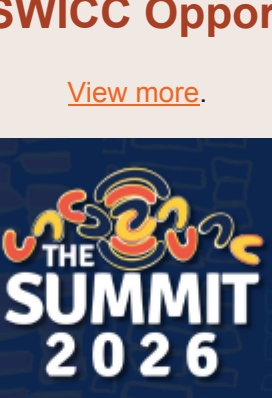


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NSWICC News



OPPORTUNITIES BOARD

A place for NSWICC Members and Partners to share employment, training and contract opportunities.

Explore the NSWICC Opportunities Board

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Tickets Are Now Live for The Summit 2026

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Buying on Country - Connecting Indigenous Business Ports Now Open!

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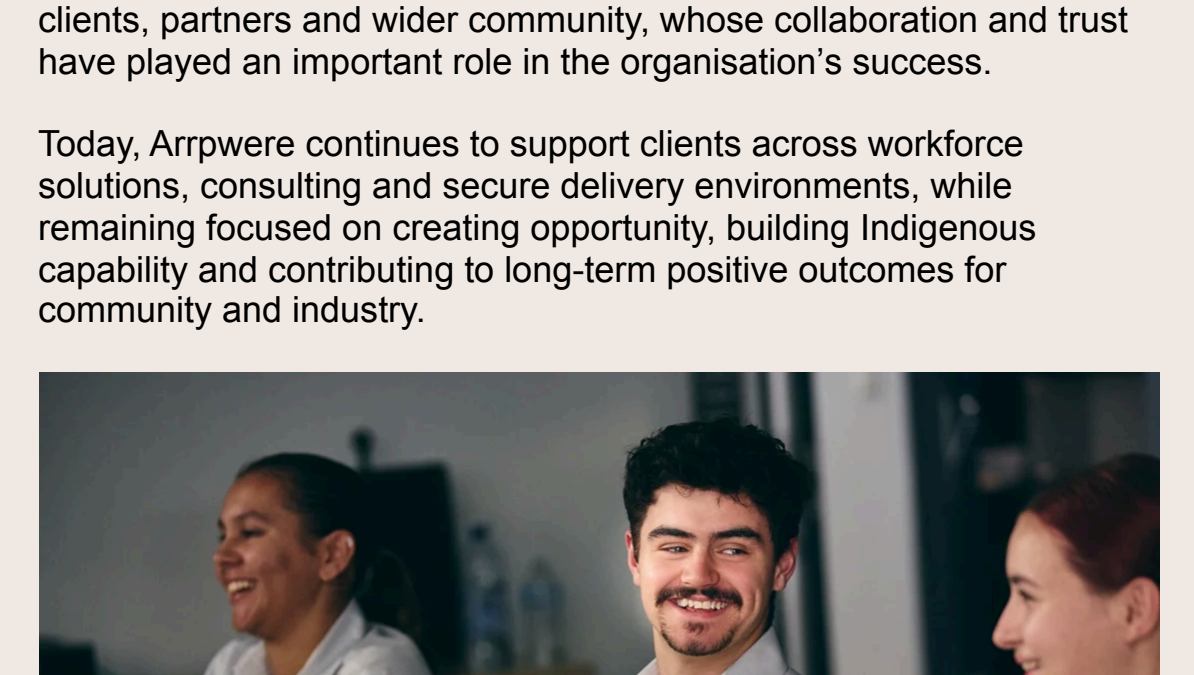
Buying on Country - Equitable Procurement Practices Training now open for NSW Government Staff

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NSW Aboriginal Business Roundtable: Shaping the Future of Aboriginal Business

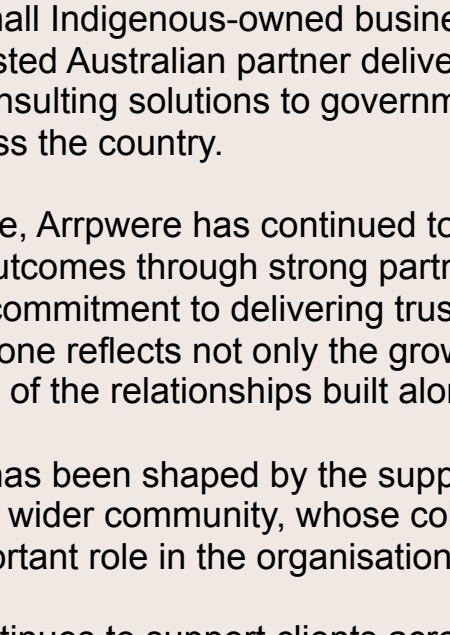
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NSWICC Attends Sydney Build 2026

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Other News



Arrpwere is 10 years old!

