

# Media Release

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## West Australian of the Year Award Winner - Gina Williams

Community Arts Network congratulates Gina Williams on being named West Australian of the Year winner in the Aboriginal category.

The award winning singer songwriter was recognized for her dedication to reviving Noongar language through song. There are said to be less than 400 fluent Noongar language speakers left.

Gina Williams is a long time member of the CAN family.

Together with musician Guy Ghouse, she led the *Healing Songs* music program in the Eastern Wheatbelt and recently Gina and Guy have started work on a new CAN language project called *Lullabies*.

“It’s a privilege to work with CAN and serve community with these beautiful projects and I look forward to writing lullabies and creating more legacies together,” said Ms Williams.

The *Lullabies* program uses songwriting and music workshops to create, promote, record and share lullabies in Noongar language.

The workshops are currently being delivered in Midvale and Collie.

It is hoped the project will ultimately lead to the production of an illustrated book and CD featuring Noongar language.

## About Community Arts Network (CAN)

Community Arts Network believes that arts transforms communities and through art and creativity we can build a stronger, fairer and more connected world.

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