

TANDANYA - NAIDOC WEEK 2010 - FILM PROGRAM

Tandanya's NAIDOC Week film program features *The First Australians – The Untold Story*.

SYNOPSIS

First Australians – The Untold Story is an SBS series of 7 documentaries directed by Rachel Perkins and Beck Cole, written by Rachel Perkins, Beck Cole and Louis Nowra, and produced by Darren Dale and Rachel Perkins. Described as 'a profound experience that treads along deeply emotional territory with carefully researched and balanced steps' (Tim Milfull <http://reviews.media-culture.org.au>) the entire series will be featured during NAIDOC Week at Tandanya.

Mon 5th July: First Australians – The Untold Story

2:00pm: Episode 1 - *THEY HAVE COME TO STAY – Sydney & NSW – 1788 - 1824*

The First Australians and the powerful British Empire come face to face. Friendships quickly form despite immense differences, but within three years they are locked in a battle for land and survival.

3:00pm: Episode 2 - *HER WILL TO SURVIVE – Tasmania – 1803 - 1880*

It is a myth that the First Australians were eradicated in Tasmania. It should be their resilience, in spite of the overwhelming impact of white settlement, which is embodied in myth.

Tues 6th July: First Australians – The Untold Story

2:00pm: Episode 3 – *FREEDOM FOR OUR LIFETIME – Victoria - 1860 - 1890*

Aboriginal reserves could have become places where First Australians prospered, then proudly carried their differences into the world outside, but paternalism, politics and power struggles lead to the opportunity being lost.

3:00pm: Episode 4 - *NO OTHER LAW – Central Australia - 1878 - 1897*

Many individuals had a profound effect on the First Australians. When the authorities turn a blind eye to evil intent, because it serves their purpose, someone has to take a stand.

Wed 7th July: First Australians – The Untold Story

2:00pm: Episode 5 – *AN UNHEALTHY GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENT – Western Australia - 1897 - 1937*

Many First Australians are being born into hybrid lives, strictly controlled by white society. It is hard for them to find their feet in the new world or the old, but their spirits endure.

3:00pm: Episode 6 - *A FAIR GO FOR A DARK RACE – South Eastern Australia - 1937 - 1967*

A mass political movement helped win national citizenship rights in 1967, but it was built on successive, strategic campaigns conducted by the First Australians from the 1930s

Thurs 8th July: First Australians – The Untold Story

2:00pm: Episode 7 – *WE ARE NO LONGER SHADOWS – Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands – 1967 - 1992*

Losing control of the land had the most devastating impact on the First Australians. The struggle for land rights continues to this day, and one of its heroes is Eddie Koiki Mabo.

This episode features the life and work of Eddie Mabo whose historic battle in the High Court of Australia overturned terra nullius, and led the way for Native Title and the recognition of prior ownership.