

Multicultural
Voices
Australia



Our Voices. Our Sector.

We strengthen multilingual
broadcasting across platforms,
helping diverse communities
access information, share their
voices and stay connected.



Who We Are



Multicultural Voices belong in Australia's media landscape

Multicultural Voices Australia (MVA) is the national peak body for Australia's multicultural and multilingual community broadcasting sector.

Across community radio, digital and emerging platforms, we support the people and organisations creating relevant, local content in languages other than English, helping communities stay informed, connected and engaged.

We represent the sector, build its capacity and create opportunities for multilingual media to play a stronger role in a more informed, connected and inclusive Australia.



People should be able to access information, participate in their communities and stay connected in the languages they understand.

The Sector

A sector as diverse as the communities it serves.

Australia's multilingual media sector is broad, community-driven and constantly evolving.

It includes established broadcasters, community radio stations and programs, volunteers and media professionals, as well as the many people who contribute their time, skills and voices to creating content for communities across Australia.



Across languages

People can access information, stories and conversations in the languages they know and trust. Multilingual media helps communities stay informed, connected and engaged in Australian life.

Across communities

Community media creates spaces for people to connect, participate and have their voices heard. It reflects the experiences, issues and interests of communities that may not always be represented in mainstream media.

Across generations

Community media connects generations through language, culture and shared experiences. It creates opportunities for people to contribute, learn from one another and pass knowledge and culture on.

Across formats

Community media meets people where they are. From radio and podcasts to video, websites and social media, multilingual content can reach audiences through the platforms they use to connect, learn and participate.

Why It Matters

Multilingual media helps people stay informed, connected and involved, in the language they understand.

Information

Important information only works when people can understand it and use it.

Multilingual media helps communities access news, public information, services and issues that affect their everyday lives.

It makes information more accessible by presenting it in languages and cultural contexts audiences understand.

Connection

Media can create connection, not just deliver information.

Community-based multilingual media brings people together through shared language, culture, place and experience. It helps people stay connected to their communities, hear local perspectives and maintain relationships across generations and distance.

Participation

Being informed is an important part of participating in society.

Multilingual media gives communities opportunities not only to receive information, but to contribute their own voices, perspectives and experiences.

It creates space for people to engage with issues that matter to them and participate more fully in community and public life.

Belonging

Seeing and hearing your language in Australian media matters.

Multilingual media reflects the cultures, stories and experiences that are part of contemporary Australia. For many people, it provides a sense of familiarity and recognition, reinforcing that diverse communities are seen, heard and valued as part of Australian society.

MVA's Role

MVA supports and strengthens Australia's multicultural and multilingual media sector, helping it connect with communities, build capacity and make an impact.

Professional Development

Building skills, confidence and capability.

We create opportunities to learn, share knowledge and build capability across the sector.

Advocacy

Giving the sector a voice.

We represent multicultural media and advocate for its role in a diverse Australia.

Member Support

Supporting our members.

We provide practical support, advice, connections and opportunities to help members thrive.

Projects & Partnerships

Working together for greater impact.

We develop projects and partnerships that strengthen the sector and connect communities.

Resources

Sharing knowledge and practical tools.

We provide resources that help members navigate challenges and strengthen their work.

Sector Development

Building the future of multicultural media.

We identify opportunities, build capacity and support the sector's continued growth.

Who We Represent

MVA represents a diverse sector of volunteer broadcasters, programs, community radio stations, media professionals and organisations working across languages and communities.

