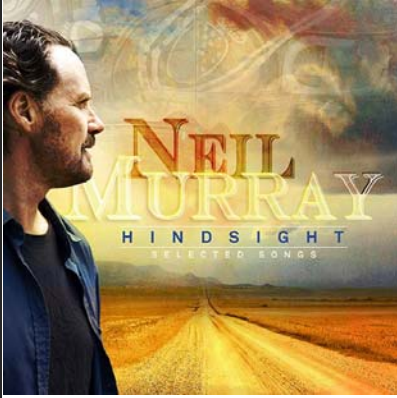




The 2017 Port Fairy Folk Festival Artist of the Year, Neil Murray, is one of Australia’s most original and respected singer/songwriters and has enjoyed a solo career since 1989. He first emerged in the early 1980’s as a founding member of the ground-breaking **Warumpi Band** that helped make contemporary indigenous music heard in mainstream Australia.



*Neil Murray sings from the heart of the country.*

- Jim Moginie, founding member of Midnight Oil, producer and songwriter

*His lyrical themes are as relevant to Australia as Woody Guthrie’s are to America.*

- Billy Pinnell, Broadcaster/Writer

*An outstanding singer songwriter.*

- Bill Hauritz, Executive Director, Woodford Folk Festival



### AN AUSTRALIAN ICON

In 1995, Neil Murray received the APRA song of the year award for his composition **'My Island Home'** originally written for the Warumpi Band, and later recorded by Christine Anu.

**'My Island Home'** featured in the closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympics and was named 25<sup>th</sup> on APRA’s list of the top 30 Australian songs.

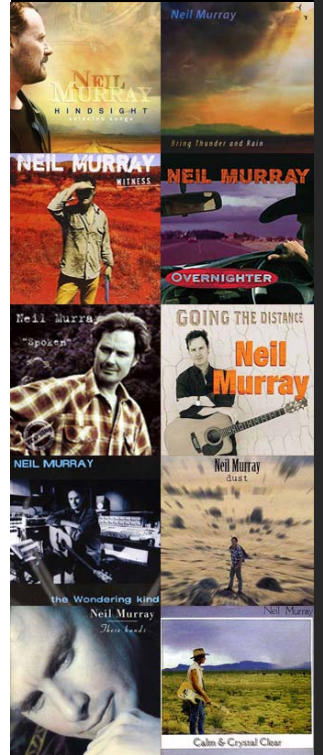
**'Jailanguru Pakarnu' (out from jail)** – co-written with Sammy Butcher, and recorded by the **Warumpi Band**, was included on the **Inaugural National Film and Sound Archive's 'Sounds of Australia'** collection in 2007. Released in 1983, it was one of the first pop/rock songs sung in an indigenous language. In 2016, “My Island Home” – as recorded by Christine Anu – was also inducted into the NFSA “Sounds of Australia” series.



**Blackfella Whitefella, Good light in Broome, Native Born, Burrumbeep Hill** are just some of the iconic songs Neil Murray has penned. His songs have been recorded by Mary Black, Jimmy Little, Missy Higgins, Christine Anu, Peter Denahy, Amy Saunders, Powderfinger, The Tiddas, Peter Brandy, Adam Brand, Emma Donovan, Yirmal Marika and Ursula Yovich.

Neil Murray’s output has done much to deepen Australia’s contemporary music heritage. In 2017, he was named the Port Fairy Folk Festival Artist of the Year.

Neil has released 13 solo albums. **“HINDSIGHT”** - Neil’s latest release, showcases 32 songs selected from his back catalogue.



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