

Karla Grant

Special Broadcasting Service
Executive Producer, Living Black



Karla Grant, a proud woman of the Arrernte people, is the Executive Producer and host of Australia's award-winning and longest running Indigenous current affairs show *Living Black*.

With over two decades of media experience, Karla has dedicated a huge part of her career to working in Indigenous news and current affairs, witnessing and reporting on the shifts in policy and attitude towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Starting at SBS almost 20 years ago as a presenter, producer, reporter and director of the Walkley award-winning *ICAM (Indigenous Current Affairs Magazine)* program, Karla was appointed as the Executive Producer of the network's Indigenous Media Unit, where she developed *Living Black* – now a Deadly Award-winning show. For eleven years, Karla managed SBS's coverage of The Deadly Awards.

Before joining SBS, Karla worked on Channel 10's *Aboriginal Australia* and hosted a weekly show on Canberra's community radio station 2XX.

Are there Other Issues of Special Relevance to Cohesion, such as Homophobia, or Lack of Freedom of Expression, or Other Specific Groups Experiencing Exclusion?

National Indigenous Television (NITV) is Australia's national free-to-air Indigenous television channel which broadcasts programming produced predominantly by, for and about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to all Australians and is contributing to reconciliation in Australia. NITV reaches over two million Australians each month with content that speaks to its audiences through news and current affairs, documentary, children's and sport programming. NITV continues to carve out a voice in the mainstream media, demonstrating the channel's unique ability to use its insights and links to Indigenous communities to impact the national conversation. NITV is proudly part of SBS and unique to the Australian public broadcasting environment, telling stories that are often excluded from mainstream media to broader national and international audiences. Karla Grant will speak on the importance of the channel to social cohesion and reconciliation in Australia, and NITV's role to educate and entertain its Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences about issues that matter, through the rich diversity of cultures, languages and talent of the nation's first people.