

# CAN



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## Healing Songs to *Shine* at Boyup Brook Country Music Festival CAN's Healing Songs singers, a group of first time Noongar singer/song writers from the Wheatbelt, have been invited to perform their music at WA's premier country music event.

It will be the biggest Aboriginal showcase to ever perform at the Boyup Brook Country Music Festival.

“Indigenous music is on the verge of something very special and we are very excited to see this happen in Boyup Brook. To be able to provide an Aboriginal showcase of Healing Songs will add a dimension to the festival that we have not had before.” said Music Director Sharon Winter.

Over 5 big days, up to 14,000 people make the annual pilgrimage to the south west town of Boyup Brook for the huge celebration of country music, in particular, Australian country.

The Healing Songs singers from Kellerberrin and Quairading will join an illustrious line-up of country stars, including Troy Cassar-Daley and Tania and Ray Kerneghan.

The Healing Songs group is made up of group of Aboriginal singers who worked alongside awarding winning artists Gina Williams, Guy Ghouse and David Hyams to write and record songs.

Some of the songs were 50 years in the making. Collectively, The Shine album speaks deeply about the lives and experiences of the songwriters, the heart of their land and its people.

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*Aboriginal people have adopted country music as a way of telling their stories about life and is a celebration of how music can lift the human spirit. – Sharon Winter. Music Director.*

### Performances at Boyup Brook Country Music Festival

Friday 13 February

Lotterywest Country Music Showcase  
of the land

Town Stage @ the Tourist Centre  
Brook

2.00pm – 2.30pm

Free

Saturday 14 February

*Shine* –Songs from the heart

CWA Hall Forrest Street Boyup

10.30- 12.00pm & 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Entry by donation

### About Community Arts Network

CAN is an exciting and dynamic organisation working towards positive social change through community arts and cultural development practice.

Over the last thirty years CAN has been inspiring and mobilising WA communities who experience social disadvantage, to creatively express their unique stories through a diversity of art mediums.

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