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Sovereign and self-determined voices in media –  
A Listening Post



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## Sovereign and self-determined voices in media – A Listening Post

Below is a listening guide to a selection of programs (with links), which prioritises sovereign and self-determined voices on community radio—First Nations voices, refugee and asylum seeker voices, women of colour, migrant diaspora communities, and intersectional voices. The content mapping was not intended to be comprehensive, but rather provides a snapshot of ‘diverse voices’ on community radio at the station programming level. Descriptions based on those available for the program/event/article via the link.

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### 01 Community radio programming

#### Aboriginal Way (Radio Adelaide)

On air: Friday 8.30pm to 9pm, stream/listen back via website

About: First Nations news and stories for South Australian Aboriginal communities. Presented by the South Australian Native Title Services (SANTS).

#### Accent of Women (3CR)

On air: Saturday 1:00pm to 1:30pm; stream/listen back via website; podcast; distributed via CRN.

About: A program by and about women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with a commitment to progressive politics.

#### Africa Connexions (Radio Skid Row)

On air: Sunday 12pm to 3pm

About: With its beginnings as a radical, anti-apartheid program over 30 years ago, the show has expanded to embrace every wave of African migrants to Australia. Features news, interviews, and music.

#### Anything Goes (Radio Skid Row)

On air: Wednesdays - Fridays 10am to 12pm.

About: Presented by Lima Peni.

#### The Black Block (3CR)

On air: Monday 11:00am to 1:00pm; stream/listen back via website

About: An interactive Indigenous current affairs program spotlighting everyday local Indigenous voices and connections made through social media. Hosted by Viv Malo and Meriki Onus.

#### Backchat (FBI)

On air: Saturday 9.30am to 10am; stream/listen back via website; podcast

About: Alternative to talkback. Interviews, discussion, feature stories and news; informed and approachable politics and current affairs. Hosted by Chantelle Al-Khoury and Charles Rushforth.

#### Balit Dhumba: Strong Talk (3KND)

On air: Wednesday 11 am to 12pm, stream/listen back via Soundcloud

Covers the Victorian Government and Treaty. Hosted by Charles Pakana.

#### Blak n Deadly (3CR)

On air: Friday 11:00am to 12:00pm, stream/listen back via website

About: The latest news in Indigenous music and theatre with First Nations presenter Robbie Thorpe.

#### Blaknoise Radio (3CR)

On air: Thursday 2:00pm to 3:00pm; stream/latest episode via website

About: Reporting on local and national blak news and current affairs from an Aboriginal woman's perspective. Hosted by Blak Betty.

#### Blackchat (Koori Radio)

On air: Monday to Friday 9am to 12 pm; distributed nationally via NIRS; tune in via [IndigiTube](#)

Flagship program presenting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander news and views, hosted by Lola Forester. Blackchat informs its national audience on a range of current issues and celebrates the excellence of First Nations people across Australia.

#### Beyond the Bars (3CR)

About: annual radio series held each year during NAIDOC week, dedicated to giving voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women in the Victorian prison system.

#### Breakfast Show (Ngaarda Media)

On air: Monday to Friday 8am to 9am; stream via website; tune in via [IndigiTube](#)

About: News and current affairs show hosted by Tangiora Hinaki, bringing new local stories from the Pilbara and Kimberley.

#### Connection Matters (3KND)

On air: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1pm to 2pm, stream/listen back via soundCloud

About: Focuses on positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories from around Victoria. Hosted by Charles Pakana

#### Diaspora Blues (3CR)

On air: Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm; stream/listen back via website

About: Diaspora Blues provides a platform for people interested in ideas about home, community, and belonging. Hosted by Bigoa and Baasto and produced by Ayan Shirwa.

#### Dial Afrika (EastSide Radio)

On air: weekdays 9:00am; stream via website

About: Hosted by PJ (Patrick Johnathan) who co-founded the radio program African Connection on Radio Skid Row in the 1980s. Dial Afrika shares the music PJ loves and has collected with the wider community.

#### Doin' Time (3CR)

On air: Monday 4:00pm to 5:00pm; stream/listen back via website

About: An open forum, presenting information and discussion around issues faced by prisoners in the criminal justice system and migration detention centres. Strong First Nations focus. Hosted by Marisa and Peter.

#### The Edge (Wangkai radio)

On air: Mondays 5pm; tune in via [IndigiTube](#); SYN Radio, Saturdays 9am to 9.30am

About: First Nations news and current affairs show broadcasting from Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberley Region of WA.

