

# NAIDOC 2006 Poster

## Life Circle

Artist: Charmaine Green

"Our past and our future are interconnected. In the circle of life as we move from the past to the future, we must always remember and respect everything in the past. Our history, our culture, our traditions, our ancestors and our own experiences. This way we can walk into the future with respect and confidence." - Charmaine Green

## NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

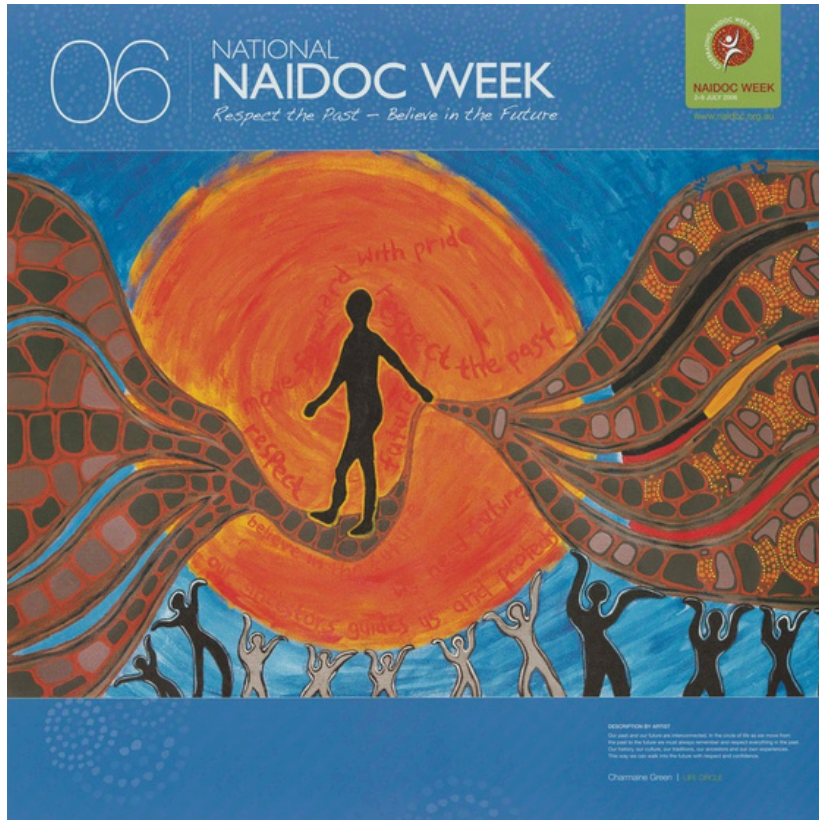
- **Person of the Year:** Stephen Hagan (Jnr), a descendant of the Kullilli people, he is an author and anti-racism campaigner.
- **Youth of the Year:** Jo-Anne D'Cress
- **Artist of the Year:** Warren H. Williams
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Elizabeth Morgan Hoffman
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Judy Tatow
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Vince Ross
- **Scholar of the Year:** Dr Chris Sarra
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Patrick Mills

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Award Recipient:** Lack of responses - nominations held over to the following year.

## Events of Significance

- In 2006, the Close the Gap campaign for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality was developed following the Social Justice Report 2005. In the same period, Reconciliation Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program began.
- The Victorian Government introduced the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, strengthening the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.



**NAIDOC Week 2006 Theme:** Respect the Past – Believe in the Future

# NAIDOC 2007 Poster

## The Path We Lead

Artist: Tyeli Hannah

"As Indigenous Australians, we are travelling along a path. This path is along and ancient one that has served us well. Along this path we have hit hard times, often leaving us heart-broken. Though we are torn and weathered, we still have a bright future. We look forward to equality in education, health, employment and standard of living. The path won't be easy, but we will get there."

"I wanted people, especially Indigenous people, to feel as if the future holds positive things for them," Tyeli says. "As an Indigenous person, there are a lot of hard things to deal with in life, but there are also a lot of great things and that's what we should be celebrating. "We need to recognise and strive to achieve good things in life, as well as deal with the negative stuff." - Tyeli Hannah



**NAIDOC Week 2007 Theme:** 50 years: Looking Forward, Looking Blak

## NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

- **Person of the Year:** Mark Bin Bakar, a musician, comedian, radio presenter, writer, director/producer and indigenous rights campaigner, particularly in relation to the Stolen Generations.
- **Youth of the Year:** Simone Liddy
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Hamid Bin Saad
- **Artist of the Year:** Leah Purcell
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** John (Jak) Ah Kit
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Dr Ruby Langford Ginibi
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Boyd Scully
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Jim Hagan (Snr)
- **Scholar of the Year:** Dr Yin Paradies
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Robert Crowther

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Award Recipient:** Bea Ballangarry (Presented at the LGAN Conference held in Coffs Harbour.)

