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Boxing champ 'Cheeky' May guest at SWAMS' Family Fun Day

Celebrating NAIDOC Week with family and friends is something IBF Australasian Featherweight boxing champion Nathaniel "Cheeky" May is looking forward to this week.

Taking time out from his gruelling training schedule, May will be guest of honour at Thursday's (7th July) Family Fun Day event, hosted by the South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS).

The 20-year-old is calling on all members of his local community to come down to the Bunbury Trotting Club and help recognise the importance of NAIDOC Week, which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples.

"Come down, the Family Fun Day will be a great day. I'm looking forward to seeing the family and having a good yarn with everyone," May said.

"It's not every day that we all get together and have a good day like this."

Family is something May credits as his biggest motivation to succeed.

"I wouldn't be here if it weren't for my family. I've got a good family. My cousins look up to me and that keeps me going. I know what I want in the future, so I go for it," he said.

May received NAIDOC Week honours last month and was awarded the NAIDOC Sportsman of 2016, an award that he said left him speechless.

"NAIDOC Week is important for our community. The award was such an honour and I didn't expect it," May said.

Since claiming the IBF Australasian Featherweight boxing champion title earlier this year, May's commitment to training has increased.

He admits he's no stranger to hard work and takes his community role model status seriously.

"You've got to dream big and don't let anyone hold you back, go for it," May said.

“I was told at school that I wouldn’t do this or do that, but I’ve done it. Anything can happen with hard work.”

Come and say hi to Cheeky and the South West Slammers state basketballers at the SWAMS Family Fun Day event held this Thursday, 7th July from 10am until 2pm at the Bunbury Trotting Club. Please note Cheeky will be available from 11.30am-12 noon, so don’t miss out.

If you have any questions please contact the SWAMS Office on (08) 9791 1166 or email info@swams.com.au or check out our Facebook page.

Photo caption: IBF Australasian Featherweight boxing champion Nathaniel “Cheeky” May is looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week at the SWAMS Family Fun Day this Thursday, 7th July. Come along and meet the local boxing legend.

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