NAIDOC PERTH (INC) – STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNING
FOR AN IMPORTANT CAUSE

Presented by Tammy Solonec

Abstract

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and heritage that is over 50 years old. As a human rights movement however, its roots can be traced back to the 1920s. NAIDOC the festival suffered a blow during the Howard years, following the disbandment of ATSIC. In an ironic twist, this knock back has become a win for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples because control has returned to the people. This seminar will explore the history the history of NAIDOC and show how a dedicated group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Perth resurrected NAIDOC through the strategic creation of NAIDOC Perth (Inc.).

When: Tuesday 25 May 2010
Time: Presentation from 11.00 -12 noon
Where: Health Sciences Boardroom 400:405
Tea and coffee will be provided.

About the Presenter

Tammy Solonec was born in Derby, Western Australia (WA) and descends from the Nyikina peoples of the Fitzroy River. Tammy's Nannas were all raised at Beagle Bay mission. Tammy grew up in the northwest of WA including Derby, Exmouth, Mullewa, Marble Bar and Tom Price, before settling in Perth when she was 16.

Tammy is currently the Managing Solicitor of the Law and Advocacy Unit of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA). Tammy has a passion for Aboriginal social justice and has been involved in advocating for the rights of Aboriginal peoples at a local, national and international level for many years in human rights, crime and justice, housing, consumer protection, anti-smoking and culture and the arts.

Tammy is one of the conveners of NAIDOC Perth (Inc.) and the Law Society of WA’s newly established Aboriginal Lawyers Committee. Tammy is the Director of Nyikina Yorga Consultancies and has developed and facilitated Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training at the Department of Commerce, the Ombudsman's Office, the Minister for Correctional Services and Staff, Country Lawyers WA, Legal Aid WA and for the Australasian Residential Tenancies Conference.

Tammy is the proud mother of two children (Jonathan aged 13 and Jacinta aged 9).