

Beyond the Bars - live prison radio
NAIDOC Week July 7-11, 2014
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Giving prisoners a voice ***Beyond the Bars***

Beyond the Bars is a 3CR community project dedicated to giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners a voice. The project features radio shows broadcast live from six Victorian prisons during **NAIDOC* Week 7-11 July 2014**. The broadcasts can be heard on **3CR 855AM**, **3CR Digital**, streaming live on 3cr.org.au, and simulcast on **3KnD 1503AM**.

Beyond the Bars connects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners to the wider community and is a unique radio event that gives voice to the experience of inmates in Victorian prisons.

For local singer/songwriter and one of the founders of the project, **Kutcha Edwards**, the broadcasts are an important way to give voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners. "Why is there a revolving door when it comes to indigenous community and incarceration? What sort of justice is it when our people's parole conditions are so stringent that they are constantly landing back in prison? To hear the answers to those questions, you need to tune in to ***Beyond the Bars***."

Beyond the Bars is one of the only live prison broadcasts in Australia and this year is expanded to involve over 100 men and women from the inside. The broadcasts feature stories, songs, opinions and poems from within the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, Barwon Prison, Fulham Correctional Centre, Marngoneet Correctional Centre, Loddon Prison and Port Phillip Prison.

The ***Beyond the Bars*** project began in 2002, and has won several awards including the *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Radio Award* in 2004 and more recently the *Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Contribution to Indigenous Broadcasting* award in 2013.

"***Beyond the Bars*** gives a voice to a community rarely heard or understood. This radio program is an informative and enjoyable part of NAIDOC week. This award winning project is an outstanding example of community broadcasting at its most powerful, providing a voice to some of the most marginalised people in our community. That's why the Community Broadcasting Foundation has financially supported this important 3CR programming initiative since 2006." Peter Batchelor, CBF President.

Beyond the Bars receives financial support from the Community Broadcasting Foundation, the Koori Justice Unit and Corrections Victoria at the Department of Justice, and the City of Melbourne.

BEYOND THE BARS 2014

Mon 7 July 11am-2pm – **Dame Phyllis Frost Centre** (Deer Park)

Tue 8 July 11am-3pm – **Barwon Prison** (Lara, near Geelong)

Wed 9 July 10am-12pm – **Fulham Corrections Centre** (Sale, Gippsland)

Wed 9 July 12-2pm – **Loddon Prison** (Chewton, near Castlemaine)

Thu 10 July 12-4pm – **Port Phillip Prison** (Laverton)

Fri 11 July 11am-2pm – **Marngoneet Correction Centre** (Lara, near Geelong)

*National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee

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