



**Insurance Commission
of Western Australia**

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Award-winning Aboriginal road safety play tours the Great Southern

Australia's leading Indigenous theatre company Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation has joined forces with the Insurance Commission of Western Australia, to tour a **free** play aimed at reducing road trauma in Indigenous communities.

The play, MUTTACAR SORRY BUSINESS, addresses key issues such as drink driving, risk-taking behaviours and over-crowding.

Statistics show that Indigenous people are three times more likely to die in a car crash than non-Indigenous people.

“MUTTACAR SORRY BUSINESS is a perfect example of how the power of theatre can be used to impart a potentially life saving message to Aboriginal communities,” said Yirra Yaakin Executive Producer Sam Cook.

The collaboration between Yirra Yaakin and the Insurance Commission was recognised as Western Australia's most successful partnership at the 2007 Business and the Arts Partnership Awards.

MUTTACAR will tour the Great Southern during May and June with FREE performances being offered to communities, schools and prisons.

MUTTACAR SORRY BUSINESS is an Aboriginal phrase, which means motorcar grief.

The Insurance Commission, the State's sole provider of Compulsory Third Party (CTP) Insurance for motor vehicle personal injuries, has funded the project since its inception.

“The partnership has enabled Yirra Yaakin to present an important piece of community theatre which is written and performed specifically for Aboriginal people,”

“Furthermore, The Commission’s support has allowed the company to tour the show all over the state, including remote communities as far as the tri-state border” said Ms Cook.

Insurance Commission Managing Director Vic Evans said the company is proud to be associated with such an important community project.

“Road trauma has a devastating effect on communities. We need to make sure people are given the right information, so when they’re faced with a situation where they might put themselves or their passengers at risk, they will stop and make the right choice.

“If we work together, we can bring about change and reduce road trauma in the Aboriginal community.” Mr Evans said.

MUTTACAR SORRY BUSINESS is FREE for Indigenous communities.

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TOURING Perth: 5 May – 9th May
Great Southern: 12th May – 13th of June

- *Photos of cast and crew available upon request**
- *Media welcome to attend community shows**
- *Director/Cast/Yirra Yaakin available for interviews.**