

MUSIC BUSINESS DIRECTORY

A guide to music industry organisations and businesses
for First Nations artists and industry

ORGANISATIONS



GADIGAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Established in 1993, Gadigal Information Services (GIS) is home to First Nations community radio icon Koori Radio. It also plays a leading role in the development and promotion of First Nations musicians across the country. GIS also runs the popular Yabun festival. See information about Koori Radio below.

kooriradio.com

MUSICNSW

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MusicNSW is the state body for contemporary music. It works to empower and connect artists and industry. MusicNSW has an online hub for First Nations artists with resources. To learn more or have a yarn, you can [email Kaleena](#). Sign up to the [First Nations newsletter](#) for updates on opportunities, events and grants.

musicnsw.com



NATIONAL
ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
MUSIC OFFICE

APRA AMCOS (NATSIMO)

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Office (NATSIMO) is a First Nations-led initiative of APRA AMCOS for music creators. It supports professional development of songwriters and composers and advocates for a thriving, self-determined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music industry.

apraamcos.com.au



CREATIVE AUSTRALIA

Formerly the Australia Council for the Arts, Creative Australia is the Federal Government's national funding body for arts and culture. It provides funding opportunities across various artforms, including music. It accepts applications from across the country.

www.creative.gov.au



REGIONAL ARTS NSW

Regional Arts NSW provides a range of services to strengthen and support the regional arts and cultural sector including grant programs, training and group insurance policies. It is the peak body for 15 Regional Arts Organisations in NSW, each providing strategic direction for sustainable arts and cultural development in their region.

regionalartsnsw.com.au



CREATE NSW & SOUND NSW

Create NSW is the state government's major arts funding body, providing funding opportunities across diverse artforms. This includes First Nations funding programs for artists based in NSW. Sound NSW is a new office within Create NSW committed to the growth, development and promotion of contemporary music in NSW.

create.nsw.gov.au

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Artists in the Black

ARTS LAW – ARTISTS IN THE BLACK

Arts Law is Australia's independent national community legal centre for the arts, operating for almost 40 years. Artists in the Black is its service that provides free or low-cost support for First Nations musicians and arts organisations. This includes providing legal advice and resources on creative rights, contracts and more.

artslaw.com.au



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MUSIC AWARDS

The National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs) are recognised as one of Australia's most prominent Indigenous music awards and have been celebrating First Nations artists for 16 years. The Awards bring together acts who are yet to make their mark on the world alongside those who have achieved international recognition.

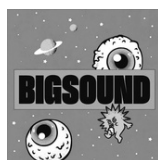
nima.musicnt.com.au



INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) assists and enhances the economic development opportunities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia. It offers to help with financial services and affordable loans so you can own your home, run your business and help you invest in your future.

iba.gov.au



BIGSOUND

BIGSOUND is a music industry conference held each September in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Around 150 artists perform across three days and this is accompanied by a conference program covering key music industry issues. This includes a First Nations led program stream.

bigsound.org.au



SXSW SYDNEY

Founded in 1987 in Austin, Texas, SXSW (South by Southwest) has come to Sydney from 2023. This industry conference and showcase has streams across tech, games, screen or music industries is held across 7 days and includes a music festival showcasing emerging and established talent from Australia and overseas.

sxswsydney.com



The heart & hand of Australian music

SUPPORT ACT

Support Act's First Nations Support Line is a free, confidential service specifically for First Nations people to provide help with mental health and wellbeing. It is available to access 24/7 365 days - call 1800 959 500 (option 3). If you, or someone you care about, is in crisis or at immediate risk dial 000 now.

supportact.org.au

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AWESOME BLACK

Awesome Black is a social enterprise that develops First Nations storytelling podcasts, art, video and gaming content. It provides opportunities for creatives including creating spaces to develop your craft and gain access to services, and providing a shared platform where First Nations voices can be heard.

awesomeblack.org



MAD PROPPA DEADLY

Mad Proppa Deadly (MPD) is an Indigenous Corporation based in Armidale, NSW. It fosters connection, learning and expression for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in regional areas using a platform for regional storytelling through music. Its projects include Mob Studio Sessions and Level Up.

mpd.org.au



FIRST HAND SOLUTIONS

First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation is a small charity that specialises in finding hands-on solutions to issues faced by Aboriginal people, families and communities and, in particular, young Aboriginal people. It has three main projects: Blak Markets, IndigiGrow and National Indigenous Art Fair

firsthandsolutions.org.au

MEDIA, RADIO & STREAMING



KOORI RADIO

Koori Radio is a First Nations radio station broadcasting 24/7 from "Australia's Black Capital of Redfern", Sydney. It broadcasts on 93.7FM and DAB+ and programs are a mix of music, news, community information and discussion beyond the Blue Mountains in the west, the Central Coast in the north, and Wollongong in the south.

kooriradio.com



FIRST NATIONS MEDIA AUSTRALIA

First Nations Media Australia is the peak body for not-for-profit broadcasting, media and communications. First Nations led media provide local information, support health and wellbeing, provide meaningful employment and skill development, strengthen cultural identity and support social and economic development.

firstnationsmedia.org.au



SPOTIFY – DREAMING LOUD

Dreaming Loud is Spotify's community program and strategy to amplify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music on and off the platform. This includes supporting First Nations new releases and catalogue music and creating playlists, initiatives, and partnerships. Playlists include Blak Australia, Proppa Bars and Big Ancestor Energy.

spotify.com



ABC RADIO NATIONAL – AWAY!

Presented by Rudi Bremer on ABC's Radio National, Away! presents diverse and vibrant Aboriginal arts and culture from across Australia on Saturdays at 6pm (repeated on Tuesdays at 9pm and Thursdays at 1am).

abc.net.au



INDIGITUBE

indigiTUBE supports the preservation of language and culture. It live streams 27 First Nations radio stations. Amrap (the CBAA's Australian Music Radio Airplay Project) and indigiTUBE work together to promote First Nations artists to 250+ community radio stations and broadcasters.

indigitube.com.au



FBI RADIO

FBI Radio is an independent youth broadcaster based in Sydney. It plays 50% Australian music, with half of that from Sydney. FBI Radio broadcasts on FM radio – 94.5FM – across Greater Sydney, from Katoomba to Gosford to Wollongong, on DAB+ and via their website.

fbiradio.com

FIRST NATIONS BUSINESSES IN NSW



TERRI JANKE AND COMPANY

Terri Janke and Company is a 100% Indigenous owned and run law firm with expertise in Commercial Law and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP). Founded in 2000 by Dr Terri Janke, it is multi-award winning and a Supply Nation Certified Supplier.

www.terrijanke.com.au



33creative

33 CREATIVE

Founded by Wiradjuri woman Mayrah Sonter and Georgia Cordukes, 33 Creative is an Aboriginal media, communications and events company. It has been built from the passion, drive and commitment of a dedicated team with long-standing and valued networks in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia.

www.33creative.com.au



BLAK LENS

Blak Lens is a collective of established, emerging, and aspiring Blak photographers and videographers. It is a network of creatives who use their art to explore and celebrate the unique cultural heritage, experiences and perspectives of First Nations Australians.

www.blaklens.com.au