NEIL MURRAY: published works

Neil Murray is one of Australia's most original and finest Singer/Songwriters.
He also enjoys significant appreciation for his articles, stories and poems. He has been a professional writer, performer and musician since 1983.

BOOKS

Sing for me Countryman
Auto-biographical novel, first published by Hodder & Stoughton 1993
Independently republished 2004, printed by Griffin Press. ISBN 0646428683

One Man Tribe
Collection of poetry published by Charles Darwin University Press, 1999
ISBN 1876248424

Starting Procedure (poetry)
Self-published through Papunya Literature Production Centre 1980

Native Born- Songs of Neil Murray
Collection of song lyrics published by One Day Hill. 2009 ISBN 9780980564396

My Island Home
Children's book of the song "My Island Home" illustrated by children from Papunya and Galwinku with paintings by Peter Hudson. Published by One Day Hill. 2010. ISBN 9780980564334

Blackfella Whitefella
Children's book of the song "Blackfella Whitefella" illustrated by artwork from 8 schools across Australia.
Published by One Day Hill,2012. ISBN 9780980794892

One Man Tribe and other offspring
Includes all poetry from 1999 edition, plus more recent works as 'offspring'
Self-published - Island Home Music, 2026
ISBN 978-0-646-73787-4

SHORT STORIES

Home and Away – The Bulletin, 1983
Boomerangs – Going Down Swinging, 1983
Two Stones – Inprint, 1983
One Last Hitch – The Edge, 1989
The Risks of Two-up Motorcycling – Australian Short Stories, 1987
Unmarked Graves – included in Banjo Clarke's Wisdom Man, Penguin Australia, 2003

ARTICLES

A Guide to Boomerang Buying – On the Street, 1983

Turning up the stars full blast – Australian Playboy, 1984

Over the back fence – Follow Me Gentleman, 1986

He's my brother – The Australian Way, July 1989

The Getting of Banjo's Wisdom – The Age, 25 April 2000

Was True Blue a Blackfella? – The Age, 6 July 2002

Gunnedah Dreaming – The Age Review, 3 July 2004

About Time Tour Diary – Published in Australian Musician, Issue 42, Winter 2005

No Flowers – The Monthly, 3 August 2005

How Many Sleeps? – The Monthly, January 2006

A Healing Walk - notes on walking home – University of Portland Magazine, Summer 2009

Deliverance- now that's the ticket – The Age, 4 Sept 2010

Cry when we're gone – Essay. Chapter 3, page 146, in "Rock Country" edited by Christian Ryan, published by Hardie Grant, 2013. ISBN 9781742705217
Reprinted in "The Best Australian Essays 2014", edited by Robert Manne.
Published by Black Inc. ISBN 9781863956956

STAGE PLAY

King For This Place
Commissioned by Deckchair Theatre, 1999.
Performed a three-week season at Deckchair Theatre, Fremantle, Western Australia, 1999

SCREEN PLAY

Desert Stars
AFC Funded to 4th draft stage 1993. Un-produced.

NARRATION

Remembrance - ***a farewell to the generation now passing into history***
DVD documentary about Japanese POW's
Released 2005. Written and Directed by Larry McGrath. Narrated by Neil Murray.
Produced with assistance of the Australian War Memorial.

ENDORSEMENT PIECES

Introduction to Caz Gallery Catalogue. Los Angeles, 1998

Jandamarra and the Bunuba Resistance by Howard Pederson, Magabala Books, 1995

Desert Footy - an essay included in *Centre Bounce- Football from Australia's Heart* by Jesse Marlow, Hardie Grant Books, 2003

Introduction to Australian Galleries' exhibition of David Frazer's paintings, *The Escape,* 2005

Forward to an exhibition of Peter Hudson's "New Works" paintings, 2009

Forward to an exhibition of Peter Hudson's *From Glasshouse to Cooktown - recent works*, June 2012

FORWARDS

Whispering along the Wannon – CMA publication, 2002

INDIVIDUAL POEMS PUBLISHED

Declaring the Stepchild, Contact 2 - Booklet of Fatherhood CD-Pathways Foundation Limited 2003

The call from East Timor - Folk Alliance newsletter, and Northerly, Vol. 1, No 1, 2000

Freemans Gold - The Age, October 2000

On the Value of Blankets, A pale blue mountain - Good Weekend, 8 February 1997

Windy Mick and The Falcon - Limited Edition Poster print 1993. Rrecorded live on Carnivale Live on tour CD

This band's never gonna die - Off the Page, 1991

The language of eyes - Overland, 1991

Sunshine Autumn - Poets Choice, 1978

Other poems have appeared in: Chook Chook, Streetpoetry, Compass, Overland, Northern Perspective, North of the Ten Commandments, Poetic Licensees. Broadcast on ABC radio, 3CR, 3RRR, 2EA, 2-SER, 8CCC, 2JJJ.