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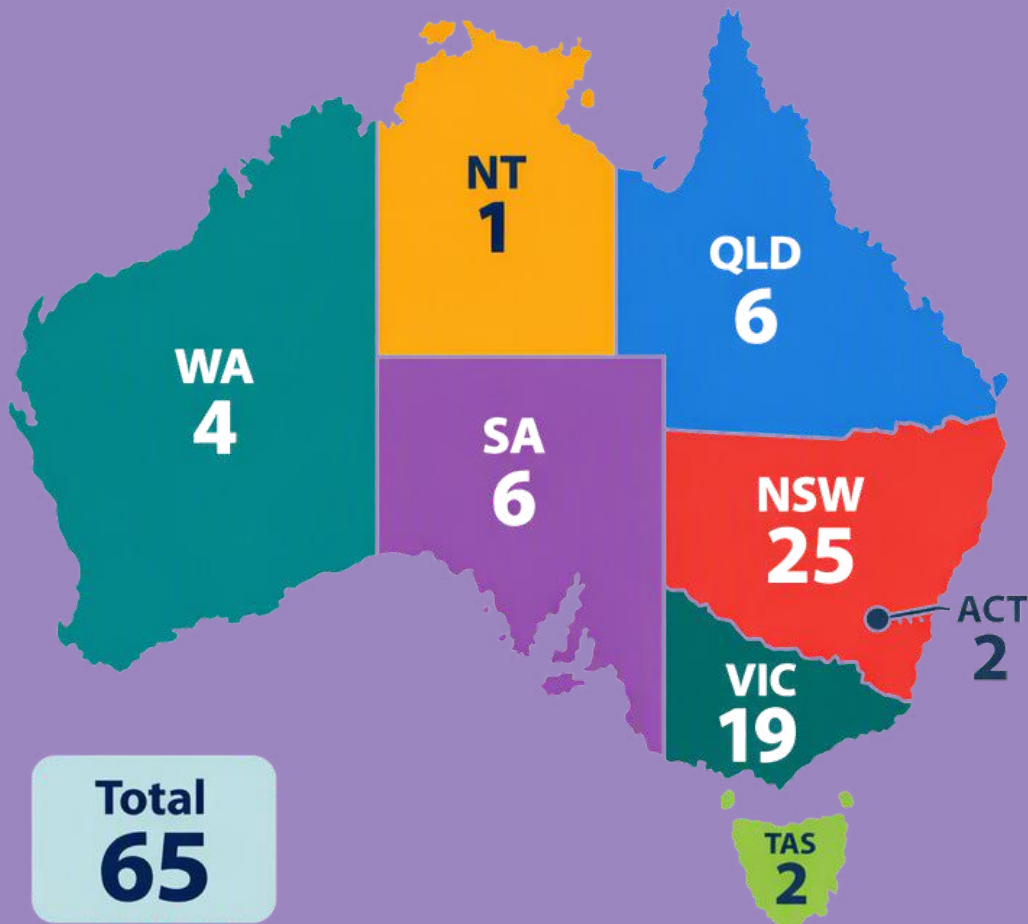
Multicultural
Broadcasters

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Community Radio
Stations

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Languages



Diverse Languages

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ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER LANGUAGES

AFRIKAANS

ALBANIAN

AMHARIC

ARABIC

ARAMAIC

ARMENIAN

ASSYRIAN

(NEO-ARAMAIC)

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BENGALI

BOSNIAN

BURMESE

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CANTONESE

CHIN (FALAM)

COOK ISLANDS MĀORI

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Our Projects

MVA works with organisations to develop and deliver multilingual media projects that connect important information with diverse communities.

From content production and translation to community radio and digital distribution, we work with our project partners to build a project that reaches audiences through trusted and accessible channels.

Content Production

Turning key messages into accessible multilingual media.

MVA can develop scripts, arrange NAATI-certified translations, produce audio in English and community languages, and create supporting graphics and video.

Community Radio Distribution

Reaching communities through trusted local voices.

MVA can distribute content through its network of multicultural community radio stations and programs, helping organisations connect with audiences in the languages and communities they serve.

Digital Distribution

Extending the reach beyond the airwaves.

Content can be shared through MVA's digital channels, including its website, social media, email campaigns and newsletter.

Content Review

Making sure content is ready for its audience.

MVA can review campaign content before distribution, considering tone, messaging, cultural context and quality for the intended audience.

Our Partners

Strong partnerships help multicultural media reach further.

MVA works with organisations across government, community, media, education and the not-for-profit sector to strengthen multicultural media and connect communities with important information, opportunities and services.



We value the organisations that work alongside us to create greater reach and impact.

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