramatta River Foreshore
02 June	10:45-1pm	Commemoration of the Battle for Richmond Hill St John of God Hospital Grounds, 177 Grose Vale Rd, North Richmond
03 June		Mabo Day. The movie Mabo , directed by Rachel Perkins is available on ABC Iview until 30 May.
13 June	6:30-8:00pm	Yarn Up with Jamie Eastwood , 2 Balls Head Dr, Waverton. Registration required at Humanitix under “Jamie Eastwood”
12 July	7pm-8:30pm	Heart of the Man* Movie* A desperate boxing coach pushes his son to become the champion he could never be – until one fateful night, a gut-wrenching discovery throws his whole world into turmoil Riverside Theatre
13 & 14 July	10am-4pm	13/7: NAIDOC Celebration* , NAIDOC week is from Sunday 7 to Sunday 14 July, The Crescent, Parramatta Park, 14/7: The Skin of Others movie, Riverside.