

# 2022 NAIDOC Week

## Surfcoast U3A

# Acknowledgement of Country

U3A Surf Coast respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of the Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar country, on which this gathering is held. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We also respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the country on which you are viewing this presentation



# What is NAIDOC Week?

- NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.
- <https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week>
- National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

# Why?

I felt it was important to acknowledge the First Nation's History being learnt through U3A Surfcoast. The theme of GET UP, STAND UP, SHOW UP is not just the responsibility of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. It is our responsibility to learn more. I have made this presentation as a positive response to that theme.

These are the people who have GOTTEN UP, STOOD UP and SHOWN UP

Jennie Deneefe  
First Nations History Tutor

# Educators

## Linda Burney



- Linda Burney was the first Aboriginal person to gain a Diploma of Teaching at Mitchell College of Advanced Education, which is now the Bathurst campus of Charles Sturt University in NSW.

# Educators

## David Unaipon

**David Unaipin 1872 - 1967**



- You may have heard of David Unaipon, the writer, poet and inventor who now features on the \$50 note. But did you know that his father James was the first Aboriginal teacher in South Australia?

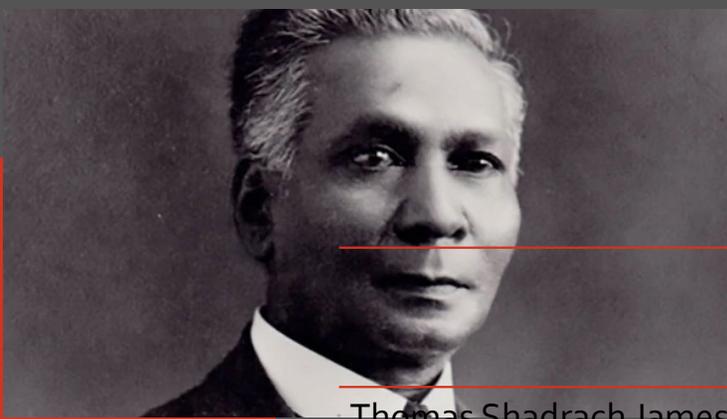
# Educators

## Pat O'Shane



- Pat O'Shane was Queensland's first female Aboriginal teacher. She was also the first Australian Aboriginal law graduate, the first Aboriginal barrister and the first Aboriginal and the first woman to head a government department – the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs. In 1986 she also became Australia's first Aboriginal magistrate.

# Educators



## Thomas Shadrach James

### Roll call

Thomas Shadrach James's students included:

**Doug Nicholls:** Athlete, pastor, activist, governor of South Australia

**Margaret Tucker:** Writer, activist, co-founder Australian Aborigines League

**William Cooper:** Community leader, activist, co-founder Australian Aborigines League

**Jack Patten:** Journalist, activist, first president of the Aborigines' Progressive Association

**Bill Onus:** Entrepreneur, actor and activist

**Geraldine Briggs:** Activist, first president of National Aboriginal and Islander Women's Council

If a teacher's success is measured by their students' achievements, then Thomas Shadrach James must be one of the most successful teachers in Australian history. He taught in a small schoolhouse near the Murray River on the border of Victoria and New South Wales.

The government at the time ruled that the children he taught should not receive more than three years of education.

James's students would become some of the leading Indigenous activists of the 20th century. James was not indigenous to Australia.

# Activists

## Pemulwuy



Pemulwuy was the First Indigenous warrior to stand up to the invaders.

Two years after the arrival of the First Fleet, Aboriginal warrior Pemulwuy began to resist the incursion of white settlers onto his people's traditional lands.

Despite being seriously wounded in 1797, he eluded capture until 1802 when he was shot dead. Pemulwuy's head was cut off and sent to Sir Joseph Banks for his collection.

# Truganini

Activists



Truganini (Trugernanner, Trukanini, Trucanini) 1812-1876 was the daughter of Mangerner, a Lyluequonn elder. By 1829, her entire family had been murdered or captured by colonisers. That year she met colonial representative George Augustus Robinson on Bruny Island mission. Between 1830 and 1835 she accompanied Robinson on his travels, teaching him about her people, language and customs. In this role, she was seeking to protect and promote the interests of her peoples who had been so devastated by the brutal invasion, war and genocide that occurred in Tasmania.

# Nessa Turnbull-Roberts

Activists



As a child, Turnbull-Roberts was forcibly removed from her family. Since that day, she has fought to abolish the current system that sees a significant over-representation of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care and Indigenous deaths in custody. In 2019, the Bundjalung woman took home the 2019 Australia's Young Person's Human Rights Medal for her efforts.

# Activists

## Faith Bandler



Faith Bandler is well known for her active role in publicising the YES case for the Aboriginal question in the 1967 Referendum.

She was born in northern New South Wales in 1919, one of eight children. Her father, Peter Mussing, had been kidnapped from Ambryn, an island in what was known as the New Hebrides, and brought to Australia, enslaved, to work on sugar plantations.

# Artists

## Yothu Yindi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jf-jHCdafZY>



Sometimes a musical revolution can erupt from the most unlikely of places. Long before they were ARIA Hall of Fame inductees, Yothu Yindi were a bunch of Yolngu (Aboriginal people of East Arnhem Land) and balanda (non-Indigenous) mates rocking out in the remote Top End. Soon they were creating some of the coolest new music in the country, splicing traditional sounds with electric, and spreading a message of unity.

