



Message from the Chairperson



Dear community, colleagues and friends

Wishing you all an enjoyable and memorable 2015 NAIDOC Week, ***We all stand on Sacred Ground.***

ATSIEB has been involved with the following activities over the last couple of weeks:

- **Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Yvette Berry** – ATSIEB members meet regularly with the Minister to ensure the government is informed of matters of importance to our community. Our focus is on the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement and expectations from its implementation.
- **Opposition Leader Jeremy Hansen & Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs** – Discussed the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement and community priorities within and sought views.
- **Boomanulla Survey** – Survey closed Friday 3 July. Members of the advisory group met and discussed next step and community engagement to progress ideas for the facility.
- **Detainee Art Exhibition** – It was an honour to launch the AMC – Southside Community Services Detainees exhibition. Some wonderful pieces oozing with talent. My favourite was titled Tassie, but someone beat me to it.
- **ACT Consultation Forum Crystal Methamphetamine (Ice)** – Informative and highlighted concerns as this horrible substance affects our mobs, communities and families. I invite our community to come together to protect our young and families from the harm that can be caused.
- **Telopea Park School** – A privilege to address the school as part of their NAIDOC celebrations. Impressed with the language program and greetings in Aboriginal languages included. Thanks Lyall and Telopea Park School.

Also

The consultancy for reviewing the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008 is being finalised and community consultation will commence soon. Your voice counts, please share your views to strengthen this representative model.

It is with regret that Mr Fred Monaghan has decided to resign due to health, we wish him well with his future endeavours.

Congratulations to all the NAIDOC nominees and winners. You make up strong community. Enjoy NAIDOC 2015, We all stand on Sacred Ground.

On behalf of the members, I would like to hear your feedback by forwarding an email to atsieb@act.gov.au or calling the Secretariat on 02 6205 2551.

Rod Little

Chairperson

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