## Events of Significance

- Australia celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1967 referendum.
- The Australian Government, led by Prime Minister John Howard, begins the Northern Territory Emergency Response, commonly called the Intervention.
- Following his election at the end of 2007, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd began consulting with Indigenous Australians about what form a national apology should take.

# NAIDOC 2008 Poster

## Advance Australia Fair?

Artist: Duwun Lee and Laniyuk Lee

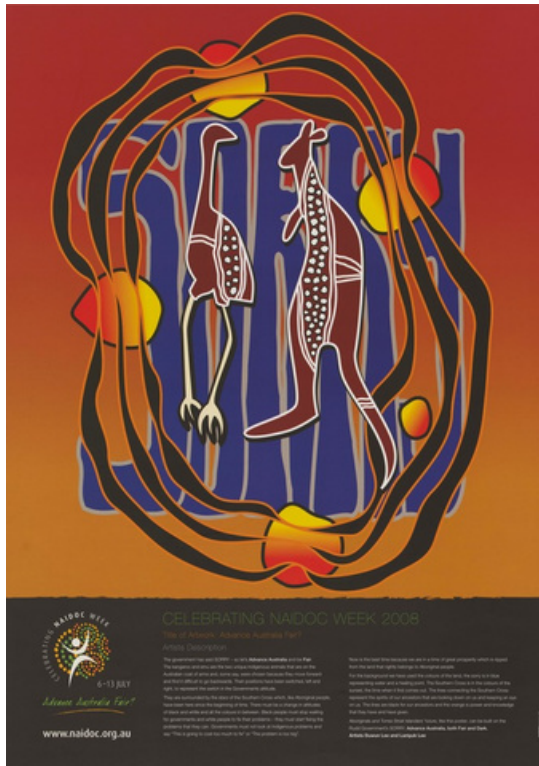
"The government has said SORRY – so let's Advance Australia and be Fair.

The kangaroo and emu are the two unique Indigenous animals that are on the Australian coat of arms and, some say, were chosen because they move forward and find it difficult to go backwards. Their positions have been switched, left and right, to represent the switch in the Governments attitude.

They are surrounded by the stars of the Southern Cross which, like Aboriginal people, have been here since the beginning of time. There must be a change in attitudes of black and white and all the colours in between. Black people must stop waiting for governments and white people to fix their problems – they must start fixing the problems that they can. Governments must not look at Indigenous problems and say "This is going to cost too much to fix" or "The problem is too big". Now is the best time because we are in a time of great prosperity which is ripped from the land that rightly belongs to Aboriginal people.

For the background we have used the colours of the land, the sorry is in blue representing water and a healing point. The Southern Cross is in the colours of the sunset, the time when it first comes out. The lines connecting the Southern Cross represent the spirits of our ancestors that are looking down on us and keeping an eye on us. The lines are black for our ancestors and the orange is power and knowledge that they have and have given.

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders' future, like this poster, can be built on the Rudd Government's SORRY. Advance Australia, both Fair and Dark." - Duwun Lee and Laniyuk Lee



**NAIDOC Week 2008 Theme:** Advance Australia Fair?

## NAIDOC Week Award Recipients:

- **Person of the Year:** Colleen Hayward (AM), a senior Noongar woman with a long and distinguished career in advocating for Aboriginal health, education and wellbeing in WA, in particular for young Aboriginal people.
- **Youth of the Year:** Krista Moir and Angeline Blackburn
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Amy McQuire
- **Artist of the Year:** Les Elvin
- **Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Archie Roach, Joseph Elu, Chicka Dixon
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Bob Muir
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Carol Petterson
- **Scholar of the Year:** Dr Karen Martin
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Stacey Porter

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Award Recipient:** Deferred to 2009

## Events of Significance

- On February 13 Prime Minister Kevin Rudd formally apologises to the Stolen Generations on behalf of the Australian Parliament.

