

BADJI

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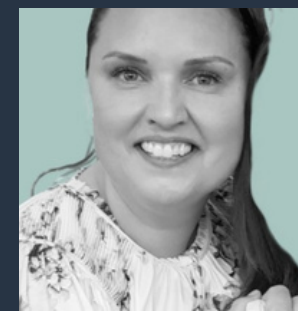
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**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER BUSINESS
SUPPORT PROGRAM**



ACT
Government

Message from Julie Jenkins



BUSINESS SUPPORT CONCIERGE

"The last quarter was a huge for the Badji program.

We had informative meetings with government and business stakeholders, brought the Badji Program to major Canberra business events and were honoured to assist Kristie Peters in realising her dream of Canberra's first ever Indigenous Fashion Show for her business Blaklabel Dreaming.

If you're thinking of starting a business, why not pop into the Coolamon Office to discuss your dream. What are you waiting for?"

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The BADJI Business Support Program is an initiative by the ACT Government for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the ACT to grow their business and for entrepreneurs to start one up

"We are an ACT majority-owned and managed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander company.

And we have a wealth of lived and learned experience to share with First Nations businesses"



**Katrina Fanning
AO PSM**

Director
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WHAT DO WE DO?

We're here to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Businesses and Entrepreneurs in the Canberra Region

- ✔ We help you with the qualifying documentation for Supply Nation registration.
- ✔ We find the specific Business Mentoring and Coaching services you need.
- ✔ We search available business grants that you could be eligible for.
- ✔ We find opportunities for you to study in an Accelerated Business Program.
- ✔ We can assist you to up-skill your business and IT skills.
- ✔ The Business Support Concierge is here to guide you along the journey to business success.
- ✔ Bring your laptop to use a spacious desk in our Woden workspace with access to wi-fi, printer and phone facilities.
- ✔ We have resources to connect you with everything your business may need.
- ✔ We are available Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

The Program was gifted the name "BADJI" by Ngunnawal Elder Caroline Hughes, meaning "Arise" in the Ngunnawal language.

Commissioned artwork by Yarrudhamarra Creations.



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www.coolamonadvisors.com.au/badji-business-support-program



Indigenous Business Showcase

Canberra Indigenous Business Network



CIBN held a showcase expo at the GIO Stadium in Bruce ACT on 25 October 2023.

This event featured an informative presentation from Department of Finance on ‘An Introduction to Australian Government Procurement for Suppliers’.

Indigenous businessess, government representative and our BADJI Business Support Program team came together to better implement the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP).

Above: Representatives from Defence, Supply Nation, National Indigenous Australian Agency and Finance with Kieran Hynes, Director of CIBN as the MC

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

It was a beautiful day at Boomanulla Oval, Saturday 28 October 2023.

The BADJI Business Support Program team promoted the services we provide to Indigenous businesses at a stall where we met many in the community.



We were joined by BADJI Business Support Program participant, Canberra entrepreneur Julie Okely of All First Nations.

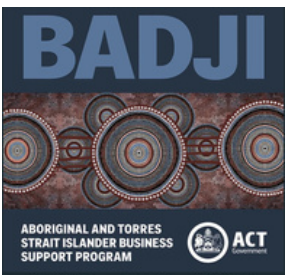
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General Manager of Canberra Centre Gary Stewart with Kristie Peters and ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr



Blaklabel Fashion Show

Canberra region's first formalised Indigenous Fashion Show was held at the Canberra Centre with the help of the Badji Business Support Program 27 October 2023.

It showcased fashion by Badji participant Kristie Peters, with 35 models, the majority being of the local Indigenous community, LGBTQI Community ages from 15-40.

Leading up to the event, Coolamon's Badji staff were actively involved in the management of the project, investing much time and numerous meetings with Blaklabel and service providers, including:

- The Ngunawal Centre UC, to source models CIT students and teachers, for models' hair and makeup
- Transport Community City Services, for transport of models between CIT and the Canberra Centre
- Eventbrite, setting up the event on the app
- Canberra Centre, for hosting the event in one of their busiest foot traffic spaces, supplying a stage, runway, event furniture, back of house areas, AV and catering
- OATSIA, to obtain grant funding
- Culture on the Move, a Badji participant who created the jewellery worn by the models

We were pleased to work with Kristie, to share the excitement of the Indigenous community and see the overwhelming success of the show.

Bottom photo: Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith and Badji staff Liam French



All photos:
Ben Culvert
Photography





Photos show Minister Collins, Julie Jenkins and Kieran Hynes, Parliament House, 16 November 2023

Business Cyber Security



The Honorable Julie Collins MP, Minister for Small Business, met with Coolamon's Badji Concierge Julie Jenkins, and Keiran Hynes of CIBN and Sean Armistead of IBA.