This year marks a significant milestone for Arrpwere as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary.

What began as a small Indigenous-owned business with a clear vision has grown into a trusted Australian partner delivering workforce, digital, cyber and consulting solutions to government, defence and industry clients across the country.

Over the past decade, Arrpwere has continued to build capacity and create meaningful outcomes through strong partnerships, community engagement and a commitment to delivering trusted services. Reaching this milestone reflects not only the growth of the business, but also the strength of the relationships built along the way.

Arrpwere's journey has been shaped by the support of its employees, clients, partners and wider community, whose collaboration and trust have played an important role in the organisation's success.

Today, Arrpwere continues to support clients across workforce solutions, consulting and secure delivery environments, while remaining focused on creating opportunity, building Indigenous capability and contributing to long-term positive outcomes for community and industry.



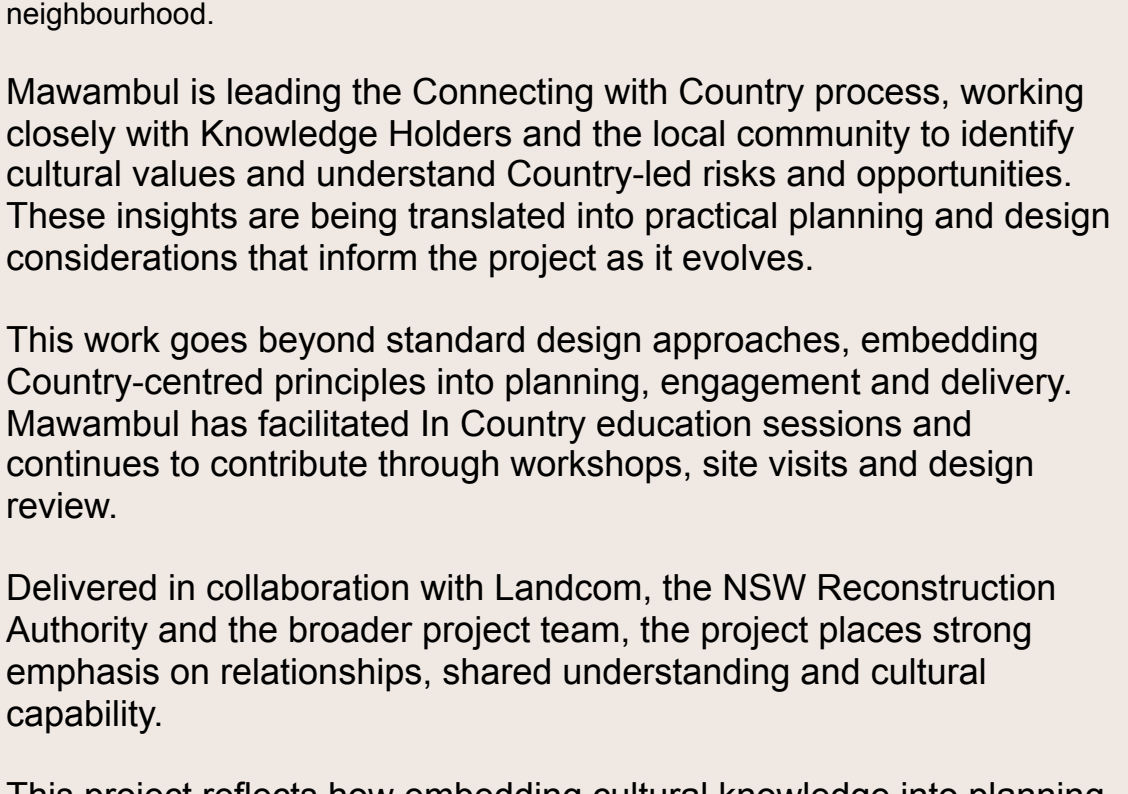
Still places left in our IPROWD Course in Nowra - Apply Now!

NSW Police and Australian Federal Police Pathways!

The Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) training program is a program conducted by TAFE NSW and is currently delivered at TAFE campuses across NSW. It has been specifically designed to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples who wish to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully apply for the NSW Police Force and/or the Australian Federal Police (AFP), both in sworn (Uniformed) and unsworn roles.

Where: Nowra Campus
When: 1 July - 18 December 2026
Delivery: Flexible delivery

[Click here to apply!](#)



Optus FutureFit: Cybersecurity

Optus FutureFit: free, expert facilitated digital workshops, designed for busy people.

With cyber awareness the number one concern for Australian small businesses, Optus FutureFit: Cybersecurity keeps things simple with short, practical workshops that provide clear guidance you can act on straight away.

