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# Organisations That Can Help You With Your Music Business

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This resource highlights organisations that can support your music business, with a focus on First Nations-led services, legal advice, accounting, financial wellbeing and government support.

## First Nations led

### Empower Digital

Empower Digital supports small and micro businesses across Australia to build the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed, helping individuals and communities create their own future through business.

### Indigenous Business Australia

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) supports the economic growth and self-determination of First Nations people across Australia. Through partnerships, investment, and tailored support, IBA backs people, ideas, and opportunities to help turn ambitions into reality and build long-term financial independence.

### Jaramer Legal

Jaramer Legal is led by co-founders Bevan Mailman (Bidjara) and Brian Bero (Meriam), delivering corporate and commercial legal services to government, corporations, and businesses. Their work includes strategic legal advice, procurement support, and project advisory, all delivered through a culturally informed lens to strengthen economic outcomes for First Nations communities.

### Karlaya

A women-led, First Nations-owned accounting and advisory firm based in Brisbane (Meanjin), working with clients nationwide. They offer inclusive, values-led services including accounting, tax support, bookkeeping, and business advisory, helping business owners build financial literacy, stay compliant, and make confident decisions to grow their businesses.

### NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce - NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce

Offers free, culturally informed advisory support for new and existing First Nations-owned businesses across Sydney and Greater Sydney. Delivered by First Nations advisers, the service provides practical business coaching, guidance on building sustainable operations, and connections to local industry and business development networks.

### Yarpa

Yarpa is a central hub connecting First Nations businesses, industry, and community. It offers tailored support through services, networks, and resources, while also helping organisations remove barriers and build stronger, more meaningful engagement with First Nations people and businesses.

### The First Nations Foundation

The First Nations Foundation (FNF) works to build financial literacy and prosperity for First Nations people. It delivers culturally designed education, training, and resources for all stages of financial wellbeing, supported by research and data that inform national conversations and partnerships focused on Indigenous wealth and financial strength.

### Together Business

A First Nations-led accounting and advisory firm creating impact through enterprise Together Business was founded by Anaiwan entrepreneur Sarah Hyland. The award-winning team (Xero Community Partner of the Year) delivers innovative, collaborative support to help businesses, particularly in the social enterprise sector, grow sustainably and drive meaningful change.

### Yolanda Finette

Yolanda Finette is a consultant, facilitator, and life coach who supports individuals, teams, and organisations through coaching, workshops, and cultural supervision grounded in First Nations ways of knowing and being.

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## Organisations with First Nations programs and support

### **Artists in the Black**

Artists in the Black's programs aim to empower and engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to help their artists understand more about their rights.

### **Better Business Advisors**

Better Business Advisors is built on strong, long-term relationships, recognising that accounting goes beyond numbers and that it's about understanding your goals, building trust, and supporting you throughout your financial journey. They work with a diverse range of clients across Australia, including First Nations organisations, women-led businesses, creatives, and SMEs.

### **Kingdom Hearts Consulting**

Based in NSW, King Hearts Consulting focuses on strengthening mental health across workplaces and communities. They deliver tailored solutions for organisations, teams, and small businesses, alongside a strong social enterprise focus supporting First Nations mental health and community reinvestment.

### **Many Rivers**

Many Rivers works alongside individuals and communities long-term, offering business development support, pro-bono legal advice, and microfinance loans to help build financial independence, reduce stress, and create sustainable income and jobs. Their Community Economic Development (CED) work also supports First Nations organisations to achieve strong, local economic outcomes.

### **Support Act First Nations Tax Help**

Support Act offers a Tax Help program for eligible artists and music workers who need support with overdue tax returns or building financial literacy. As an extension of its crisis relief services, approved participants are referred to trusted accounting partners to prepare and lodge outstanding returns with the ATO, an important step for accessing government support and maintaining financial wellbeing. The service is free, and once approved, participants are expected to work with the accountant to complete their returns within three months.

## Other government support

**ATO Indigenous Helpline** (131 030): Offers free, culturally appropriate help with tax and superannuation. The ATO Indigenous helpline is a dedicated support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. While the staff may not all identify as Indigenous, they are experienced in providing culturally informed assistance. They can support you with things like applying for a Tax File Number (TFN), lodging your tax return, or locating your superannuation. You can contact the Indigenous helpline on 13 10 30. It's helpful to have your TFN or Australian Business Number (ABN) ready when you call. To keep your information safe, you'll be asked a few identity questions before they can assist you.

**Reach Out - Indigenous business support program**: Reach Out is the ATO's First Nations business support program that works with First Nations small businesses to help them meet their tax and superannuation obligations. Key support centres on improving business and financial awareness for business, making it easier for them to take part in the tax and super systems, providing tailored support and education to build their business and financial literacy and also to understand their management of their obligations.

**Revenue NSW First Nations Team** (1800 002 345): Providing culturally safe and respectful support, Revenue NSW can connect you with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Support Officer to yarn through your situation, explore options to help you move forward. We'll guide you through each step of the process and check in along the way, while also linking you with Aboriginal Advisory Services and other support if you're facing financial or legal challenges. We can also support organisations to become advocates or Work and Development Order (WDO) sponsors, and work alongside communities to develop action plans and strategies to address fines and debt.

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MusicNSW works, creates and listens on unceded Aboriginal land across the state. We honour elders past and present and acknowledge all First Nations peoples as the original music makers, storytellers and knowledge holders. Always was, always will be.

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