

Sand Tracks—remote touring in central Australia

Country Arts WA

Country Arts WA is a dynamic and flexible not-for-profit, membership based organisation focused on supporting arts and cultural development across regional Western Australia. The role of Country Arts WA is to enable and empower regional Western Australians to develop and enrich their communities through engagement with culture and the arts. Sand Tracks is Country Arts WA's remote Indigenous contemporary music touring initiative. It aims to pair a local emerging band with a high profile Aboriginal artist to inspire both artists and communities in the central desert region of Australia. A pilot tour was delivered to the Ngaanyatjarra Lands and Kalgoorlie in 2009. In 2010, Sand Tracks headed across state borders touring to Alice Springs (NT), Amata (SA), Warakurna (WA) and Warburton (WA) with great success.

This session will discuss the social impact of profiling both local and 'superstar' musicians in remote communities where there is difficulty accessing live performances. The presentation will include footage of the tour as well as a discussion led by representatives of the bands and the tour coordinator Country Arts WA.