Workshops are free, suitable for all levels of technical experience and open to all small businesses.

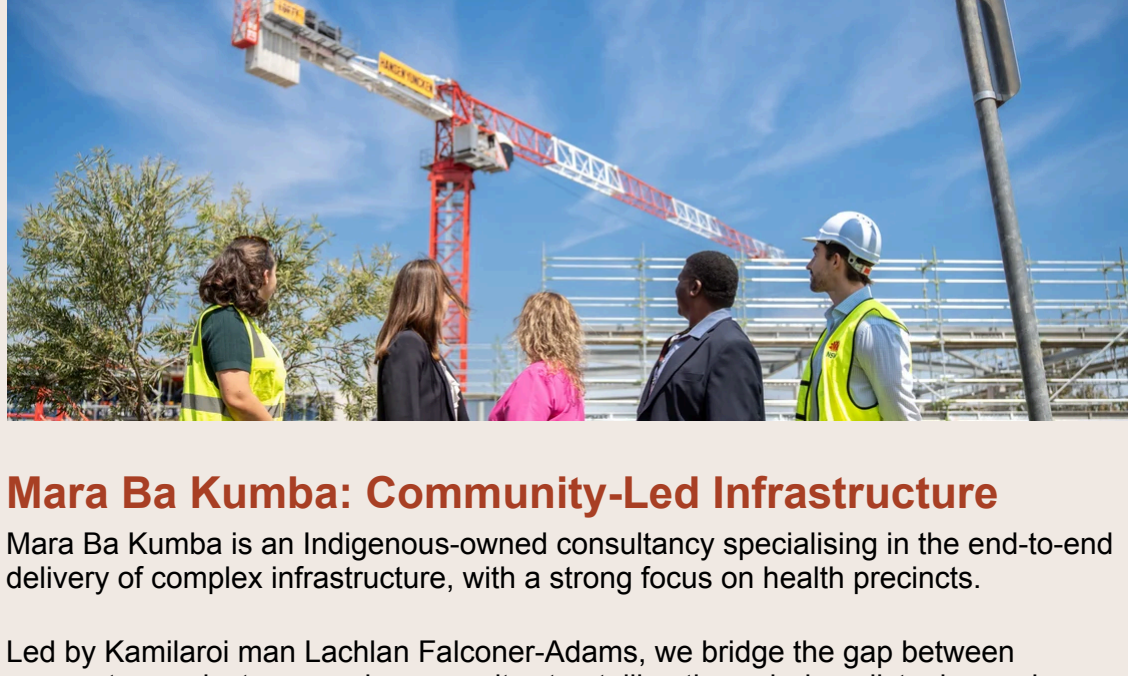
- Learn how to protect your data by identifying common cyber threats
- Reduce business risk with simple, practical actions you can take immediately
- Build your cyber readiness by understanding skills, time, budget and team responsibilities

You'll also leave with a cyber plan created specifically for your business.

About Optus FutureFit

Facilitated by experts, Optus FutureFit is a practical education program designed to help Australian small businesses build confidence and digital capability in a fast-changing world. Workshops are available to all small businesses, whether you're Optus customer or not.

[Register here!](#)



Supporting Recovery Through Country-Led Design in East Lismore

Mawambul Design & Cultural Consultancy is supporting the East Lismore residential development, a Landcom-led project focused on long-term recovery and resilience following the 2022 flood events.

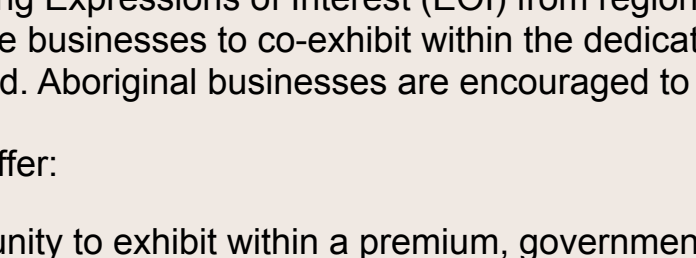
Spanning approximately 72 hectares, the project will deliver at least 400 new homes, including a diverse mix of affordable housing options for the local community, particularly those impacted by the floods. The development is designed to respond to environmental conditions while creating a connected and sustainable neighbourhood.

Mawambul is leading the Connecting with Country process, working closely with Knowledge Holders and the local community to identify cultural values and understand Country-led risks and opportunities. These insights are being translated into practical planning and design considerations that inform the project as it evolves.

This work goes beyond standard design approaches, embedding Country-centred principles into planning, engagement and delivery. Mawambul has facilitated in Country education sessions and continues to contribute through workshops, site visits and design review.

