

Vanessa Hutchins

Vanessa Hutchins has been working in the arts and community sector for over 20 years. She has been a senior project worker for Artback NT (www.artbacknt.com.au) since 2007 and managed both the performing arts and music programs. Vanessa is inspired to offer opportunities to artists and audiences of our remote and regional areas and has enabled many remote tours of music dance and theatre to Northern Territory communities. In 2014 she created The Road Safety All Stars as an extension of her work collaborating with the Northern Territory Government, Roads and Transport Road Safety Branch, on creating localised road safety ambassadors. Using music, song writing, video and music clips, Vanessa and the All Stars produced 11 culturally relevant informative and catchy tunes regarding safer driving on the road. Using social media platforms we have kept the project alive, and have just returned from touring regional West Australia. The project is available for touring, and is responsive to the communities it visits, offering education and workshops on road safety issues. In 2010 Vanessa was shortlisted in the NTG Research and Innovation awards for the project Muttacar Sorry Business, a remote touring theatre show created by Indigenous people for Indigenous people, on road safety issues.