

First Nations Supplier Day

Program

4.00 – 4.30

Opening of the First Nations Supplier Day

Join us for an afternoon of connection and collaboration with local First Nations businesses.

4.30 – 4.45

Welcome to Country & Mayoral address

Hear from Uncle Tais Muckan and Mayor Rosanna Natoli in this opening address.

4.45 – 5.45

Panel discussion: Making our Mark

Hear from a panel of experts sharing their stories, knowledge and practical tips to support a thriving First Nations business sector on the Sunshine Coast.

5.45 – 7.30

First Nations Business Expo

Connect, network and discover opportunities with up to 30 First Nation's businesses showcasing their services and products along with information and resources from event partners throughout a facilitated networking activity.



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Panel - Making our Mark

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Carly Forrest The Dreaming Collective

Carly is a proud Mandandanji woman and dedicated advocate for Indigenous businesses, drawing upon over a decade of professional experience to empower First Nations entrepreneurs. With a Bachelor of Business Management & HRM, Carly's journey began in community engagement at Buranga Centre, USC, and leadership roles at QUT. She later contributed to education at TAFE QLD East Coast and conducted First Nations research at the School of Education, UQ.



Alana Kennedy Ochre Sun

Alana is the founder and driving force behind the Ochre Sun Group. In 2019 Alana launched Ochre Sun 50+ SPF sunscreen using native Indigenous botanicals and by doing so, laid the foundations of a business that would create tangible and lasting impact for First Nations people and communities. Alana is a descendant of the Waanyi Kalkadoon and Eastern Arrernte tribes from North West Queensland – near Mount Isa.



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Benjamin Thomson First Nations Distributors

As a proud Wiradjuri man hailing from Sydney, raised on Darug Country, Benjamin's passion for entrepreneurship was inspired by his sense of pride for both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. First Nations Distributors delivers a range of products in the Medical, Safety, Eco-Friendly and Procurement sourcing pillars. Their mission is to deliver quality products and professional service while upholding their core values of trust and integrity.



Sorita McGrane Economic Development Australia

Sorita is a proud Torres Strait Islander committed to the growth of local business, First Nations Economic Participation and Regional Development. Until recently, Sorita was CEO of Regional Development Australia Moreton Bay. Prior to that role, Sorita honed her knowledge and experience in development working across various sectors including biomedical, space, resource recovery, Indigenous business and more. Sorita delivers training to Economic Development Practitioners across Australia in Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Economic Development for the accredited training program for Economic Development Australia.



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Joel Anderson Hutchinson Builders

Joel is a descendant of the Awabakal People from the Central Coast of New South Wales. He has spent more than a decade working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia in urban, rural and remote settings. His experience includes education, career development, training & employment programs, Indigenous procurement and community engagement. Joel has worked with Hutchinson Builders since 2016, he works with Trainers, Indigenous Coordinators and external partners in relation to training, employment and mentoring strategies for all participants of Hutchinson Builder's Statim-Yaga program.



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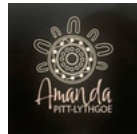


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Al Bartholomew Music

Raw and authentic rock, soul, reggae & folk covers. Available for private/commercial/cultural gigs.



Amanda Pitt-Lythgoe

A Kabi Kabi/Wakka Wakka woman from the Sunshine Coast. Her creative expression reflects what she sees when she is standing on Country, and her work has a deep connection with people and spirit.



Beachtree Distilling Co

Distilling premium-quality handcrafted gins and vodka infused with Australian native botanicals, committed to ethical and sustainable industry practices.



Biral Tours

Tours offering a unique, genuine and authentic experience through the sacred tribal lands and waterways known today, as the Sunshine Coast Region.

Blak Botanics

Celebrating the beauty & diversity of flora native to this country. From bunches to bouquets, projects to special moments, we are a First Nations led business, working sustainably.



Coast Smoke Alarm

Passionately invested in our work and unwavering commitment to safeguard our community from the dangers of fire.