# NAIDOC 2009 Poster

## Carrying On Our Culture

Artist: Luke Mallie

"This artwork represents the elders teaching and keeping watch over the young as they learn and grow into adults to then carry on the culture. The painting also depicts the old ones who watch over everyone to protect and guide us through our lives. We all have the ability to connect to those old spirits if we need guidance or inspiration." - Luke Mallie

### NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

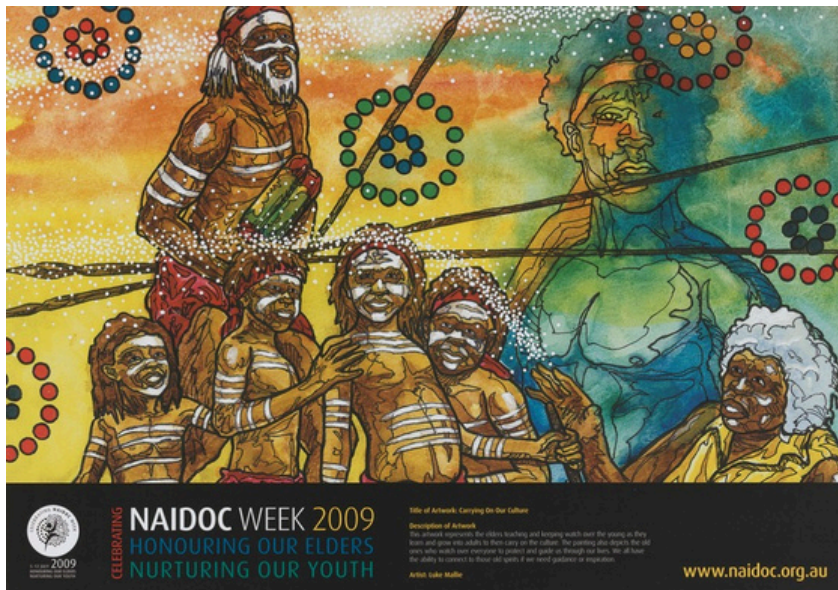
- **Person of the Year:** Larissa Behrendt. A descendant of Eualeyai / Kamillaroi Nations, she is a legal academic, writer, filmmaker, and Indigenous rights advocate.
- **Youth of the Year:** Gemma Benn
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Danny Sebasio
- **Artist of the Year:** Wayne Quilliam
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Lowitja O'Donoghue
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Reg Knox and Frank Lampard
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Elsie Heiss and Doris Eaton
- **Scholar of the Year:** Dr Chelsea Bond
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Andrew McLeod
- **Torres Strait Senior Cultural Award:** Alick Tipoti

### Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Award:** Harry Mumbulla
- **Community Worker Award:** Sid Brown
- **Community Organisation Award:** Galambila Aboriginal Health Service Inc

### Events of Significance

- Australia supported the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; previously, Australia had been one of only four nations to oppose the Declaration.
- A national consultation for a new First Nations representative body is undertaken, culminating in the creation of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP). Comprising three representative chambers: representatives from existing First Nations peak bodies, community representatives and individuals with expertise in different fields. It had a 50/50 gender parity policy for delegates and an ethics council with oversight of elections and organisational operations.



**NAIDOC Week 2009 Theme:** Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth

# NAIDOC 2010 Poster

## Leading Through Example

Artist: Sheree Blackley

"The artwork depicts an Aboriginal mother who is an 'Unsung Hero' leading her children through example, showing that actions can speak louder than words. The dot work illustrates nurturing and teaching from birth, always guiding our children towards 'closing the gap', towards 'success' for those who choose to stay on the path." - Sheree Blackley

