Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women this NAIDOC week.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) is celebrating NAIDOC Week 8 – 15 July across its facilities, under the theme ‘Because of Her, We Can!’, recognising the significant roles Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women play in the community.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated by Australians of all walks of life.

SCHHS Cultural Practice Program Coordinator Lance Lewis said the week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

“This year’s theme of ‘Because of Her, We Can’ is important because Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women are our mothers, our elders, our grandmother, our aunties, our sisters and our daughters,” Mr Lewis said.

“The SCHHS will highlight the significant contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women as leaders and role models within our health service and throughout our community.

“We will hold celebrations at Nambour, Caloundra, Maleny, Gympie and the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, with guest speakers from the Kabi Kabi (pronounced Gubbi Gubbi) people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, to convey the influence women have had in shaping their lives and knowledges,” Mr Lewis said.

Join us for a NAIDOC Week ceremony at one of our facilities across the Sunshine Coast and Gympie.

Each ceremony commences from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

If you require any further information about our NAIDOC celebrations please contact Janita Adams (Janita.Adams@health.qld.gov.au) or Lance Lewis (Lance.Lewis@health.qld.gov.au).

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Media Opportunity
Please join us for celebrations including flag raising, traditional foods and cultural talks.

Where: Various locations
- Gympie Hospital 4 July 2018
- Nambour General Hospital 6 July 2018
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital 13 July 2018
- Caloundra Health Service 18 July 2018
- Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital 19 July 2018

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