

NAIDOC Week prison radio

Beyond the Bars is Australia's only live prison radio broadcast series giving a voice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates in Victorian jails.

In 2019 *Beyond the Bars* features stories, songs, opinions and poems from over 100 men and women in the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, Marngoneet Correctional Centre, Fulham Correctional Centre, Loddon Prison, Port Phillip Prison, Barwon Prison, and Karreenga Annex. The all-black radio broadcast team present the broadcasts during NAIDOC* Week.

Proudly celebrating 18 years on the airwaves, the project prides itself on connecting prisoners with culture and community, and including them in the NAIDOC Week activities.

'People that are locked up are using our voice to get what we want to say out to the community,' says one inmate at Marngoneet Correctional Centre about the project. 'We can only have mail through letters, and 10 minute phone calls, and a couple of hours visits. But with this you can sit down and get your point across. [For] the younger generation, you can sit there and try [to tell them] not to come into prison, to try and stay away from it, this isn't the life for anyone.'

Another inmate at Marngoneet Correctional Centre says, 'I believe that *Beyond the Bars* is a good program for people who are incarcerated and in jail. I believe it gives them a good perspective of opening themselves up to the communities they come from, and the ability to be able to extend their love and support to everyone they know on the outside.'

Ways to listen

Beyond the Bars broadcasts from seven Victorian prisons during NAIDOC Week 8-12 July 2019. The broadcasts can be heard on 3CR 855AM, 3CR Digital, or streaming live and previous years are available anytime online www.3cr.org.au/beyondthebars *Beyond the Bars* receives financial support from the Community Broadcasting Foundation, the Department of Justice and Regulation, and the City of Yarra.

Beyond the Bars broadcast dates

Mon 8 July 11am-2pm – Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (Deer Park)
Tue 9 July 11am-2pm – Barwon Prison (Lara, near Geelong)
Wed 10 July 11-1pm – Fulham Correctional Centre (near Sale, Gippsland)
Wed 10 July 1-3pm – Middleton Prison (Castlemaine)
Thu 11 July 11-3pm – Port Phillip Prison (Laverton)
Fri 12 July 11am-1pm – Marngoneet Correctional Centre (Lara, near Geelong)
Fri 12 July 1-2pm – Karreenga Annex (Lara, near Geelong)

*National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee

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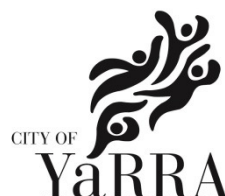


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