## NAIDOC Week Award Recipients:

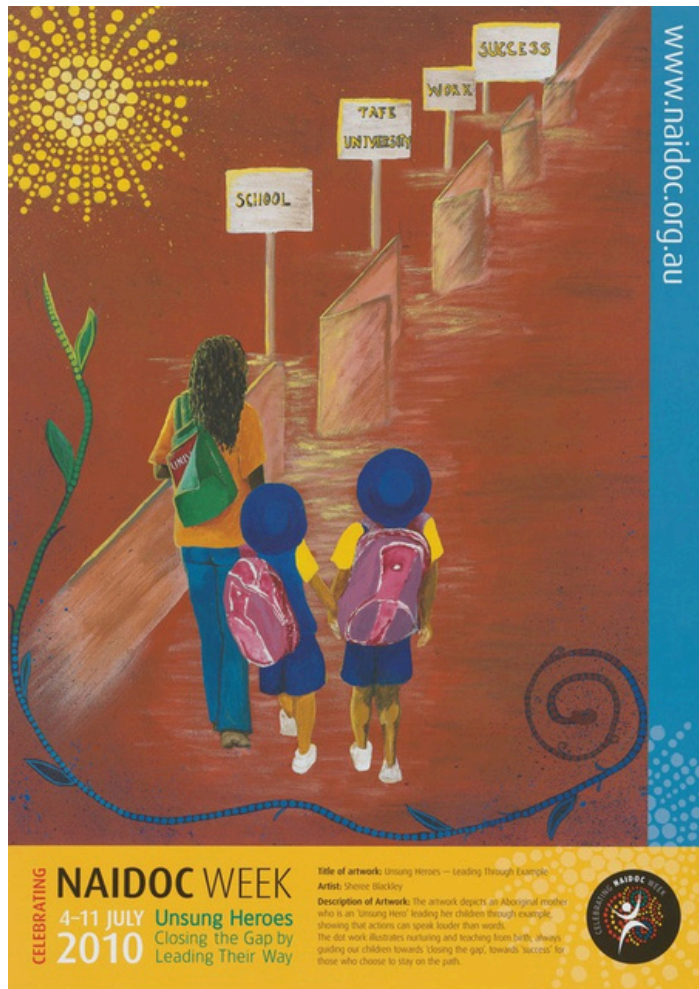
- **Person of the Year:** Dennis Eggington, a Nyoongar man dedicated to advancing the rights of Indigenous people in Australia.
- **Youth of the Year:** Jessica Smith
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Lucas Kickett
- **Artist of the Year:** Lewis Langton
- **Caring for Country Award:** Crazy Ant Management Program
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Vince Coulthard
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Ali Golding
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Ali Drummond and Lester Bostock
- **Scholar of the Year:** Megan Davis
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Rohanee Cox

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Award:** Julie Carey
- **Community Worker Award:** Mark Flanders
- **Community Organisation Award:** Deadly Sista Girlz Aboriginal Corporation

## Events of Significance

- The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples established.



**NAIDOC Week 2010 Theme:** Unsung Heroes – Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way

# NAIDOC 2011 Poster

## Road to Change

Artist: Matthew Humphries

"A First Australian family links hands as they step out on the road to change – proud of who they are, encouraged by what has already been achieved, and united in their goal to be change makers for a bright new future." - Matthew Humphries

Mr Humphries said his design incorporated his interests in painting, sketching and airbrushing together with his experience working with digital media.

"I spent a week thinking of a design that would reflect the 2011 theme and once I had a clear idea what I wanted to do, started to transfer the design on to a digital canvas," Mr Humphries said.



NAIDOC Week 2011 Theme: Change: the next step is ours

## NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

- **Person of the Year:** Terri Janke, a lawyer of Wuthathi/Meriam heritage. She is considered a leading international authority on Indigenous cultural and intellectual property.
- **Youth of the Year:** Kiel Williams-Weigel
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Joshua Toomey
- **Artist of the Year:** Robyn Djunginy
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Ned Cheedy
- **Caring for Country Award:** Warru Recovery Team
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Carolyn Briggs
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Eldridge Mosby
- **Scholar of the Year:** Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Preston Campbell

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Award:** Mark Flanders
- **Community Worker Award:** Garry Matthews
- **Community Organisation Award:** Mid North Coast Local Health District

## Events of Significance

- The Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples leads wide-ranging public consultations and delivers its findings in January 2012.

# NAIDOC 2012 Poster

## Look at Us Now

Artist: Amanda Joy Trone

"Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Tent Embassy, the poster artist notes, "I was shocked to realise that most people I know have never heard of the Tent Embassy. I knew it existed but never appreciated what our people and my family had to fight for only 40 years ago. I researched the four men who founded the Tent Embassy- Billy Craigie, Bert Williams, Michael Anderson and Tony Coorey and thought it was important to portray them in my artwork along with their beach umbrella in front of Parliament House. Forty years on, the foreground shows what we have achieved today because of the fruits of their labour. The artwork shows that our history is behind us but our culture is part of our people, not dwindling but getting stronger the more our mob succeed and pave the way for the future generations." - Amanda Joy Trone



**NAIDOC Week 2012 Theme:** Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on

## NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

- **Person of the Year:** David Wirrpanda, of Yorta Yorta heritage he was an AFL player, also known for his community work to improve the lives of young Indigenous Australians.
- **Youth of the Year:** Benson Saulo
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Michael Clinch
- **Artist of the Year:** Stephen Page
- **Caring for Country Award:** Bunya Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Bunna Lawrie
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Margaret Lawton and Maureen Kelly
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Hezekiel Jingoonya
- **Scholar of the Year:** Sarah Bourke
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Vanessa Wilson and Joshua Robinson
- **Torres Strait Artist of the Year:** Alick Tipoti

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- No awards presented due to low number of nominations

## Events of Significance

- A major focus of politicians was the building of support for a referendum to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution, but that plan was put on hold. Instead, the Government introduced the Act of Recognition in the hope that it could be used to build awareness of the proposed Constitutional change.
- Recognise, Reconciliation Australia's campaign to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution, begins.

