

COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE



CONSULAT GENERAL D'AUSTRALIE NOUMEA

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NAIDOC WEEK 2018 – Speaker Series with Ella Havelka

In the context of NAIDOC Week 2018, the Australian Consulate General is pleased to host Australian ballerina Ella Havelka for a week-long speaker series in New Caledonia from 6-10 August 2018.

In October 2012, Ella Havelka became the first Indigenous dancer to join The Australian Ballet in its 50 year history. A descendant of the Wiradjuri people, Ella has undertaken an inspirational journey from the regional town of Dubbo onto the world stage of The Australian Ballet.

Ella will join us, in partnership with QANTAS Airlines and The Australian Ballet, to present the documentary film about her life, “ELLA”, and speak with audiences around New Caledonia. She will also lead dance workshops with local groups, in partnership with the Southern Province, the Lycée Agricole et Général Michel Rocard, the Mairie d'Ouvéa and other partners.

The documentary film “ELLA” will be screened at several locations including in Ouvéa on 7 August, in Pouembout on 8 August, and in Noumea at the Tjibaou Cultural Centre on 9 August.

NAIDOC Week stands for “National and Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee”. It celebrates and raises awareness of the different cultures, histories and accomplishments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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