



MEDIA RELEASE

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Family event to celebrate local Aboriginal Elders

To celebrate our Elders and conclude this year's NAIDOC exhibition, Huon Valley Council will be hosting a community event on Saturday 12 August 2023 from 1.30pm.

The Huon Valley Hub, ARTBOX and green space will showcase exhibitions and activities that honour our Elders, Knowledge Holders and their stories.

Local Elder Rodney Dillon will commence the celebration with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony. He will also share the story of the pugherittah (swan), which inspired Tasmanian artist *Jamin* to design a large-scale mural depicting the pugherittah in flight in 2021.

On exhibition will be:

- Palawa weaver Bron Dillon's collaborative work with local students;
- Digital animation created by Alex Moss with the students from St James Catholic College;
- Drawings by student artists from St James Catholic College and Sacred Heart Catholic School;
- Portraits of local Elders and Knowledge Holders

There will be an interactive kelp basket-making activity in the Hub and food and beverages will be available.

Council will also officially open the new green space next to the Huon Valley Hub at this celebration.

"In response to the impacts of COVID, local community members identified that beautifying the Huonville streetscape was a priority recovery project," said Huon Valley Mayor Sally Doyle.



"We are pleased to be opening the park to our community. It will be a space where people can relax and reflect."

Mayor Doyle encourages Huon Valley community members to join in this significant celebration.

For catering purposes, bookings can be made through Eventbrite - huonvalleycouncil.eventbrite.com

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