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NAIDOC Week in the Blue Mountains

Louise Markus, Federal Member for Macquarie, said she was honoured to take part in the NAIDOC Week celebrations in the Blue Mountains on Monday.

Mrs Markus attended the Flag Raising Ceremony at Blue Mountains City Council in Katoomba where she said she was moved by the speeches of local Indigenous people, such as Mr Den Barber.

Den Barber is a locally based Wiradjuri man who works on a range of Aboriginal land management projects through his role with National Parks and Wildlife Services.

“NAIDOC Week is a time for us to celebrate the history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and recognise the valuable contributions they make within the community and indeed across our nation,” Mrs Markus said.

“The Gundungurra and Darug people are an integral part of the rich and sacred history of the Blue Mountains and I thank them for sharing their culture with us,” Mrs Markus concluded.

The NAIDOC Week theme for this year is “We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate”.

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