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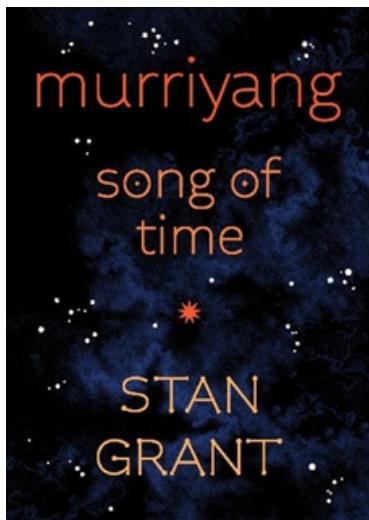
NAIDOC Week 2025

We are changed when we enter into the story of another. When we listen, we learn. When we listen, we glimpse the God-given dignity of the other. We give space for healing and liberation. We become instruments of God's mercy.

NAIDOC Week celebrations draw us to recognize the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

NAIDOC Week is a call to do more than simply add this date to our calendar, put a poster on the wall, and continue with our day.

NAIDOC Week is a call to enter into the story of another. To listen with the ears of our heart.



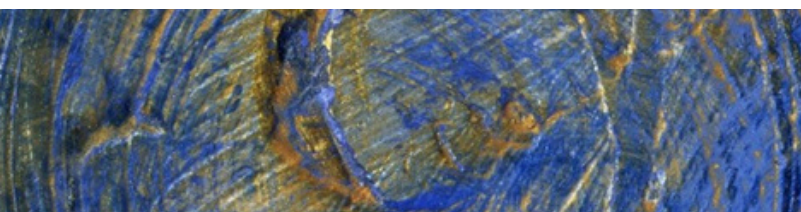
Stan Grant Murriyang: Song of Time 2024 Bundyi



5th Annual First Nations Encounter day



The 2025 National NAIDOC Poster incorporating the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag (licensed by the Torres Strait Island Council).



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Murriyang* is Stan Grant's new book described as 'one long uninterrupted breath, challenging Western notions of linear time in favour of a time beyond time – the Dreaming.'

Stan was raised on traditional country among Wiradjuri people of God. His people are a spiritual people. God is Baiyaame – unnameable and inexplicable. God makes Stan Aboriginal. 21*

*"We humans are more than our minds; we yearn for the divine." 15**

*"I remind myself I belong to a faith of sinners and doubters and that I am fallen too." 21**

*"This faith comes from the place of God in my soul. It is raw and vulnerable." 15**

*"I shed the derisory language of media and politics and identity for the mesmerizing non-speak of the cosmos." 249**

Stan invites us to a space of quiet, peace and kindness, a traditional space of reciprocity; to "Yindyamarra Winanganha – a Wiradjuri way of being that asks us to imagine a world of respect in a world worth living in". 29*

This is the call of NAIDOC Week. To listen and to grow in deep knowing. From generation to generation. The ancestral lines of Worrall's 2025 NAIDOC poster depict this in a weave of line and colour. Grant's meditations depict this in poetic word.

You cannot read Grant's book, meditate on his words, listen, and not be changed. His is a story of the experience of the healing, liberating and life-giving mercy of God. Listen.

*Stan Grant Murriyang: Song of Time 2024 Bundyi

*Extract taken from Stan Grant's Murriyang: Song of Time on pages listed

Acknowledgement of Country

Mercy Partners acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners, the Yuggera, Turrbal, Jagera and Ugarapul People, recognising Elders past and present, on whose land we walk, work and live.

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