

## **Community Screening and Q&A: Her Name Is Nanny Nellie** Orange Cowra Cabonne Science Hub Year-Round Program

The Orange Cowra Cabonne Science Hub is proud to present a special community screening followed by Q&A of the acclaimed documentary *Her Name Is Nanny Nellie*, a powerful and deeply personal exploration of truth-telling, memory, and cultural reclamation in Australia's public institutions.

In 1925, the Australian Museum commissioned three statues of 'full blood' Aboriginal people, a child, a man, and a woman—displayed without names as ethnographic specimens. One of those statues depicted Nellie Bunjil Walker, whose story had been hidden for nearly a century.

Now, her great-granddaughter, Parkes Wiradjuri artist and educator Irene Ridgeway, embarks on a deeply moving journey to reclaim Nanny Nellie's story. Directed by Irene's son, award-winning filmmaker Daniel King (Ngarigo, Yuin, Awabakal), the film retraces Nellie's life through family records, museum archives, and seeks not only to honour her legacy but to reconnect with the descendants of the other two statues and restore dignity to their identities.

*Her Name Is Nanny Nellie* documentary highlights past colonial representation of collections and invites audiences to consider how history is preserved, presented, and remembered. Following premieres at the Adelaide Film Festival and broadcast on SBS/NITV, in 2025 Irene and Daniel won an Australian Museums and Galleries Association - Connection Awards category and was a contender at the 2025 AACTA Awards in the documentary category.

This community screening is part of National Science Week celebrating arts, knowledge sharing, and First Nations leadership in Western NSW. Go here to view the full program <https://rb.gy/t2o0o0>

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### **EVENT DETAILS**

**Date:** 08.08.2025

**Time:** 6.00pm-8.00pm

**Location:** Cowra Civic Centre - Auditorium room

**Tickets:** Free/Donation - Link [HERE](#)

**Director:** Daniel King

**Writer:** Irene Ridgeway

**Duration:** 1h 19m

**Language:** English

**Year:** 2023

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