

**Senate Standing Committee on the
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts**
PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S INDIGENOUS VISUAL ARTS AND
CRAFT SECTOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
Canberra Hearing 9 February 2007

Topic: Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRAs)

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Senator Webber asked:

Can you give me a run-down on SRAs relating to Indigenous arts and culture - where they are, how they operate and who the lead agency is?

Answer:

As of 20 February 2007 there are 25 Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRAs) that relate to Indigenous arts and culture. Seventeen of these have an Indigenous arts component. All 25 agreements are listed in the attached table together with information on what they aim to achieve and where they are located.

SRAs are agreements at the local level between governments and Indigenous communities. Through an SRA, both the community and government agree to work towards certain identified goals, with government providing resources and the community making commitments (or 'mutual obligations') to help reach these goals.

This community contribution may involve using community assets, such as a community centre or community business. Alternatively, it could be a commitment to invest time and energy in projects that will help the community.

Government investment may take the form of extra services, capital or infrastructure. The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, through staff based in Indigenous Coordination Centres, leads the development of SRAs and coordinates the Government's investment in an SRA, drawing on relevant programs and services.

SRAs may include other partners besides the Australian Government and Indigenous communities. State/Territory Governments, local government, businesses or non-government organisations can also be partners – if the community thinks these groups can help them reach their SRA goals.

SRA funding is provided through Program Funding Agreements which are monitored and acquitted as per the terms of the agreement.

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Shared Responsibility Agreements relating to Indigenous arts	State	Partners*
Community facilities for Galiwin'ku To develop a Yolngu cultural precinct that will include an art centre, museum and knowledge centre to support cultural based tourism	NT	DCITA DEWR
Mungart Boodja Art Centre – Noongar Arts Marketing Position To revive Noongar art and culture and where appropriate market Noongar art product	WA	DCITA Great Southern Development Commission Shire of Katanning
Martu Mili Artists To strengthen the governance and business management of Martu Mili Artists , develop and extend their professional arts practice and provide arts workers opportunities to develop their skills	WA	DCITA FACSA IBA ArtsWA Pilbara Development Commission OEAD Shire of East Pilbara BHP Billiton
Hope Vale Arts and Crafts Centre To enhance, maintain and promote local arts and culture through the construction of a new arts and culture centre.	QLD	DCITA FACSA DEWR ARTS QLD Health QLD
Developing an art industry in Peppimenarti To strengthen the arts industry in the community through improved business management and marketing	NT	DCITA IBA FACSA
Bonalbo Aboriginal Centre To refurbish and operate the Bonalbo Community Centre including the development of the art and craft gallery and the purchase of materials for a community art project.	NSW	DCITA DEWR FACSA
June Correctional Centre To provide support for an art and craft Project for the Indigenous inmates of June Correctional Centre.	NSW	DCITA FACSA
Bourke Yaamma Arts and Culture Festival 2005 Provide opportunities for local artists and enterprises to promote their businesses and attract revenue and interest to the area.	NSW	DCITA FACSA DEST AGD DEWR NSW DSRD NSW Premiers Department NSW Police NSW DET Bourke Shire Council NSW DAA

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Black Suns - Youth - Wagga Wagga Establish a youth committee to develop a youth action plan. Purchase of art and craft materials to be used in cultural programs for youth and young children.	NSW	DCITA Wagga Wagga City Council AGD FACSIA
Larrakia Lyons (Larrakia Nation) To promote traditional culture through art and designs in the Larrika public art and environs project. Professional development of art, design and business acumen skills of artists and youth through workshops.	NT	DCITA DEWR FACSIA Canberra Investment Corporation/Defence Housing Australia Jumbara Group Batchelor Institute Larrakia National A/C
Yumba Historical Preservation Develop an Indigenous interpretive walking trail through the Yumba reserve in language and art utilising traditional language and art in signage and interpretive materials.	QLD	DCITA FACSIA DEWR DEH Booringa Shire Council
Yalata Community – Women's Art Project Develop a stronger Yalata Women's Group, with improved opportunities for women and children in art and craft production and community art enterprises through the provision of a community arts facilitator and for project materials.	SA	DCITA FACSIA DEWR Country Arts SA
Roma Aboriginal Corporation Purchase art and craft materials to be used by the students in cultural activities as part of a wider community-based program aimed at engaging and mentoring suspended students to positively participate in the community.	QLD	DCITA DHA FACSIA DEST QLD DETA
Geraldton Comprehensive Youth Program Provide funding to upgrade an existing building to make it suitable for use as an art centre in order to improve the well-being of youth in the Geraldton region.	WA	DCITA FACSIA AGD DEST GSAC Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Services Geraldton Family Advocacy Service

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Surat Aboriginal Corporation Ensure the community protects, preserves and understands their culture through a bush garden. Restoration of site includes art and design for storyboards and signage.	QLD	DCITA DEH
New scout troop for kids (Yalata) To develop confidence and leadership skills of children to improve community safety. Activities include the design and painting of a school mural.	SA	DCITA OPIC SA Police

Shared Responsibility Agreement relating to Indigenous Culture	State	Partners*
Crescent Head Goolawah Youth program - Dunghutti Youth - Kempsey Funding for school holiday camps for young Aboriginal men to re-instil traditional cultural values and identity.	NSW	DCITA FACSIA
Coonabarabran Family violence Introduce the Black on Track program for males which covers family violence issues and connection to culture.	NSW	DCITA FACSIA
Healthy Work Transitions To increase the ability of the men to enjoy greater all-round health, live with more cultural confidence and skill in domestic and public realms and to achieve some of their own goals concerning self reliance including a greater degree of independence from welfare benefits.	SA	DCITA FACSIA DEWR AGD FACSIA DOTARS Indigenous Land Corporation DEH Central Northern Adelaide Health Service
Tennant Creek Barkly Region Male Musicians Reduce anti-social behaviour in line with the <i>Visitors Protocol</i> by providing a facility that while still being managed, is run by Indigenous leaders.	NT	DCITA AGD DEWR FACSIA NT DEET Tennant Creek Town Council Papulu Apparr – Kari Aboriginal Corporation Julialikari Council Aboriginal Corporation Barkly Regional Arts
Martu Elders (auspiced by Newman Women's Shelter) Provide funding for Cultural Bush Camps led by elders in order for youth at risk to reconnect to their traditional cultural heritage.	WA	DCITA DEST AGD FACSIA WA Police
Strengthening Culture – K'gari To increase cultural awareness and wellbeing in order to reduce anti-social behaviour among young people by providing educational and cultural programs taught by elders.	QLD	DCITA AGD FACSIA QLD DATSIP

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Circular Head Community History and cultural awareness. Record, collate and publish the stories of Elders.	TAS	DCITA FACSIA
Woppaburra To conduct an audit of cultural stories relating to the community to assist with the revival of cultural connections within the community.	QLD	DCITA FACSIA DEWR DEH

* DEWR = Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. OIPC = Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination. IBA = Indigenous Business Australia. OAED = Office of Aboriginal Economic Development. FACSIA = Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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