#### Fire First (3CR)

On air: Wednesday 11:00am to 12:00pm; stream/listen back via website

About: A historically informed, critical analysis of Aboriginal affairs and the ongoing political movement for land rights, treaty, sovereignty and the cessation of genocide. Hosted by Robbie Thorpe.

#### Flight 106.7 to Africa (PBS)

On air: Sunday 3:00pm to 5:00pm

About: A musical journey into the world of traditional and contemporary African music. Hosted by Stani Goma.

#### IndigiTube

About: media platform (website and mobile app) where users can listen live, listen back, and access a diverse range of First Nations content—including current affairs and talks programming from 27 contributing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander radio stations across the continent.

#### Jam Pakt w/ Jonzy (8CCC)

On Air: Wednesday - 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, streamed via website

About: Mix of music, guests and yarns for Indigenous mob all over Australia. Hosted by Jonathan Lindsay-Tjapaltjarri Hermawan (Jonzy).

#### Highly Melanated (TripleR)

On air: Mondays 10pm - Midnight; stream/listen back via website

About: Celebrating the creative genius of melanin-soaked people - locally, nationally and worldwide.

Presented by [Eva Lubulwa](#).

#### Koori Survival Show (3CR)

On air: Tuesday 10:00am to 11:00am, stream/listen back via website

About: Grassroots Indigenous news, views and music.

#### Indigi-Brizz (4ZZZ)

On air: Sunday 1pm to 3pm; stream/listen back via website.

About: Interviews and yarns, deadly discussions, community announcements and alternative news, what's on, what's wombah, as well as music from Indigenous artists.

#### Let's Talk (98.9fm)

On Air: Monday to Thursday 9am to 10am; stream/listen back via website; distributed via NIRS; podcast

News and current affairs that focuses on all relevant First Nations issues from a First Nations standpoint. Hosted by Boe Spearim and Karina Hogan.

#### MegaHerzzz (4ZZZ)

On air: Sunday 12pm to 1pm; stream/listen back via website

About: an intersectional feminist program and give voice to various marginalised communities featuring news, opinions, and interviews, as well as music.

#### The Mission (TripleR)

On air: Tuesdays 7pm - 8pm; stream/listen back via website

About: Exploring the issues that impact the lives of Aboriginal people and those at the wrong end of social justice in this country. Presented by [Daniel James](#).

#### National Indigenous News Review (NIRS)

On air: Syndicated via NIRS; and on Radio Skid Row, Radio Adelaide and 2XX Canberra via the Community Radio Network.

About: First Nations-produced and presented magazine-style news and current affairs program. Produced by the National Indigenous Radio Service.

#### National Talk Black (Bumma Bippera)

On air: Monday to Friday 11am to 12pm, tune in via [IndigiTube](#), syndicated via NIRS

About: National talkback program which focuses on inspiring hope in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Presented by Gudju Gudju (Seith) Fourmile, or Trevor Tim (Trendy Trev).

#### Nunga Wangga (Radio Adelaide)

On air: Monday 7pm to 9pm, stream/listen back via website

About: Local, national and international issues, as well as news of cultural and community events. Nunga Wangga means black fellas talking.

#### Our Voices (Noongar Radio)

On air: Friday 11am to 12pm, stream via website

Our Voices will take you straight to the community's ins and outs. Topics have no boundaries it's just what the mob want to say and do.

#### Palestine Remembered (3CR)

On air: 3CR, Saturday 9:30am to 10:00am; stream/listen back via website

About: News and views regarding the Palestinian situation. Bringing listeners the untold side of the Palestinian/ Israeli conflict. Hosted by Yousef Alreemawi, Nasser Mashni & Robert Martin.

#### PNG Women's program (Cairns FM 89.1)

On air: Saturday 7pm - 9pm

About: PNG music, the latest news, community awareness and announcements of events and other relevant information ranging from education, health and other related community issues to the PNG and wider community in Cairns. In English and Tok-psin.

#### Queering the Air (3CR)

On air: Sunday 3:00pm to 4:00pm; stream/listen back via website

Queer current affairs with an anti-racist, feminist, and anti-capitalist bent. We have a particular interest in the intersection of queerness with other experiences of marginalisation.

#### Race Matters (FBI)

On air: Saturday 5pm to 6pm; stream/listen back via website; podcast

About: Conversations between people of colour about the ways we understand and value our racial and cultural identities; race, culture, arts and current affairs. Hosted by Sara Khan and Darren Lesagus.

#### The Rap (TripleR)

On air: Wednesday 9am - 12pm; stream/listen back via website; podcast

About: The Rap weaves conversations about culture, politics, literature, art and music into a weekly mix.