Delivered in collaboration with Landcom, the NSW Reconstruction Authority and the broader project team, the project places strong emphasis on relationships, shared understanding and cultural capability.

This project reflects how embedding cultural knowledge into planning and design can support more resilient communities — contributing to a future for East Lismore that is responsive to Country, grounded in community and built for the long term.



Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development

Exhibit with us at Australia's Premier Food Industry Trade Show

The NSW Government is proud to participate in **Fine Food Australia 2026**, taking place from 31 August – 3 September 2026 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. As the largest food industry trade show in the southern hemisphere, Fine Food Australia attracts more than 26,000 trade visitors from over 50 countries each year, offering unmatched exposure to buyers, distributors, and industry leaders.

Showcase your brand in the Flavours of NSW zone.

The Flavours of NSW zone celebrates the state's diverse food and beverage manufacturing capabilities while highlighting government support for industry growth.

We are inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from regional NSW food and beverage businesses to co-exhibit within the dedicated Flavours of NSW stand. Aboriginal businesses are encouraged to apply.

What's on offer:

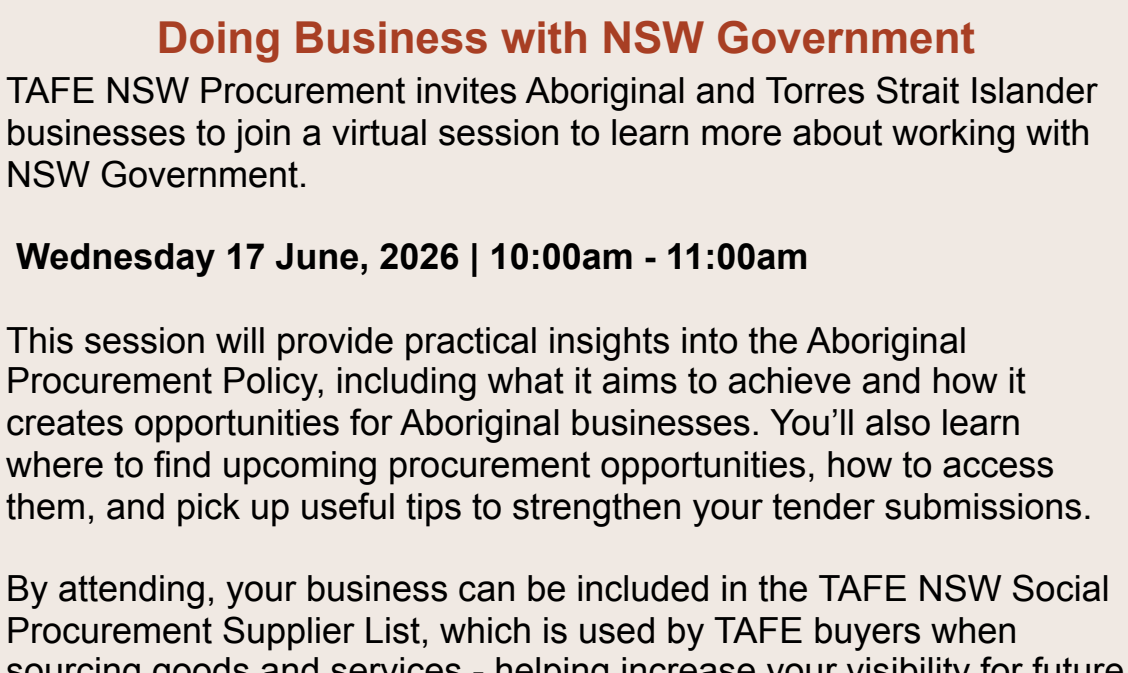
- Opportunity to exhibit within a premium, government-supported showcase
- Exposure to thousands of national and international trade buyers
- Inclusion in a curated display highlighting regional excellence and innovation
- Networking opportunities across the global food and beverage sector

Up to 15 businesses will be selected through a competitive EOI process. Successful applicants will be required to contribute \$500 towards participation.

This initiative is led by Regional Economic Development within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

[Submit your EOI](#)

Spaces are limited – don't miss your chance to represent the best of regional NSW at Australia's premier food industry event.



Mara Ba Kumba: Community-Led Infrastructure

Mara Ba Kumba is an Indigenous-owned consultancy specialising in the end-to-end delivery of complex infrastructure, with a strong focus on health precincts.

Led by Kamilaroi man Lachlan Falconer-Adams, we bridge the gap between corporate succinctness and community storytelling through deep listening and relational leadership.

