



# MIKI'SIW Métis Messenger

## August 2024

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### Local News & Events

**MIKI'SIW Métis Association is pleased to have our Elders/seniors and youth featured in this program!**



season  
**ONE** MIKI'SIW  
MÉTIS  
ASSOCIATION

**AIRING SUMMER 2024 ON CVOX**



EPISODE ONE  
keygan  
& chrys



EPISODE TWO  
rielle  
& milt



EPISODE THREE  
bobbi  
& laurel

**Ancestral Echoes** is a podcast education program that partners Elders with young people in the Comox Valley to engage in the tradition of oral story-telling while producing a recorded podcast. **Scan the QR code to see the CVOX schedule and listen to Ancestral Echoes online**



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# Local News & Events continued

**Tune into  
CVOX.com  
to check  
out the  
schedule.**

**Next  
airing:  
Thursday,  
August 1  
at 4pm**



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EPISODE FOUR  
jesse  
& louis



EPISODE FIVE  
ava  
& bryce



EPISODE SIX  
izzy  
& sheila

Season one is a partnership between Comox Valley Arts, MIKI'SIW Métis Association and CVOX Radio. The purpose of this program is to **create a space where Elders can work with local youth to engage in an intergenerational exchange that shares perspective, awareness and understanding** of Elder's voices and stories of the living past to new generations. In exchange our young people can be active listeners and ask meaningful questions while learning leadership skills "hosting" an interview-style podcast.





# The Event of the Summer is almost here!

## Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous

August 17, 2024  
Cowichan Exhibition Park



Music,  
workshops,  
traditional skills,  
food, fiddling,  
dancing,  
Métis vendors  
and more!

- Admission and camping by donation
- World class entertainment and music by Métis fiddlers, dancers and singers
- Voyageur games, tomahawk throwing and archery
- Traditional cultural workshops in caribou hair tufting, dot painting, Métis fiddling, plant walk, fish scale art and more!

For more information, contact: [vimrendezvous@gmail.com](mailto:vimrendezvous@gmail.com) and follow us on Instagram @vimr\_2024

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## Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous

Saturday, August 17, 2024  
Cowichan Exhibition Park



Come join us for a day of  
Métis culture and kinship!

Admission and camping by donation

Opening Ceremonies 10 am

Calvin Cairns & Don Freed - 11 am  
Campaigni V'ni Danci - 12 pm  
Ed Peekakoot - 1 pm  
Sandy Seofield - 2 pm  
Ivan Flatt Memorial Dancers - 4 pm  
Raynie Gervais Band - 6 pm  
Jam and Open Mike - 7 pm

Archery & Tomahawk Toss 11-3:30  
Voyageur Games 11-4 pm

Traditional workshops throughout the  
afternoon, Kids Zone, food, Métis artisan  
marketplace, guest speakers and more!

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Come  
Volunteer  
with us!

Volunteer your time and help to make this  
year's Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous a  
true community event. There are  
opportunities to help in every capacity and  
for all abilities.

If you are interested in  
participating, please visit our  
volunteer page at  
<https://signup.com/go/NAOJrOD>  
or Scan the QR Code:



Contact [myrinalogan@gmail.com](mailto:myrinalogan@gmail.com) for more information

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## Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous 2024



## Youth Gathering

August 16, 2024  
Cowichan Exhibition Park

- For Métis youth (ages 15-30) who live in Region 1
- 11am with overnight camping available leading into the VIMR on the 17th
- Save the date and follow @vimr\_2024 on Instagram for updates and event details

Contact info: [region1youth@mnbc.ca](mailto:region1youth@mnbc.ca)

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## Advocacy for Métis-Informed Education

Taanishi MNBC Citizens,

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, MNBC launched a citizen advocacy campaign in response to significant updates concerning Bill 40 - The School Amendment Act and the new Ministerial Order on Indigenous Education Councils, and their implications for Métis families and students.

Thank you to everyone who has shown their support by sharing the letter. If you have not done so already, we encourage all MNBC Citizens to participate by sharing a letter urging the government to enhance Métis representation on IECs. The letter will be directly sent to Premier Eby, Minister of Education and Child Care Rachna Singh, and your local MLA. To join us, please read the pre-written letter and complete a brief form with your details (name, email, full mailing address). Please note that these details will not be shared publicly but are required to determine your local MLA.

If you wish to share your personal experiences as a Métis person within the education system, we strongly encourage you to submit your personal letter detailing your stories and perspectives separately to your local MLA.

If you did not receive, the original email from July 24, 2024, please check your junk mail.

Your involvement is crucial in advocating for Métis-informed education and the welfare of all Métis K-12 learners. Thank you in advance for your steadfast support in this important initiative.

[Send Letter](#)



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