

Media Release

Regional Indigenous businesses to showcase at Supply Nation’s Dubbo Trade Fair

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Supply Nation’s Indigenous Business Trade Fair opens Wednesday 9 April on the lands of the Tubba-Gah people of the Wiradjuri Nation in Thubbo (Dubbo).

To be held at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, the Trade Fair will showcase around 60 Indigenous businesses with over 350 registered attendees including corporate and government buyers looking to source products and services from verified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers.

Exhibitors at the Dubbo Trade Fair represent a wide variety of industries including construction, transport and logistics, education and training, business support services and recruitment, food and beverages, energy, information technology, design and facilities management. Part of a national series, the event follows highly successful events in Perth and Canberra over the last six months.

“Dubbo is a key hub for regional manufacturing and logistics, with a strong presence of Indigenous-owned businesses. It made total sense to focus on Dubbo for our next regional Trade Fair, offering the opportunity to showcase high-quality products and services to buyers beyond of the major metropolitan areas,” said Damien Barnes, Co-Chair, Supply Nation Board.

“We have some fantastic local businesses exhibiting their ranges of skincare, photography, therapeutic services, mentoring and cultural support, health and safety certifications, and logistics and security. The Trade Fair has also attracted business from other regional centres including Tamworth, Orange and Taree, which is great to see, and we value this support for our events.”

Supply Nation manages the largest national database of verified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses – Indigenous Business Direct. Over 5,500 suppliers from every state, territory and sector of the Australian economy are listed; with more than 800 corporate, government and non-profit members dedicated to growing their supplier diversity practices.

Over its 15-year history, Supply Nation has facilitated \$20 billion of procurement spend from its members to its Registered and Certified Suppliers, strengthening the Indigenous business sector and creating lasting economic opportunities.

About Supply Nation

[Supply Nation](#) is Australia's leading supplier diversity organisation. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation's rigorous 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.

Supply Nation has a zero-tolerance approach to any commercial fraud, dishonest or anti-competitive behaviour that impacts the successful growth and reputation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses. Allegations of fraudulent behaviour, including the unauthorised use of Supply Nation's brand and logos signifying Certified and Registered business will be investigated.

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