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Deadly Dot Pots

Mandy is a First Nations artist living on Gubbi Gubbi Country, passionate about sharing her story, and demonstrating how art can have the ability to positively impact people's lives.



Embrace Tech

Embrace Tech is dedicated to providing Indigenous organisations with affordable access to the best IT technical support professionals.



First Nation Distributors

A service-based distribution business, Supply Nation Certified, partnering with industry leading brands, to provide clients with quality products and a professional service.



GATHAA First Nations Markets

Welcome to GATHAA (GATH-ER) a modern gathering ground, where First Nations entrepreneurs converge on Gubbi Gubbi Country to share their culture, wisdom, and unique creations.



Glass Art Dreaming

Glass art dreaming is based in Qld and produces high quality contemporary Aboriginal Art. Predominantly painted on glass-based and mirror products.



Indigenous Employment

The Indigenous Employment Australia Job Board helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job seekers connect with current job opportunities and assists potential employers.



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Jhdungah Cultural Enterprise

An interactive and intimate experience discovering the significant areas along Mooloolaba beach accesses and the connection to Country and how to help heal Country.

Little Treasure's Dreaming

Culturally inspired handmade jewellery created by Yo-Di Peters.



Luke Mallie Designs

Commission your own bespoke art and bring your ideas to life. Luke Mallie Designs will work collaboratively to transform your space with contemporary artworks made specifically for you.



Maiz the Label

Aiming to empower and educate the next generation to show up as and express their true authentic self. Creating tools for full self-expression - merch, accessories and mental health support tools - and delivers workshops that equip children (and their parents) with the tools to LOVE their inner most self.



Munimba-Ja Art Gallery

Munimba-ja means welcome place. Munimba-ja Arts Centre is a safe space, situated in the beautiful hills of Maleny. It is driven by local Aboriginal voices, creating and presenting critical work that promotes contemporary Aboriginal art and ideas.



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My Dilly Bag

An immersive bushfood education service and food manufacturer with a range of nutritious and tasty products.

Ocher Bee

Sara specialises in grounded Cultural Connection Experience Products Art and Healing. A space for all.



Ochre Sun

A sunscreen enriched with ethically sourced native botanicals. We are pioneering bush medicine into a global skincare company revolutionising the industry by bridging the gap between ancient wisdom and contemporary innovation.



Red Handed Productions

Red handed productions amplify the voices of the underrepresented to uncover deep rich histories and bring recognition to cultural and creative practices.



Shine People Solutions

Australia's leading recruitment agency specialising in the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals with an unparalleled professional network of more than 13,000 Indigenous people.



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Smarter Supply

Smarter Supply, a majority Indigenous-owned and fully female-owned enterprise, delivers uniform, PPE, and promotional product solutions to a wide range of sectors.



The Dreaming Collective

Founded in 2023 by Carly Forrest, the Dreaming Collective aims to bolster Indigenous-owned businesses' growth through strategic operations while promoting cultural respect in non-Indigenous sectors. We are experts in leadership, stakeholder relations, brand development, and marketing communication.



TribalLink

A purpose built cultural experience for you to participate and learn about First Nations concepts, bush skills and bush tucker. You'll have the opportunity to have a culturally inspired meal and watch us perform traditional dance, songs and stories.



Unified Labour Hire Recruitment

Providing skilled and trained candidates for the renewable sector, civic works and other construction to help our client contractors improve their performance and achieve their goals.



Yaala Sparkling

Bringing the modern taste of native Australian botanicals to life. We invite you to embrace and celebrate the real flavours of Australia.



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Yuluwirri Weaving

Pronounced "You-loo-wirry" meaning Rainbow in Gamilaraay language. Hannah "Goanna" is an Anaiwan/Gamilaraay woman, sharing First Nations values of community and conservation through weaving workshops.



Yura Tech

Pioneering digital engineering through Indigenous influence, Yura Tech offers custom software development solutions to help businesses and government agencies scale and transform. Yura Tech unites cultural influence with cutting edge technology to develop innovative digital transformation solutions.



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