



NATSIC
TRANSPORT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Who We Are

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation - Transport and Community Services (NATSIC) was formed in 2013 as the National Peak Body for transport and accessibility for all First Nations communities across Australia.

NATSIC works alongside government and transport agencies to help them better address the Closing the Gap priorities. NATSIC's mission is to ensure all Australians, and particularly those within the transport sector, recognise and value First Nations knowledge and participation.

NATSIC is the only National Peak Body totally dedicated to removing transport disadvantage for First Nations people throughout Australia.

In order to achieve its aims NATSIC has expanded its services and programs to include the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Our Initiatives

DISABILITY SUPPORT AND NDIS

The NSW Government Aboriginal Ability Links Program (AL)

- NATSIC managed the AL program in 5 LGAs from 2014 to 2020.
- NATSIC staff and clients were featured in a NSW Government television ad on SBS promoting the AL program aired on NITV in 2018.

Australian Government NDIS Information Linkages and Capacity Program (ILC)

- On behalf of the NSW Government, NATSIC was contracted to deliver its ILC grant. This grant provided funding to First Nations organisations across NSW to deliver events to promote NDIS and disability support. NATSIC delivered an information expo with 10 providers showcasing their programs at the Ella 7s Rugby Union tournament in Coffs Harbour 2018 and the Annual Northern Rivers Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout 2018 and 2019 showcasing Disability Rugby League.
- NATSIC was the lead in a consortium, delivering the Peer to Peer and Driving Support programs in Northern NSW, Hunter Region and Central West NSW. The driving program supported people with disabilities to accumulate logbook hours, obtain licenses and build confidence in basic vehicle maintenance.
- In 2019-21 NATSIC is delivering an ILC Job Market Fund grant in the APY Lands in North-West South Australia. This will employ 10 local Anangu community members as Allied Health Assistants and facilitate the delivery of Allied Health services to NDIS participants across 5 APY communities.
- In 2019-23 NATSIC is delivering an ILC NDIS information program in Tiwi Islands. This project will rewrite in language NDIS information as well as information on 15 disability types. This will be hosted on a NATSIC WCAG 2.0 compliant website.



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DONATIONS PROGRAM

NATSIC self-funds and is committed to supporting access to the necessities of life for First Nations communities nation-wide.

NATSIC works in partnership with First Nations communities to identify and fulfil needs by connecting them with our partners and donor programs. These connections support the targets set by the Closing the Gap priorities and help improve the social, emotional and physical health of our communities.

With the support of our partners, NATSIC has generated and delivered over \$1 million in essential items to communities throughout Australia. This program is growing weekly with more and more requests being received.



HIGHLIGHTS 2013-20

- Provided employment opportunities for more than 30 First Nations people.
- Delivered successful National Transport Conferences in Darwin, Cairns and Perth. Attendees had the opportunity to hear and talk to First Nations business leaders, government ministers, heads of agencies, transport sector professionals, researchers, academics and innovators.
- Facilitated solutions for Yorta Yorta people in Cumeragunja Reserve for access to public transport routes.
- Successfully negotiated the inclusion of Aboriginal Engagement Plans for NSW Community Transport providers, to be developed as 1 of the 9 Key Performance Indicators in their Service Agreement (Contract) with Transport for NSW.
- Facilitated access to Regional Aboriginal Networks for Community Transport Services.
- Delivered Transport Symposiums for community members and service providers in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.
- Developed and delivered targeted training across the cultural spectrum.
- Advocated First Nations concerns to all levels of government, the not-for-profit and private sectors.
- Working with remote communities in Central Australia and Tiwi Islands on transport accessibility, NDIS and Aged Care.



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NATSIC recognises First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of Australia, and pays respect to Elders past and present.