# NAIDOC 2013 Poster

## Claiming Our Ground

Artist: Gail Naden

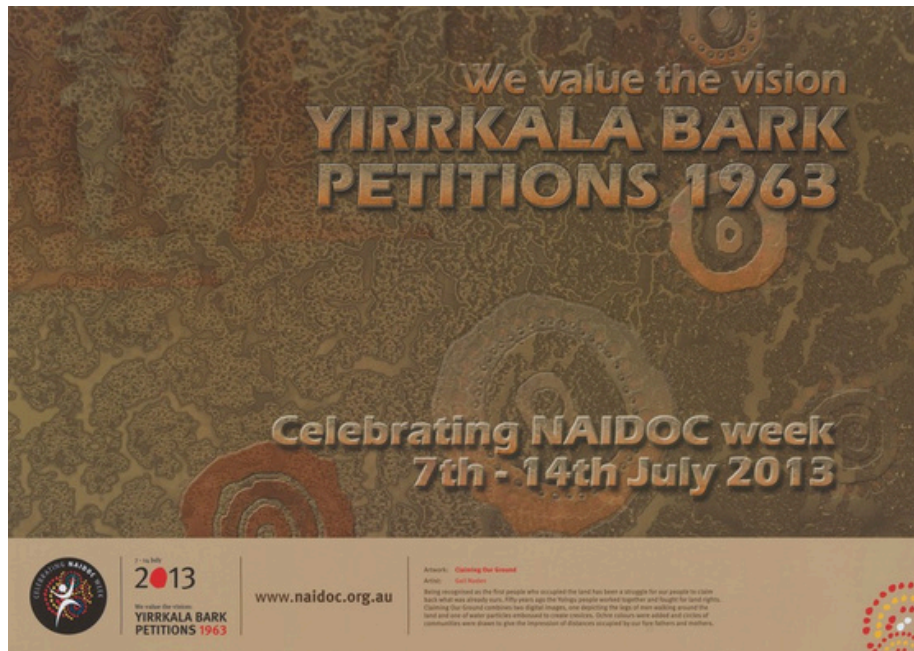
"Being recognised as the first people who occupied the land has been a struggle for our people to claim back what was already ours. Fifty years ago the Yolngu people worked together and fought for land rights. Claiming Our Ground combines two digital images, one depicting the legs of men walking around the land and one of water particles embossed to create crevices. Ochre colours were added, and circles of communities were drawn to give the impression of distances occupied by our fore-fathers and mothers." - Gail Naden

## NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

- **Person of the Year:** Darryl Kickett a Noongar man who has worked tirelessly for his people throughout his life.
- **Youth of the Year:** Kate Malpass
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Danny Bromot
- **Artist of the Year:** Tony Briggs
- **Caring for Country Award:** Jimmy Edgar
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Galarrwuy Yunupingu
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Rose Richards
- **Male Elder of the Year:** John Hayden
- **Scholar of the Year:** Dr Mark McMillan
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Jonathan Thurston

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Award:** Reuben Robinson
- **Community Worker Award:** Terry Donovan
- **Community Organisation Award:** Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council



NAIDOC Week 2013 Theme: We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963

# NAIDOC 2014 Poster

## Defend Our Land

Artist: Harry Alfred Pitt

"With the centenary of World War I, there was a focus on the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in major conflicts, and the poster artist notes, "My artwork features three brothers with their land behind them and the horizon before the. Their Elders are reflected in the water, giving the brothers the strength to overcome what lies over the horizon. My work acknowledges the young men and women of today who are across the sea doing their very best to protect their home and serve their country, empowered by their ancestors. Our soldiers are embracing their heritage and protecting their homes, just as their ancestors did before them, only now they do this beyond the shores of their homeland."  
- Harry Alfred Pitt