ALBUMS – Warumpi Band

Jailanguru Pakarnu
Single. Hot records, 1983 - B side *Kintorelakutu*
Video: *Jailanguru Pakarnu*

Big Name No Blankets
Festival Records first released through Powder works/RCA, 1985
Videos: *Breadline, Blackfella Whitefella*
Singles*:*

- *Breadline*
- *Blackfella Whitefella*

Go Bush
Festival Records, 1987
Videos*: My Island Home*
Singles:

- *My Island Home*- B side *Didjeridoo Blue*

Too Much Humbug
CAAMA Music, 1996
Videos*: Stompin Ground, Wayathul, Stars*
Singles*:*

- *Stompin Ground*

ALBUMS – Solo

Calm and Crystal Clear
Festival Records, 1989. Re-released ABC Music, 2009
Video*: Calm & Crystal Clear, Lets Fall In Love Again*
Singles:

- *Calm And Crystal Clear*
- *Let's fall in love again* - B side *Wild Country*
- *Ocean of Regret*- B Side *Silver City*
- *Cleverman* - B Side *Seven Days of rain*

Video*: Calm And Crystal Clear* - https://youtu.be/ZjmLEDqd_8E

Far Away *(Single Release)*
B sides *Swagman's rest, Menindee*
Massive Records 1992

These Hands
Mushroom records, 1993. Re-released independently, 1999. Re-released Shock Records, 2004.
Re-released ABC Music, 2009
Singles*:*

- *Holy Road*
- *Sing Your Destiny* - B Sides *Broken Song, Calm & Crystal Clear*

Videos:

- *Holy Road*
- *Sing Your Destiny* - https://youtu.be/ppjorGo97b8

Dust
ABC Music, 1996. Re-released by Shock Records, 2004. Re-released by ABC Music, 2009
Singles (1996):

- *This Bliss* - B Sides *Love or Misery, Great Redeeming Actions*
- *Give this day* - B side – *In my heart*

The Wondering Kind
ABC Music 2000. Re-released Shock Records 2004. Re-released ABC Music 2009

Going The Distance
Shock Records, 2004. Re-released ABC Music, 2009.
Video:

- *Over the Moon - https://youtu.be/1K7YcLr5PJE*
- *Holding on to sky - https://youtu.be/cgtpnQHaBPc*

About Time - *A song collection (2CD)*
Shock Records, 2005
Video: *Tom Wills Would* - https://youtu.be/SCUm2IZMrbc

Spoken
Spoken word performances
Island Home Music, 2006

ALBUMS – Solo

2Songmen - *Shane Howard & Neil Murray live in Darwin*.
Recorded by ABC Radio National's 'Music Deli' - limited release, 2006

Overnighter
ABC Music, 2007
Video: *Lights of Hay* - *https://youtu.be/AD30usBy-sw*

Witness
ABC Music, 2010
Video: *Burrumbeep Hill* - *https://youtu.be/p1uIl2eyfv0*

Sing the Song - *the essential Neil Murray*
ABC Music, 2011 – 2 CD compilation 32 tracks

Bring Thunder & Rain
ABC Music, 2014
Video: *Whispering Casuarina* - https://youtu.be/etiA4IsaAD0

Hindsight "selected songs"
Island Home Music, 2016 – 2 CD compilation, 32 tracks

Blood & Longing
Island Home Music, 2019
Singles:
- *Byjantic Man*
- *Cry My Darling*

Videos:
- *Byjantic Man* - https://youtu.be/iwfbyUB7GlM
- *Cry My Darling* - https://youtu.be/vdw3EcGHfLM

Tjungu - *all in one, joined together* (with Sammy Butcher)
Island Home Music, 2019
Single:
- *Sweet Love*

The Telling
Island Home Music, 2023
Singles:
- *Broken Land*
- *Tears of Wybalena*

Video:
- *Tears of Wybalena* - https://youtu.be/bnZtAJd_Guo
- *Broken Land* - https://youtu.be/IMu2L0sc74w

Still Here By My Side [single]
Island Home Music, 2026
Video: https://youtu.be/RcktTQeR5Aw?si=JYn8CqzuXi1MfRe2