

# MEDIA RELEASE

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**Special musical celebration:**

## **Jimmy Little Gathering announced for Bathurst**

Arts OutWest is excited to announce a stellar musical line up for a one-off 'Jimmy Little Gathering' in Bathurst on Saturday 23 September.

The event celebrates the music and legacy of the beloved Australian Aboriginal musician, actor and advocate Jimmy Little.

Performers include Mr Little's daughter Frances Peters-Little and grandson James Henry. They'll be joined on stage by acclaimed soul, rap and spoken word artist Radical Son alongside local acts Smith & Jones, Jade Flynn and other guests.

The concept was developed by local elder Kalmadyne Goombridge who wanted to hold a healing event for the Aboriginal and broader community.

"Kalmadyne Goombrydge approached the Jimmy Little Foundation about setting the event as a way to acknowledge Jimmy Little as Australia's first successful recording artist and for his long-time humanitarian work," Ms Peters-Little said.

The performance will be held at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre in the evening of Saturday 23 September. During the afternoon there will be public workshops in areas of Aboriginal culture such as language, weaving, beading, tool making and dance.

Jimmy Little was a Yorta Yorta man, hailed as one of Australia's founding and premier country music stars. His career spanned six decades, beginning in the 1950s; he topped the charts and became a household name with 'Royal Telephone' in 1963. He is also remembered for his advocacy and education work. He was conducted into the ARIA Australian Music Hall of Fame in 1999. He passed away in 2012.

The event will also promote the Jimmy Little Foundation, which focusses on excellence in health care for Indigenous Australians, with a special focus on renal health. Donations will be taken towards their nursing scholarships at CSU.

Produced by regional arts development organisation Arts OutWest, the event is supported by funding from the NSW Government's Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund through Create NSW and by the Bathurst Aboriginal Lands Council, and with the support of the Jimmy Little Foundation (JLF) and Black Theatre.

Tickets will be \$5. Ticket price includes entry to the workshops.

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