

Fremantle Hospital and Health Service

NAIDOC Week



Fremantle Hospital will commemorate NAIDOC Week by flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags outside CC Bennett lecture theatre.

The flags will be raised to honour and acknowledge the local Indigenous community as WA celebrates the National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week.

NAIDOC week, from July 5 – 12, 2009, is a recognition of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and achievements. It provides everybody with an opportunity to welcome the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.

The A/Executive Director of Fremantle Hospital and Health Service (FHHS) Dr Shirley Bowen said it was important to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and customs.

“FHHS assists a diverse range of people of different cultural backgrounds, including

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Across the WA health system, and at Fremantle Hospital, there are many staff of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent,” Dr Bowen said.

“Flying these national flags is an important symbolic gesture, which demonstrates our willingness to embrace local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.”

The theme for NAIDOC week 2009 is honouring of Elders and nurturing of youth, to encourage community members to acknowledge the status of Elders as leaders and them being role models for Aboriginal and Torres Islander youth.

NAIDOC week motivates Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together and celebrate the outstanding and valuable contributions made to the health system, and our country, by Indigenous people in WA.

LEFT: A/Executive Director Dr Shirley Bowen and Ron Tanner holding the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.



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