

# AWMA AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN MUSIC AWARDS

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Australian Women in Music spreads wings to regional and remote Queensland**

Musicians and music practitioners in regional and remote Queensland have been invited to join an immersive two-day program alongside some of Australia's leading female, non-binary and GNC artists in the music industry.

The AWMA Queensland Regional and Remote Music Program opens today [18 June]. Supported by the Queensland Government, the program offers an unparalleled professional experience for eight aspiring music industry practitioners to attend and take part in the two-day event in Brisbane in October.

Now in its fifth year, the AWMA Regional & Remote Women's Music Program provides a unique opportunity for artists and music practitioners who are seriously disadvantaged by location, distance and gender.

AWMA Founding Executive Producer and Program Director Vicki Gordon noted that several previous regional participants have gone on to perform and/or work with the team at AWMA.

"Last year, self-taught singer and musician Megan Sarmardin was selected to perform at our First Nations Women's Music Program and benefited from the guidance of experienced artists including First Nations curator Dizzy Doolan," Vicki Gordon said.

"The opportunity to bring together a diverse group of women from across Queensland demonstrates our commitment to making the music industry more accessible for female artists, musicians and music practitioners who often find it difficult to participate in an event of the calibre of AWMA."

Two previous regional delegates, Ellie Hanlon, from Airlie Beach, and Natasha Hardiman, from Mackay, will take up roles at this year's AWMA, including supporting the 2024 Regional and Remote Music Program delegation.

AWMA Queensland Regional and Remote Music Program delegates are provided with travel, accommodation and per diems to attend the entire AWMA two-day Conference program including forums, mentoring opportunities, networking, the First Nations Women's Music Showcase and attendance at the AWMA Ceremony and Concert.

With a record number of nominations received this year, a stellar line-up of finalists is expected at this year's AWMA across categories spanning all music genres from rock to opera and the many behind-the-scenes roles vital to the Australian music industry.



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Find out more here <https://womeninmusicawards.com.au/regional-callout/>

**All applicants must be Australian citizens and aged 18 years or over.** AWMA encourages non-binary and GNC artists and music practitioners to apply.

**Australian Women in Music Awards is proudly supported by the Queensland Government.**



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