We bring specialised expertise in strategic project leadership, product and service innovation, and Connecting and Designing with Country. Our unique approach is structured around the principles of Winanga-Li (To Listen), Warrama-Li (To Build), and Waraa-Li (To Stand). This ensures cultural narratives are authentically translated into physical infrastructure. By utilising human-centred design and business innovation tools, we drive outstanding project outcomes, as demonstrated in our ongoing work managing major health precinct redevelopments.

Mara Ba Kumba is committed to excellence and continuous growth. We are ISO certified for Quality, WHS, and Environmental Management, and we recently joined the 2026 MURRA Indigenous Business Master Class cohort.

We are eager to connect with government, industry, and corporate partners across the NSWICC network to collaborate on projects that demand innovative, community-led delivery and authentic co-design.

Free Webinar: Supporting Businesses to Manage Modern Slavery risks

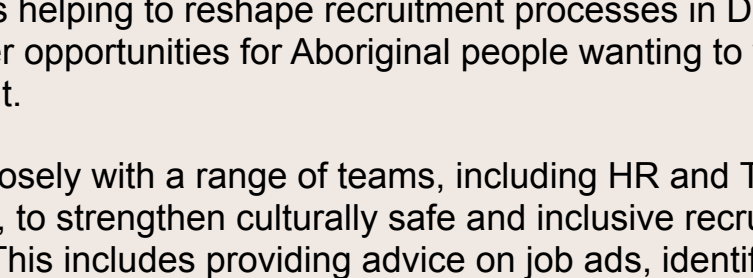
How can modern slavery be relevant to your business? What types of actions can your business take to address possible modern slavery risk areas?



APA is pleased to invite you to a free, practical 30-minute webinar on Thursday 18 June 2026 from 11 am AEST to explore how modern slavery is relevant to your business and the concrete steps you can take to address potential risks.

The webinar will be delivered by **Pillar Two** - an advisory firm that works with companies around the world to address modern slavery.

[Register here!](#)



Doing Business with NSW Government

TAFE NSW Procurement invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to join a virtual session to learn more about working with NSW Government.

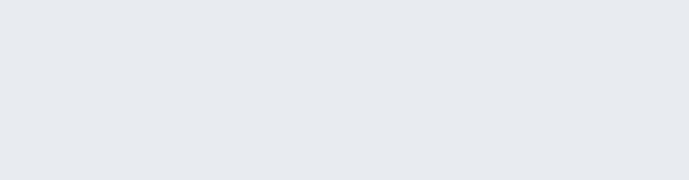
Wednesday 17 June, 2026 | 10:00am - 11:00am

This session will provide practical insights into the Aboriginal Procurement Policy, including what it aims to achieve and how it creates opportunities for Aboriginal businesses. You'll also learn where to find upcoming procurement opportunities, how to access them, and pick up useful tips to strengthen your tender submissions.

By attending, your business can be included in the TAFE NSW Social Procurement Supplier List, which is used by TAFE buyers when sourcing goods and services - helping increase your visibility for future opportunities.

Registered attendees will also be eligible to enter a TAFE NSW competition, with the winner receiving a spotlight opportunity to showcase their business to our network of TAFE buyers.

[Click here](#) to complete your registration and competition entry!



Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

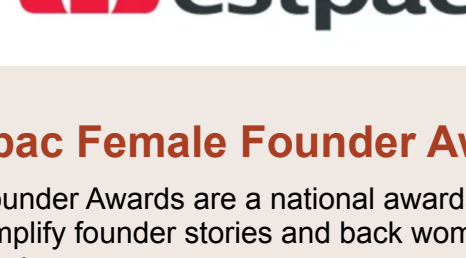
Making Government Recruitment Processes More Accessible

Our team is helping to reshape recruitment processes in DPHI to create fairer opportunities for Aboriginal people wanting to work in government.

We work closely with a range of teams, including HR and Talent Acquisition, to strengthen culturally safe and inclusive recruitment practices. This includes providing advice on job ads, identifying roles and broader cultural considerations throughout the hiring process.

For mob, we have a website called **Our Mob on Country**, which helps break down the job application process for Aboriginal people. On this site, you can access the working with us guide and sign up to register for our job listings email or for support with applying for jobs.

If you're interested in working with us or receiving updates about available roles, sign up [here](#).



Westpac Female Founder Awards

The Westpac Female Founder Awards are a national awards program designed to recognise excellence, amplify founder stories and back women with the credibility and platform to keep growing.

We're looking for all types of female founders across Australia who are breaking the mould, disrupting the market, improving communities and setting new standards of excellence.

To celebrate reaching our \$1 billion lending milestone to women in business, we're taking the next steps to support the future growth and success of female founders right across Australia.

[Apply now!](#)

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