New Government initiatives were discussed, that will bolster business cyber security and resilience in the form of educational tools, materials, assessment, and one-on-one assistance to navigate their cyber challenges.

Thoughts were shared on how Indigenous businesses could be involved in providing cyber security services.



For more information the Media Release can be viewed here



Small businesses can sign-up to be trained as part of the Government's Cyber Wardens initiative here

More than 170 unique nationalities will get together for Australia's largest cultural diversity celebration in Australia.

The Badji Business Support Program team will be at our stall on Saturday 17 February 2024 between 10-2pm.

Come and have a chat with us about your business while exploring the festival sights, sounds, food and drink.



Don't miss this Major Event



National Multicultural Festival





The PACE truck will provide portable and reliable IT services to regional and remote communities.

It will allow remote community members to access the internet, such as high school students studying for exams, and medical practitioners to offer telehealth appointments.

Other access opportunities include:

- Health and wellbeing information
- Educational and research institutions
- Government departments including Services Australia and Medicare
- Legal representation
- Employment services and training providers

Kirra services participated in the Business Support Program in 2017 while run by another Indigenous Canberra business. This demonstrates the success of the ACT Government's commitment to the Business Support Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enterprises.

Visit Kirra Services for more information:



Portable Aboriginal Communication Environment

The production of this striking vehicle was a collaboration between the Dr Steve Burroughs Foundation, who for nearly 50 years have run various Indigenous projects in remote communities, and Canberra's Kirra Services, who used their connections to source the truck and attract Microsoft and Samsung support.

30 Jan 2024 at the Regatta Point viewing was: Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Rachel Stephen-Smith, ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Nyikina Elder in the Kimberley region of WA and Board Chair and Director of the Dr Steve Burroughs Foundation Victor Hunter.





2023 Innovation Showcase

Held on
6 December 2023
Thoroughbred Park
Lyneham

If you are starting a new business or looking to grow your business, attending an event like this is a must.

A multitude of people from business, government, educational and other organisations took advantage of the opportunity to meet, network, forge new relationships and pitch their ideas on stage to the whole audience.

We thoroughly enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere where Canberra's business community all came together to work towards better connections and found inspiration in the creative environment.

If your business needs a little help to attend a business event like this one in the future, to set up a stall, or pitch your business on stage to the crowd, let us know and we can assist.



Got a great idea for a Major Event in Canberra?

Canberra is home to some fantastic major events - Floriade, Multicultural Festival, Enlighten Illuminations, Canberra Balloon Spectacular.

ACT Government's VisitCanberra administers "The Major Event Fund" and this funding is available for businesses who have a great Major Event idea that will drive substantial economic impact for tourist visitation and spend, bring marketing and promotion opportunities, that support and enhance the Canberra brand and that reflect, engage and involve Canberra's diverse communities.

Guidelines and supporting documentation can be found here:



Get in touch with us and we can assist with your application.

Study at CIT Fee-Free TAFE



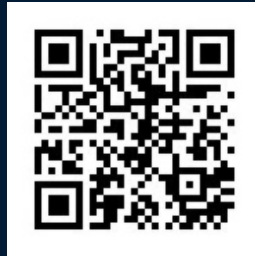
Is it time to learn, retrain or upskill in order to improve your business?

CIT provides 600 fee-free places each semester. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples are listed as Priority learner cohorts.

Take advantage of the fantastic list of courses that will begin soon, and get your application in.

Here are a few selections from the Course List:

- **Introduction to Organisational Cyber Security, Semester 1 and 2, 2024, online 3-4 hours per week, 6 weeks**
- **Certificate III in Business, 1 Semester 24 hours per week in class plus 10 hours self-directed learning, or self paced part-time equivalent**
- **Preparatory Skills Set for Professional Graphic Design Practice, online 5-7 hours per week, 12 weeks**



Browse the List of Courses, the Eligibility criteria, and Priority learner cohorts information here

Are you an artist and looking for funding to:

- create new work
- need professional or skills development
- need mentoring
- residencies
- community arts and cultural development and engagement

This funding may be exactly what you need.

Activities could be across a range of artforms - dance, digital games, literature, music, new media, screen, theatre, visual arts, arts based festivals.



Full details and application guidelines are available here



Arts Activities Funding for Canberra artists, groups and organisations

up to \$5,000 for smaller projects or \$5,000 to \$50,000 for larger projects