

The National Ethnic
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Council

NEWSLETTER

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1. NEMBC Conference - Register Now!

Get ready to connect, learn and celebrate at the [NEMBC Annual Conference!](#)

This year, we're bringing together multicultural broadcasters from across Australia in **Brisbane on 22-23 May 2026** for two days of inspiring sessions, hands-on workshops, and vibrant networking.

Overview

Community Connections Day (Friday) - Dive into peer-led discussions with Women, Youth and First Nations broadcasters. Explore practical tools, grants, sponsorship opportunities, and emerging technologies in community media.

Official Conference Day (Saturday) - Gain insights from leading researchers, expand your audience, and hear from trailblazing broadcasters shaping the future of multicultural media.

Celebrate! - Join us Saturday night for the Gala Dinner & Awards Night, celebrating the outstanding contributions of broadcasters across the sector.

Whether you're looking to strengthen your station's impact, learn new skills, or meet like-minded peers, the 2026 NEMBC Conference is the place to be!

When: Friday 22 - Saturday 23 May 2026

Where: Royal on the Park, 152 Alice Street, Brisbane, 4000

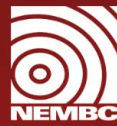
Accommodation: Available at the venue - book via ticket booking system before 24 April 2026 to secure special discounted rates.

For more information and to register: Visit the dedicated conference page by clicking on the red button below, or scan the QR code in the flyer (printable for sharing). Register by **24 April 2026** to secure Early Bird rates. Or visit our [website](#).

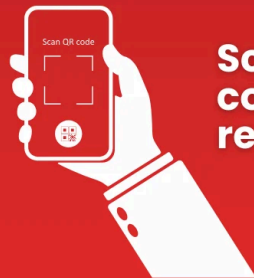
Not a member of the NEMBC? Sign up for membership [here](#) to secure discounted conference tickets.

[Register](#)

2026 NEMBC Conference & Awards



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More information at www.nembc.org.au

Please find below a draft of the conference program, which is still under development and subject to change.

[Download the Conference Program draft](#)

2. NEMBC Award Nominations now open!

Do you know a broadcaster, station or program making a real difference in multicultural broadcasting? The NEMBC Awards are your chance to recognise excellence, innovation and community impact!

Award Categories

Best Ethnic Program of the Year - Outstanding content, production and community impact.

Emerging Broadcaster Award - A new broadcaster (on air less than 2 years) showing exceptional potential, passion and contribution.

Excellence in Journalism & Storytelling - Recognising strong journalism and compelling storytelling on multicultural issues.

Outstanding Women in Multicultural Media - Female broadcasters or programs championing women's voices and empowerment.

Innovative Multicultural Program Award - Programs demonstrating creativity, innovation or new approaches for diverse audiences.

Youth Broadcaster of the Year - A young broadcaster (less than 30 years) making a significant impact.

Community Impact Award - For programs or broadcasters driving change, advocacy or awareness in multicultural communities.

Multicultural Station of the Year - Recognising a station showing strong commitment, innovation and engagement with diverse audiences.

Voices through Time Award - Honouring long-term service (more than 20 years) in ethnic community broadcasting.

Submit your nomination by **Friday 24 April 2026** via [this link](#) or the red button below.

[Click to access the awards application form](#)

2026 NEMBC Awards

Applications close on 24 April

- ★ Best Ethnic Program of the Year
- ★ Emerging Broadcaster
- ★ Excellence in Journalism & Storytelling
- ★ Outstanding Women in Multicultural Media
- ★ Innovative Multicultural Program
- ★ Youth Broadcaster of the Year
- ★ Community Impact
- ★ Multicultural Station of the Year
- ★ Voices Through Time



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3. Join us as a Conference Partner

Want to connect directly with Australia's multicultural broadcasters and community media leaders? The NEMBC Annual Conference in Brisbane, **22-23 May**, offers a unique opportunity to showcase your brand and engage with an influential, diverse audience.

Partnership options include dedicated exhibition space, recognition in conference communications, the chance to present an award at the Gala Dinner, and interactive opportunities such as giveaways or prize draws.

Interested? Contact the NEMBC team at connect@nembc.org.au to secure your place and join us in celebrating the future of multicultural media.

4. NEMBC Membership Drive 2026

As the NEMBC continues to evolve to better serve our Australian multicultural broadcasting community, we are officially launching our updated membership structure.

To ensure your program or station remains an active voice in our governance and future direction, we are asking all affiliated programs and stations to update their registrations via the [NEMBC Membership Form](#).

Understanding the New Structure

The new model ensures that every program has a direct, individual link to the NEMBC. There are three primary membership categories:

- **Station Member:** Each station may only have **one** Station Member. This person is the formal representative for voting and governance.
- **Program Representative Member:** Each program may only have **one** Program Representative Member. This individual holds the allocated vote for that program.
- **Affiliate Member:** All other broadcasters, volunteers, and contributors within a program or station should register as Affiliate Members.

Secure Your Voting Rights

Only **Station Members** and **Program Representative Members** are eligible to vote. To ensure your program's voice is heard, it is vital to nominate your specific Representative Member to activate your vote.

Exclusive Benefit: NEMBC 2026 Brisbane Conference

Signing up as a paid member now provides immediate financial benefits for our upcoming national event. Members gain access to the **Member Rate - EARLY BIRD** for the [NEMBC 2026 Brisbane Conference](#).

Note: Early Bird registration finishes on **24 April 2026**. Register your membership now to take advantage of these significant savings before the deadline!

How to Register

Please visit the link below to complete your registration. If you are the designated lead for your program, ensure you select the "**Program Representative Member**" category.

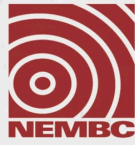
[Click to explore our Membership Form](#)

Further Assistance

For further assistance or any enquiries regarding the registration process or membership types, please reach out to our team:

- **Email:** connect@nembc.org.au
- **Email:** community@nembc.org.au

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to multicultural community broadcasting. We look forward to seeing many of you in Brisbane!



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Membership Drive

<https://www.nembc.org.au/get-involved/membership/>



5. Projects

Are you interested in collaborating with the NEMBC on future projects? We'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to us at projects@nembc.org.au

Radio stations are encouraged to share a list of the languages you offer so we can keep you in mind for relevant opportunities that align with your community's needs.

We're excited to hear from you and explore ways we can work together!

[Click to explore the Projects section on our website](#)

[Click to download the NEMBC Project Brochure](#)



6. Updates & Opportunities



New Station Manager

Michelle Gearon is the new station manager at Mountain District Radio (3MDR 97.1 FM).

[More information](#)



Multicultural Festival Grants Program 2026

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for not-for-profit groups to support multicultural festivals and events. Applications close on 17 April 2026.

[More information](#)

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