### Refugees on Air (SYN)

On air: Listen back via website

About: Fortnightly podcast giving refugees from all around Australia a voice to share their stories. Hosted by Syrian twins Sarah and Maya Ghassali. 1 season, 12 episodes.

### Salaam Radio Show (3CR)

On air: 3CR Sunday 4:00pm to 5:00pm; stream/listen back via website

About: Salaam aims to introduce you to the surge of new, modern and reinterpreted sounds of Arabic music ranging from trap, rap, RnB, pop and electronic music. Hosted by Marroushiti.

### Second Thoughts (3CR)

On air: Monday 1:00pm to 2:00pm; stream/listen back via website

About: First Nations talks program that creates a space to review, and contemplate, subjects you may not have thought about enough. Hosted by Shiralee Hood (Nyoongar, Kurnai and Gunditjmarra)

### Sierra Leone Radio (Radio Skid Row)

On air: Saturdays; stream via website

About: The latest news from Sierra Leone, along with interviews and music. The program is a meeting place for people who have arrived in Sydney and need to connect with their brothers and sisters.

### Still Here (TripleR)

On air: Sunday 1pm - 2pm; stream/listen back via website

About: Music and interviews with Indigenous community, and other peoples of colour speaking from their unique position as voices in the now that represent ongoing cultural and decolonial narratives. Presented by [Neil Morris](#) and [Paul Gorrie](#).

### Strong Voices (CAAMA Radio)

On air: Weekdays at 11am; stream via website; tune in via [Indigitube](#)

About: Flagship magazine program with up to date Aboriginal current affairs daily. Produced by Paul Wiles and hosted by Damien Williams, Lorena Walker, Paul Wiles, and Philippe Perez.

### Survival Guide (Radio Skid Row)

Podcast via SoundCloud

About: A podcast series which centres Indigenous voices amongst multicultural Waterloo residents to

critique colonisation and gentrification showing there is a Blak History to your flat white. 2 series. Hosted by Lorna Munro and Joel Sherwood Spring.

### Tamil Manifest (3CR)

On air: Saturday 1pm to 1.30pm; stream/listen to latest episode via website

About: Aims to inform the wider Australian community about Tamil people's fight for the restoration of their traditional homeland in the North and East of Sri Lanka.

### Thursday Breakfast (3CR)

On air: Thursday 7:00am to 8:30am; stream/listen back via website

Current affairs, media analysis, alternative media. Hosted by Carly Baque, Max Castle, Scheherazade Bloul, Cait Kelly, Priya Kunjan and Rosie Isaac.

### Tuesday Breakfast (3CR)

On air: Tuesday 7:00am to 8:30am; stream/listen back via website

Current affairs, media analysis, alternative media. Hosted by Lauren Bull, Zoya Gill, Madison Griffith and Genevieve Siggins.

### Ubuntu Voice (3CR)

On air: Wednesday 8.30pm to 9.30pm; stream/listen to latest episode via website

About: Giving voice to the local African community to tell their stories through music and spoken word.

### Voice of West Papua (3CR)

On air: Tuesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm; stream/listen to latest episode via website

About: Issues-focused talks program presented by West Papuan activists and community members who voice the aspirations of Papua's struggle, share songs, interviews, music and stories.

### Where We At (Radio Skid Row)

Co hosted by Huna Amweero and Sydnye Allen and centering Black diaspora perspectives on issues of concern, struggles and strengths of Black and Indigenous communities in Australia and overseas.

### Wild Black Women (98.9fm)

Previous episodes are available via podcast

About: Dr Chelsea Bond and Angelina Hurley discuss all the things that made them wild this week.

### Women on the Line (3CR)

On air: Monday 8:30am to 9:00am; stream/listen back via website; distributed nationally on the CRN; podcast

About: National feminist current affairs program with a gender analysis of contemporary issues, as well as in-depth analysis by a range of women and gender diverse people around Australia and internationally. Hosted by Amy McMurtrie, Anya Saravanan, Ayan Shirwa, Emma Hart, and Iris Lee.

### Women of Colour in Solidarity and Struggle (Radio Skid Row)

Coming soon: keep an ear out for a new podcast series which will explore the feminist strategies of women of colour – how they fight against gender injustice inside families and communities, while also fighting racism and poverty from the wider world. Produced by Rose Nakad.

### Women's Profile (4EB)

On air: Friday 12pm to 1pm

About: Voices, views, news and issues of concern and interest for women, girls and families; interviews with local community members. Hosted by Maureen Mopio.

### Women's World (3ZZZ)

On air: Thursday 1pm to 2pm

About: Issues-focused talks program presented by women from diverse ethnic backgrounds on a range of issues and interests.

