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ABC supports NAIDOC WEEK 2016

The ABC is proud to support NAIDOC Week, July 3 to July 10, and its celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture, history and people. The ABC encourages all Australians to get involved and help recognise the great contribution Indigenous Australians have made to the community.

ABC Managing Director, Michelle Guthrie, said, *“NAIDOC Week is a chance for all Australians to celebrate the richness of our Indigenous cultures and history. It is a time to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, acknowledge their achievements and recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. The ABC is pleased to support Indigenous Australians during this great week.”*

ABC highlights throughout the week include:

RADIO

Local Radio (all stations, nationally)

Songlines - Sunday 3 July 10am – noon

Kicking off NAIDOC Week on Sunday 3 July on Local Radio across Australia, Charlie King, sports broadcaster and Gurrindji man, and Maree Yoelu, from the Daly River region in the NT, bring to life the meaning and cultural significance of *Songlines* via live interviews and talkback.

triple j

Two of Australia's most critically acclaimed hip hop artists are taking over and hosting Breakfast on Wednesday 6 July. A.B. Original is a collaboration between NIMA winning rapper Briggs (#Sheplife represent) and Trials (of Funkoars fame). Plus on Thursday, the winner of the *triple j Unearthed National Indigenous Music Awards* competition will be announced. And on Friday, previous NIMA winner, Robbie Miller, comes in for *Like a Version*. The best Indigenous music will feature on *Unearthed* and *Unearthed High* throughout the week.

RN

The Rhythm Divine on RN

Sunday 3 July 5.30am, 9.30pm & [online](#)

Gurrumul: Yolngu Voice

He's been called 'the greatest voice this country has ever recorded', but how much do we really know about the blind Indigenous musician from Elcho Island, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu? We reveal the Yolngu man behind the music with the help of Robert Hillman, author of the best-selling biography *Gurrumul: His Life and Music*.

RN

My Place

As part of our coverage of Indigenous stories for NAIDOC Week, tell us about the place where you belong. Get in touch with your contact details and a few sentences about your place and why it gives you such a strong sense of belonging via the [RN homepage](#). #ABCMyPlace

ABC Extra Digital Radio

Running throughout NAIDOC Week, a pop-up radio station on digital radio; mobile, and streaming at abc.net.au/radio featuring key Indigenous interviews, programs and music.

SPLASH

[Indigenous Language Song Competition](#) – a collaboration with First Languages Australia. Can you sing a song in the traditional language of your area? We're inviting schools to work with their local Indigenous community to translate the body song, Marrin Gamu, into the first language of their area, then to record students singing it.

ABC iview

From 3 July, iview will feature a curated collection of Indigenous programming, including the series premiere of *Black As - go bush* with the Black As boys as they venture into the wilds of Arnhem Land, hunting for adventure and a good feed (24x 5 mins series). Plus, from 7 July, every episode of the series of *Cleverman* will be available on iview.

TELEVISION

ABC TV

Sunday 3 July at 6pm

Compass: The Vic Simms Story

Bidjigal elder and singer Vic Simms shares his extraordinary story from early show business success, through personal struggles with crime and alcoholism, to then emerge on top as a respected musician and Aboriginal elder in Sydney's La Perouse area.

ABC3

Sunday 3 July at 7.30pm

Satellite Boy

A heart-warming story of a young Aboriginal boy who travels to the city with his best friend to try & save his home from developers. Along the way he learns about the importance of family & friendship. Starring Cameron Wallaby and David Gulpilil.

ABC TV

Monday 4 July at 8pm

Australian Story: David Batty

David Batty's love for the bush and remote Australia has provided an array of great characters and a rich palette to ply his storytelling skills. Based in Alice Springs for 13 years, then Broome for 12 years and now living between his studio in Melbourne and his property on the South Coast of NSW, Batty has a long and distinguished history of making programs with and for Aboriginal people.

ABC2

Tuesday 5 July at 9.50pm

Over represented: A Vice Special on Indigenous Incarceration

Examines the over-representation of Indigenous Australians incarcerated in our prison system. Rapper and proud Yorta-Yorta man Briggs takes a look inside Reiby, a Juvenile Justice Centre on the outskirts of Sydney, to get an idea of what life is like as a young, Indigenous A-class offender.

NEWS

Special pieces, activities and coverage throughout the week; including live crosses from the National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony in Darwin on Friday 8 July and a series of specially produced NAIDOC vignettes airing on News 24 throughout the week.

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