

We can't breathe

Ways to support Black Lives Matter

A message from our Movement Manager:

"The death of American George Floyd and ensuing protests in the United States are a sobering reminder of Australia's own shameful record on Indigenous deaths in custody.

Since the conclusion of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1991, more than 420 people have died in police custody without a single conviction recorded. [You can learn more about their stories here.](#)

We stand in solidarity with Mr Floyd's family and the families of all the other people of colour who have died in police custody.

As a movement, Amnesty International Australia challenges injustice wherever it happens, and stands for equality, freedom and justice with people just like you. Here's a guide to how you can support Black Lives Matter."



Sarah Gooderham, Movement Manager
Amnesty International Australia

Acknowledge

Start your journey by acknowledging some of the stories of [Indigenous people who have died in custody](#):



Veronica Marie Nelson Walker

Veronica Walker was arrested for a minor offence and denied bail in Victoria. Three days after her arrest, she was heard crying out for help during the night, and was found dead the next day.



Nathan Reynolds

Nathan Reynolds died in custody in New South Wales after desperately calling for help on the prison intercom system during a severe asthma attack, but it took 20 to 40 minutes for prison guards to respond. By the time an ambulance arrived, he was dead.



EJW

EJW, a Gamilaraay man, died in hospital after suffering a brain haemorrhage in prison in New South Wales. He had been shackled to the bed in the last days of his life, despite being unconscious and unresponsive.



Ms Dhu

Ms Dhu died after being detained for unpaid fines in Western Australia. When she could not stand up, she was dropped and dragged along the floor. Her death was attributed to septicaemia caused by an infection in a rib broken by her violent partner.



Ms Mandijarra

Ms Mandijarra lay dead on the floor of a crowded watch house cell in Western Australia for up to four hours before it was noticed she was dead. She had been arrested for drinking with a group of women on an oval. She had not been closely monitored.



Take Action

You can demonstrate your support in person by getting event details from the organisations at the end of this guide. If you would also like to take action online, here are three actions you can take right now:

[Demand Justice For George Floyd](#)

[Call For The NT To Ban 'Police Cages' For Transporting Kids](#)

[Stop Arresting Children Under The Age Of 14](#)

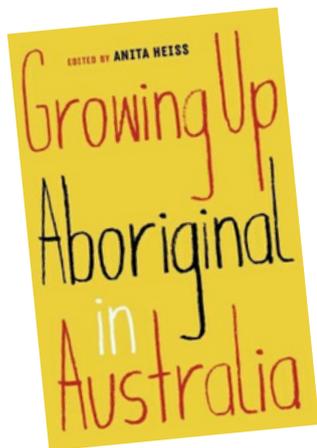
Change the Conversation

Learn how to change the conversation and combat misinformation and discrimination on social media, by downloading your [Digital Defenders Guide](#) now.

You can also enrol your organisation or workplace in an [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Competence course](#).



Learn



Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia

Buy or borrow this insightful book compiled by award-winning author Anita Heiss, which attempts to showcase as many diverse voices, experiences, and stories as possible.

Timeline of Resistance

Read the powerful stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have campaigned and organised throughout history, compiled by Original Power.

15 Indigenous Movies and TV Shows

Get your device ready to watch shows like Rabbit-Proof Fence, Mabo, and Redfern Now, curated by BuzzFeed's Isha Bassi.

IndigenousX and NITV

Add these two Indigenous media platforms to your favourite social media or news feeds to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from around the country.



Blackfella Films / ABC

Becker Entertainment

Follow

There are so many incredible organisations to follow. Here are seven you could start with:

Change the Record

Change the Record is Australia's only national Aboriginal led justice coalition of Aboriginal peak bodies and non-Indigenous allies. They work to end the incarceration of, and family violence against, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services

NATSILS are the national peak body for, and the experts on justice issues affecting and concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Reconciliation Australia

Reconciliation Australia inspires and enables all Australians to build relationships, respect and trust between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

Warriors of Aboriginal Resistance

Warriors of Aboriginal Resistance are a collective of young Aboriginal people committed to the cause of decolonisation and the philosophy of Aboriginal nationalism - resistance and revival.

Grandmothers Against Removals

Grandmothers Against Removals (GMAR) is a grassroots group led by Aboriginal grandmothers. GMAR has been fighting the ongoing Stolen Generations all around Australia since 2014.

Original Power

Original Power is a small community-focused organisation that aims to build the power of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through collective action.

Supply Nation

Supply Nation provides Australia's leading database of verified Indigenous businesses: search by business name, product, service, area, or category.



Stay in Touch

Thank you for everything you do to challenge injustice and protect human rights.

If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to call us on 1300 300 920 during business hours AEST, or email us any time at supporter@amnesty.org.au. You can also find further opportunities on our website at www.amnesty.org.au



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INJUSTICE.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge that this land was and always will be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land.