### Yarnin' Country (Radio Adelaide)

On air: Friday 9pm to 9.30pm; stream/listen back via website

About: First Nations issues-focused talks program connecting Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people together.

### Yorgas Yarning (Noongar Radio)

On air: Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Saturday 8:00am, stream via website; tune in via [IndigiTube](#)

About: Informative program for women in the community, focused on a number of different topics such as health, education, child –rearing practices, employment and career paths.

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## 02 Community podcasts and audio series

A selection of independent podcasts and audio series that foreground sovereign and self-determined voices from First Nations, refugee/asylum seeker, and intersectional standpoints, made by or in collaboration with community. Some podcasts have been made in collaboration with community broadcasters (SYN, 2SER, FBi); others have been produced in partnership with larger news organisations venturing into audio storytelling and narrative journalism (e.g. NITV or Guardian); others still are outcomes of academic research projects (UTS and UNSW) or diversity initiatives (Media Diversity Australia, Diversity Arts Australia). A few are entirely independently produced.

### The Arts of Inclusion (Diversity Council of Australia)

A podcast which 'flips the script on who we include, who we don't, and how we can do better in everything from gender, race, mental health and disability, through to the inclusion of LGBTQI+ and Indigenous communities'. Two seasons.

### #BlackStoriesMatter (UTS)

A five-part series that brings together media researchers, historians, former policy makers and Aboriginal journalists whose work is disrupting the patterns of the past. The podcast is inspired by the book *'Does the Media Fail Aboriginal Political Aspirations?: 45 years of news media reporting of key political moments'* by Amy Thomas, Heidi Norman and Andrew Jakubowicz.

### Breathless: the death of David Dungay Jnr (2SER/Guardian)

A podcast series launched today by Guardian Australia and 2SER which tells the story of David Dungay Jr., a young Dunghatti man who died in Long Bay jail in 2015 after a disagreement about a packet of biscuits.

### The Colour Cycle (Diversity Arts Australia)

The Colour Cycle aims to 'disrupt cultural whitewashing and examines whether Australia's Arts and Cultural sector looks like Australia'.

#### Curtain (BIMA/independent)

A podcast on the darkest parts of our justice system; investigates the wrongful conviction and murder trial of Kevin "Curtain" Henry, from Rockhampton Queensland. Hosted by Amy McQuire and Martin Hodgson.

#### Cultural Protocols Show (BIMA)

6-part podcast series in which Angelina Hurley is joined by Greg Kitson and a host of special guests to discuss First Nations protocols.

#### Don't @ Me with Ayebatonye (FBi)

Explores the intersectionality of identity within the arts, pop culture, social media and beyond. Hosted by Ayebatonye Abrakasa.

#### Frontier War Stories (independent)

Boe Spearim speaks with different Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people about research, books and oral histories that document the first 140 years of conflict and resistance against colonisation.

#### Hey Aunty!

Independent podcast hosted by Belize Kriol woman Shantel Wetherall, Hey Aunty! gives voice to 'black women, fems and non-binary siblings in Australia. Connecting Sisters across cultures and generations and showing that there are millions of ways to be magical'.

#### IndigenousX Presents: Blak Nation

(IndigenousX and Judith Nelson Institute)

Blak Nation 'delves into the conversations that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are having which are rarely heard outside the communities where they're being discussed'. 6 episodes. Hosted by Rhianna Patrick.

#### The Real (33 Creative)

This podcast presents a collection of First Peoples voices, sharing their experiences, dreams, hopes and beliefs. Hosted by Wiradjuri woman, Mayrah Sonter.

#### Take it Blak (NITV)

Current affairs podcast from the NITV news online team, hosted by Jack Latimore and others.

#### Temporary (UNSW/Guardian)

An eight-part narrative podcast from the UNSW Centre for Ideas and Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law and co-produced with Guardian Australia. Features the stories of six asylum seekers living in Australia. Presented by Sisonke Msimang with Ben Doherty.

#### Refugees on Air (SYN)

Fortnightly podcast giving refugees from all around Australia a voice to share their stories. Hosted by Syrian twins Sarah and Maya Ghassali. 1 season, 12 episodes.

#### Three Dumplings

Hosted by three Asian Australian women—writer Hannah-Rose Yee, blogger Peony Lim and photographer Kit Lee—the hosts explore this question in relation to 'their varied and shared heritage, and the issues, complexities and absurdities of their lives'.

#### The Wait (2SER/Guardian)

Five part narrative podcast series focusing on the impacts of Australia's border policies from the perspective of refugees waiting in Indonesia to be resettled. Co-hosted by Nicole Curby and Mozghan Moarefizadeh.



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