



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Because of her, we can!**

**08<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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Under the theme - Because of Her, We Can! - NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July.

Sunraysia Community Health Services (SCHS) are using this as an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal culture and invite all of our local community members to attend a Community BBQ to be held in Henderson Park on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 from 11am-3pm.

A BBQ lunch will be provided along with activities which are free of charge to all in attendance, these include:

- Welcome to Country by Aunty Janine Wilson
- Smoking Ceremony
- Male Aboriginal Dance Group
- Female Aboriginal Dance Group
- Guest Norsiah Mokak speaking about her journey as an Aboriginal elder
- Clap stick painting
- Aboriginal jewellery making
- Enjoying traditional Aboriginal food including Johnny Cakes, Damper, Scones, Kangaroo Stew and BBQ
- Providing a tour of the SCHS building and services to Aboriginal Community members

SCHS will be closing the service from 10.30 am to give all staff the opportunity to attend, "This will enable all staff to spend time with Aboriginal community members who have played, and continue to play, active and significant roles within our local community" said Chief Executive Officer, Simone Heald.

They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunts, our sisters and our daughters. Sadly, Indigenous women's role in our cultural, social and political life has often been invisible, unsung or diminished. Their achievements, their voice, their unwavering passion give us strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come. Because of her, we can!

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