**NAIDOC Week 2014 Theme:** Serving Country — Centenary & Beyonds

## NAIDOC Week Award Winners:

- **Person of the Year:** Gracelyn Smallwood. A nurse, midwife and educator of Biri descent, she has been an outspoken advocate for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since 1968.
- **Youth of the Year:** Chern'ee Sutton and Amelia Telford
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Patricia Doolan
- **Artist of the Year:** Shellie Morris
- **Caring for Country Award:** The Uunguu Healthy Country Project
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Linda Burney
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Patricia O'Connor
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Richard Archibald
- **Scholar of the Year:** Donisha Duff
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Jesse Williams

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Award:** Clark Webb
- **Community Worker Award:** Dianne Anthony
- **Community Organisation Award:** Kulai Pre-School

## Events of Significance

- Bruce Pascoe publishes *Dark Emu*, sparking debate about Aboriginal land management practices, and challenging colonial narratives.

# NAIDOC 2015 Poster

## Our Steps of Respect

Artist: Elaine Chambers

"My artwork is a combination of my photography, drawings, and graphic design work - representing the ages and colours of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and their strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and the sea. The feet represent the different people, from elders to the young and stories our elders shared of the significant sites and sacred places, and how all Australians should take the time to learn about our history and stories."

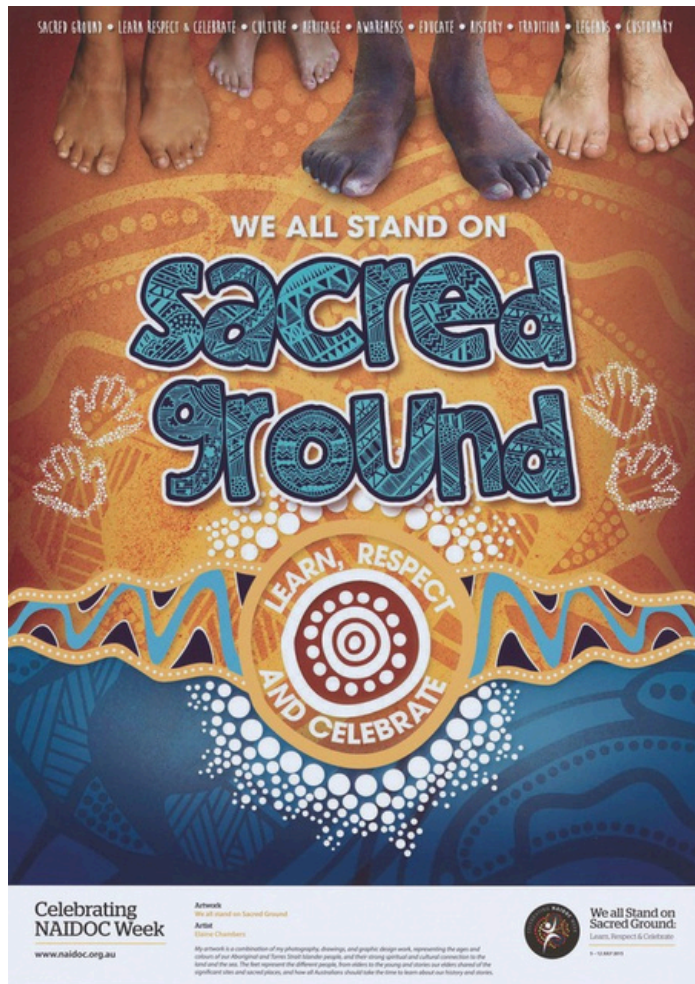
- Elaine Chambers

## NAIDOC Week Award Recipients:

- **Person of the Year:** Rosalie Kunoth-Monks. An Arrernte and Anmatyerre woman, she was an Australian film actor, activist and politician.
- **Youth of the Year:** Chris Tamwoy
- **Apprentice of the Year:** Ashley Farrall
- **Artist of the Year:** Daren Dunn
- **Caring for Country Award:** Warddeken Caring for Country Project
- **Female Elder of the Year:** Veronica Perrule Dobson
- **Male Elder of the Year:** Graham Taylor
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Tauto Sansbury
- **Scholar of the Year:** Michelle Deshong
- **Sportsperson of the Year:** Ryan Marich

## Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards Recipients:

- **Aunty Grace Roberts Memorial Award:** Not appointed to lack of nominations
- **Community Worker Award:** Rachel Morris
- **Community Organisation Award:** Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Project



**NAIDOC Week 2015 Theme:** We All Stand on Sacred Ground