Then, after singer Mandawuy Yunupiu penned the hit song 'Treaty' with Paul Kelly and Peter Garrett, and a remix dropped in 1991, Yothu Yindi shot out of Arnhem Land and into the hearts of music lovers across Australia and the world

# Artists

## Dobby & Barkaa

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aB9xhr\\_wRoM&list=PLq7bWVIYvTSvVTCjb2iYhknmVcvIDN8BE&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aB9xhr_wRoM&list=PLq7bWVIYvTSvVTCjb2iYhknmVcvIDN8BE&index=3)

DOBBY is a rapper, drummer, speaker and workshop facilitator. Aged 26, he proudly identifies as a **Filipino and Aboriginal musician**, whose family is from Brewarrina on Ngemba land, and is a member of the Murrawarri Republic in Weilmoringle, NSW.

BARKAA is a Malyangapa, Barkindji woman from Western New South Wales, now living in South West Sydney on Gandangara land. Music to BARKAA has been part of her journey to express herself, the truth and issues impacting First Nations people.

# Artists- important song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4ilmKD85TQ>

## From little things big things grow

Written by prominent Australian singer-songwriters Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody, the lyrics chart the Gurindji people's struggle for land rights. The song tells the story of the Wave Hill Walk-Off in 1966, through to Prime Minister Gough Whitlam symbolically handing their land back eight years later – an event which became a catalyst for the Aboriginal land rights movement.

Artists-

# Geoffrey Gurrumul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXDJneVbEC8&list=PLq7bWVIYvTSvVTCjb2iYhknmVcvIDN8BE&index=55>

This song is called Wiyathul and it's by a blind aboriginal man called Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. This song has been hailed by critics and millions over the world as being the greatest and most spine tingling song ever written because of it's Transcendental and wild beauty. He wrote this song for his father.

# Politicians

Australian political parties cannot claim that their Aboriginal members represent Aboriginal people as they do not have an Aboriginal mandate.

"They were elected to serve the mandate of the political party of which they are a member," Anderson says, "and to serve the interests of that political party's policies. They are *not* representatives of their own First Nations and are MPs [Members of Parliament] in the broadest sense and are elected by the mainstream mainly non-Aboriginal vote.

Source: Aboriginal politicians - Creative Spirits, retrieved from <https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginal-culture/politics/aboriginal-politicians#how-many-aboriginal-politicians-should-be-in-parliament>

# Politicians

**Neville Thomas Bonner** was a Queensland Liberal Senator from 8 September 1971 to 1983, and Australia's first Aboriginal parliamentarian. He grew up in Queensland's Tweed River area as a man of the Jagera people. Unable to get an education because there was no segregated school nearby, his only schooling was a year at Beaudesert

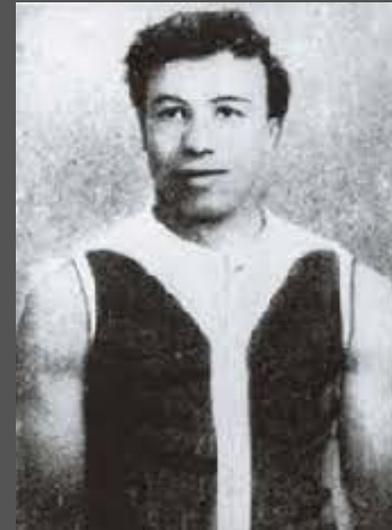


There have been Indigenous politicians who represented the electorate in Australian Parliament but this means something different to having a voice in parliament

# Sports

The first recognised Indigenous Australian player to play in a senior VFL/AFL match was **Joe Johnson** who played 55 games for Fitzroy from 1904 to 1906, and was a member of Fitzroy's dual premiership-winning sides of 1904 and 1905.

Map of indigenous VFL/AFL players  
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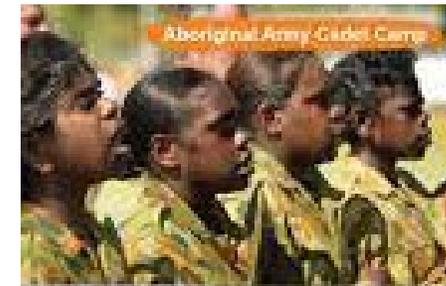
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List of sporting personalities

<https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/sport/famous-aboriginal-athletes>

# Military

It is hard to know the exact number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service people because the Australian Defence Force did not record the cultural background of members until recently. In the early 1900s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were not legally able to join the Army, so many hid their identity in order to sign up.



# Thelma Watson

Nurse



Born on Mer (Murray) Island in the Torres Strait in 1936, Thelma grew up as one of four children. She was only three-years-old when her family had no choice but to move to mainland Australia when World War II broke out. She took up nursing and continues to work in community health. She was awarded Female Elder of the Year at the NAIDOC awards in 2019.

# Helen Milroy

Doctor



Helen Milroy was born in Perth, and traces her ancestral lineage to the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Milroy studied medicine at the University of Western Australia, becoming the country's first Indigenous medical doctor in 1983. She was awarded Western Australian of the Year in 2021.

# Thank you for looking

Yes, I acknowledge there are many First Nations people I could have included. This is just a small selection.