



## Mirboo North Football Netball Club

### 2021 Indigenous Round Preview

MIRBOO North Football Netball Club is holding its fifth annual Indigenous round this Saturday 3 July, when it hosts Foster Football Netball Club at Tigerland.

This year's NAIDOC Week runs from 4 to 11 July and its 2021 theme is HEAL COUNTRY!

NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to "embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, as they do the cultures and values of all Australians."

Prior to the senior football and A Grade netball games, past, present and emerging traditional owners will be recognised.

At 2.35pm, Christine Johnson is carrying out a formal Smoking Ceremony, followed by a Welcome to Country that includes a short performance by the Boorun Boys Dance Troupe.

Formalities are taking place inside the football oval in front of Mirboo North's social clubrooms on the members' wing.

To mark the important occasion, Mirboo North's senior footballers are wearing yellow and black jumpers designed by Gippsland Aboriginal artist, Marilyn Fenton.

This year's jumper design represents all different tribes coming together on their journeys and teaching their children their culture and how they survived on the land.

MNFNC's senior football coach, Josh Taylor and head netball coach, Ebony Best, are excited and honoured the club is participating in its fifth annual Indigenous round.

Following after-match presentations in the clubrooms, beef and pork rolls will be on sale at 6pm.

During the evening, live music will be provided by Fiona Currum.

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