

## Media release

### Australia's leading supplier diversity event Connect returns to the International Convention Centre in 2022

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Supply Nation's annual flagship event for the Indigenous business sector, Connect, is returning to the International Convention Centre in Sydney on Wednesday 25 May 2022 for the first time since 2019.

The event brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, corporate organisations and government departments to foster strategic opportunities and celebrate the success of the Indigenous business sector.

Supply Nation's Chief Executive Officer, Laura Berry, said all industries had been forced to navigate the challenges associated with the pandemic.

"As restrictions ease, we are delighted to host our first face-to-face Connect event in three years. This year, Supply Nation is transforming the format of Connect into a one-day event focused on networking opportunities and showcasing the calibre of Indigenous businesses.

"The official theme for Connect 2022 is '**Reconnecting**' – and we are proud to host a national event to foster connections in a face-to-face environment at the Indigenous Business Tradeshow and the Gala Awards Dinner," Ms Berry continued.

Hosted by award-winning journalist and broadcaster **Dan Bouchier**, the Indigenous Business Tradeshow will take place from 8:30am – 4pm and will provide an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of their products and services to some of Australia's leading corporate organisations and government departments.

From agile sole-traders to multi-million-dollar operations, the Tradeshow is a hub where passionate entrepreneurs and buyers from across the country will come together and reconnect under the same roof.

The event will conclude with the Gala Awards Dinner, hosted by renowned journalist, author and filmmaker **Stan Grant**. The awards dinner will run from 6:00pm – late and will bring together the Indigenous business sector to recognise the achievements of outstanding individuals and organisations at the Supplier Diversity Awards 2022. Guests from across the globe will gather to celebrate the success within the Australian supplier diversity community and culminate with fantastic live performances.

For more information about Connect 2022, visit: [connect.supplynation.org.au](https://connect.supplynation.org.au)

## **About Supply Nation**

Supply Nation is Australia's leading supplier diversity organisation. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Indigenous businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's emerging and rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation's world-leading verification process provides peace of mind by ensuring that all businesses listed on Indigenous Business Direct are not only Indigenous owned but are regularly audited for changes in company structure. Supply Nation's support, combined with a range of business tools, helps our members develop their supplier diversity practices, and build a strong, successful and sustainable Indigenous business sector. To find out more, visit: [supplynation.org.au](https://supplynation.org.au)

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