



## FNMA News Initiative

### Calling Community Reporters to Join Our Team

FNMA is looking for people working within First Nations media organisations to join the Community Reporter network.

The FNMA News Initiative is a result of a long-term objective in First Nations media:

- To support the production of quality community news by engaging and training Community Reporters in First Nations media organisations to extend their media skills; and
- to distribute this news through the First Nations media network, giving media organisations a broader choice of news stories to share with audiences.

To do this, we are seeking the support of First Nations media organisations across Australia to select a person in the organisation who is willing to join the program and be trained and mentored in multi-media news journalism.

FNMA will provide a salary subsidy to the 'host' media organisation between \$4,500-\$9,000 / annum (pending number of trainees) plus a fee for each news item produced and distributed through the sector.

We have a Community Reporters Agreement which details the arrangements between FNMA, the Media Organisation, and the Community Reporter.

The plan is for the Community Reporter to be an employee of the Media Organisation in which they work, and for FNMA to pay the salary subsidy and producer's fees on receipt of monthly invoices.

The training and mentoring is extensive, and working with the Batchelor Institute, the Community Broadcasting Training Organisation (CMTO), Google News Initiative and Goolarri Training, participants will develop skills and knowledge to become a skilled multi-media journalist. At the end of the training, the reporter will be proficient in online/social media reporting, photojournalism, audio (radio/podcasting) and video (television/podcasting).

Community Reporters will be supported by FNMA's Editorial Coordinator, David Liddle, whose responsibility is to ensure the Community Reporter team is producing news content that meets Editorial Standards, provides feedback to the Reporters regularly and then distributes the Reporter's news items to First Nations media organisations. Each week Reporter's news items are posted to the FNMA News Production website where they can be viewed and downloaded by media organisations to use on their own platforms.

This is an excellent opportunity for people who want to extend their skills and employment opportunities and for first nations media organisations to extend their capacity in highlighting stories of interest from across Australia.

The deadline for submitting the Expression of Interest is on Friday 25th March COB  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDY5GRT>.

If you would like further information or assistance with completing the Expression of Interest, contact our Initiative Support Officer Reece Lamshed,  
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