

Safeguarding Newsletter



**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES
RESPONSIBILITY**

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS) Audit is approaching for our Diocese.

The preparation work has now been completed which involved an online self-assessment. This included gathering evidence, and the selection of an appropriate progress rating to each of the Standard's and 104 indicators. With each of the 6 parishes providing their electronic evidence files, of which the Auditor will receive prior to the site visits.

The next stage will be the field work, with visits to the Diocese and 6 parishes occurring in the week of the 21st to the 25th of July.

Once the field work is completed a report will be presented which will provide the Diocese an assessment of our implementation of the NCSS.

***REMINDER** - for all parish offices to forward on your visiting clergy registers after the 30th of June 2025 to the safeguarding office.

Enjoy KIND JULY and this month's newsletter!

In this newsletter you can expect:

Awareness Days

Resources

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Office Contacts





Awareness

6th July

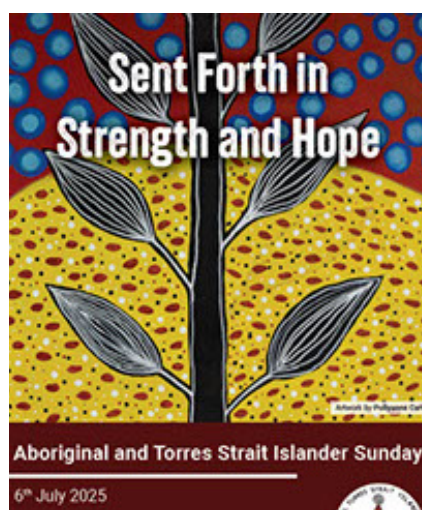
Scan the QR TO
ACCESS THE 2025
ATSI Sunday



Visit the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources web page for support in this year's celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - a sacred moment for our Church to gather as one in the love of Christ.

The resource page includes access to:

- Resource Booklet
- Poster
- Youth Activities
- Multimedia Resources
- Didgeridoo Music
- Torres Strait Hymns
- Homily Notes





THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

Awareness

This year's National NAIDOC Week marks **50 years** of the week-long celebrations, and the theme, **The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy**, celebrates achievements of the past and the bright future ahead.

EVENTS- within the Diocese locality



FREE - Movie night hosted by The Buttery Lismore & Port Macquarie



THE BUTTERY

2025 marks the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week, with the theme 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy'. To celebrate, we'll be hosting a duo of free film screenings of the film *Emu Runner* for the community in Lismore and Port Macquarie. The film follows the story of a young girl who forms a bond with a wild emu to help her deal with her mother's death. The 2018 Australian Independent film was written and directed by Imogen Thomas, who worked alongside Indigenous script consultant Frayne Barker on the project.

Both screenings of *Emu Runner* will be free for the community to enjoy, and will celebrate the occasion with a special Welcome to Country pre-screening. We would be honoured for you to join us at one of the below screenings, details are as follows:

Scan the QR Code



Monday, July 7, 2025 – 5.45pm
Majestic Cinema, Port Macquarie

Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 6.00pm
Star Court Cinema, Lismore

EVENTS- for more events
or to register your event
scan the code to which
takes you to the NAIDOC
week page



Acknowledgment of Country

The Diocese of Lismore acknowledges that it resides on the lands of the Bundjalung, Yaegl, Gumbaynggir, Dunghutti and Birpai Nations.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked and cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who maintain these spiritual connections and traditions with land, sea and sky.

We respectfully acknowledge their Elders past, present and future leaders. We celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors. The Land we are on now, the land we live, work, breathe, eat and sleep, always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.



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Ancestral Lines by Jeremy Morgan Worrall

This artwork is a visual representation of the generational lines that carry through my mob. When I think of the next generation, I think towards my ancestors—Lucy Wright, Enoch Wright, Nonie Wright—through to my Nanna Audrie and my Mother Vanessa. Looking back gives me the strength and vision to look forward. Each figure in the painting is tied to family lines, like songlines, reflecting what they knew and what they passed on. The first represents lore, hunting, and tracking. The second reflects care, weaving, and love. The third shows the two combined, while the final two carry unfinished elements—symbols of knowledge and care in motion. Above them sits the essence of Country—swirling skies and a giant moon over Emmaville. It is by the fire, under these cool skies, where the next generation finds their strength, vision, and legacy.

#NAIDOC2025

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Awareness

Kind July

It feels good to do good. Share and inspire
#kindjuly kindness is contagious!

Find out more on how you can get involved on
the staykind.org website

25 Million Australians, 1 act of kindness every day,
that's 9.1 Billion acts a year!



..end BULLYING

STAY
KIND

#dosomethingkind

August Awareness Days:

12th August: International Youth Day



11th - 15th August: Bullying No Way: National week of action



Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
11th - 15th AUGUST 2025

Register today!

Mark your calendars September:



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7-13 September

**NATIONAL CHILD
PROTECTION WEEK
2025**

More information coming soon...

#NCPW2025

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Safeguarding Training Schedule

External training opportunities

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Visit the website to view the training opportunities currently on offer for a low fee cost to NSW residents.



Visit the website to view the training opportunities from ACSL



Join Us for Your

Annual Clergy Training

not now, not ever

Domestic and Family Violence Awareness

2025

The Annual Clergy training scheduled locations are being finalised and will be advised shortly

Parish training opportunities will recommence in August 2025.

RSVP - your interest with Christine

at the Diocese

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Thank you for reading!



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