



# MVAC NAIDOC Week 2025, Honouring 'The Next Generation'

MVAC has once again hosted a tremendously successful NAIDOC Week, filling the days from July 6th to 13th with community, culture, and celebration. Embracing the 2025 national theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," the week's events brought together people of all ages in a vibrant showcase of community spirit and pride.

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# MVAC Celebrates a Resounding Success with NAIDOC Week 2025

The week of festivities kicked off on Monday, 7th July, with a poignant NAIDOC Flag Raising ceremony. Community members gathered at the MVAC headquarters on Latje Road from 10am to 12pm to honour the significance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. The morning, filled with reflection and unity, was complemented by a morning tea for all attendees. On Tuesday, 8th July, the focus turned to honouring the community's pillars of wisdom with the NAIDOC Elders Lunch. Held in the MVAC Hall, Elders were treated to a special two-course lunch and prizes were shared throughout the day, creating a warm atmosphere of respect and appreciation for their invaluable contributions. The energy was turned up on Wednesday, 9th July, for the NAIDOC Kids Disco. From 5pm to 7:30pm, the youngest members of the community danced and celebrated, with dinner provided for all. It was a joyful evening dedicated to the very "Next Generation" the theme celebrates, ensuring fun in a safe and welcoming environment.





# Community Gathers for Community Fun Day

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The week's celebrations culminated in the massive Community Fun Day on Friday, 11th July. From 10:30am to 3:30pm, the MVAC grounds were transformed into a festival of fun for the entire family. With food vans serving delicious treats, delightful pony rides, an animal nursery, and much more, the day was a highlight of the week, drawing a fantastic crowd and creating lasting memories.

Capping off the week of connection, MVAC hosted a Men's Big Brekkie on the morning of Monday, 14th July. The "BIG Health Breakfast" provided a wonderful space for good food, great yarns, and celebration, strengthening bonds within the community.

As is tradition, MVAC's NAIDOC Week events were a resounding success, perfectly encapsulating the strength, vision, and legacy of the local community. MVAC extends its sincere thanks to all who participated and gives special acknowledgement to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) for their sponsorship of the celebrations.











# Community day

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

This is your chance to have your say and help shape the future by contributing to the **MVAC Master Plan**.

- **9.30am** Morning Tea on arrival
- **10.00am** Community Meeting
- **11.00am** Master Plan Information Session
- **12.00pm** BBQ Lunch



## MVAC Master Plan

Have your say and help shape the future of MVAC! Join us on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July for a community day. Board Directors will be available and will be listening to your feedback and advice. You can attend one or both meetings, but please RSVP so we can make sure there is enough food for everyone!

**Call MVAC on 5026 3353 or go to the website to RSVP.**

## New Program to Support Youth Offered Here at MVAC

MVAC is excited to announce its valuable new initiative, Koori Kruisers, a free and reliable transport service designed to support young people in the Robinvale and Euston communities.

Launched on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the service addresses a vital need for safe and accessible transport for youths aged 8 to 21 during the evening hours. Whether it's getting a lift home, travelling to a friend's house, or getting to a local activity, Koori Kruisers provides a secure and convenient option at no cost.



**MVAC Youth**

## Koori Kruisers

**Need a lift? Give us a call!**

Koori Kruisers offers free transport for youth aged 8-21 years old in the Robinvale and Euston area.

### When?

- Every Monday - Thursday
- From 5pm - 8.30pm
- Starting 30<sup>th</sup> June

### How it works

- Call **0458 608 715** during program hours.
- We'll provide transport anywhere around Robinvale and Euston.

This service is just for youths aged 8-21 years old



**Call:**  
**0458 608 715**



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# Community Noticeboard

## WHY VOTE?

to put my  
views forward

for my family

for my  
community

for my kids' futures

for my  
Elders

to honour  
those  
who came  
before me

to help decide  
who represents  
my community  
in Parliament

for a seat at  
the table

because it affects all of us

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## How the different levels of government work for you

We live in a democracy. This means Australians over 18 vote for people to represent them and provide the services they need. It's compulsory to enrol and vote.

Australia has three levels of government:

- local governments or councils (also called shires or municipalities)
- state or territory governments
- federal government.

By voting in elections, you help choose people to represent you in each level of government to make laws and govern on your behalf. All levels of government collect money through taxes and provide a range of services. Each level of government has its own responsibilities, although in some cases they can overlap. Here are some examples:



### FEDERAL

- defence
- income tax
- social welfare
- health
- immigration



### STATE/ TERRITORY

- schools
- hospitals
- public transport



### LOCAL

- local roads
- rubbish collection
- parks, libraries and art galleries

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## Have your say on how we can improve MVAC

If you have some feedback about any of our operations here at MVAC, we have a new way to make your voice heard. You can have your say by scanning the QR code with your smartphone. You'll be taken to our feedback form, where you can pass on your suggestions.

