

# YOUR MUSIC YOUR RIGHTS

As soon as you create a new song or piece of music, you have copyright in it. You don't have to do anything to 'get' copyright, it's there from the moment you write down the song.

## **COPYRIGHT IS FREE AND AUTOMATIC**

Before anyone can use your music, they must ask you for permission. Under Australian Copyright Law, you can ask for payment for that use.

## **THIS IS WHERE APRA|AMCOS CAN HELP YOU**

APRA|AMCOS administer the copyright for more than 67,000 songwriters, composers and music publishers. We take the headache out of tracking how and when your music is used and collecting the payments for use. Then, twice a year, we distribute royalty payments to our members for performances and uses of their music. It's simple and it's free to join.

**"APRA WILL  
BE A GREAT  
PART OF YOUR  
TEAM"**



Jessica Mauboy  
APRA Member since 2008



# WHAT WE DO

APRA|AMCOS look after the copyright of all the songwriters, composers and music publishers in Australia.

APRA (Australasian Performing Right Association) has been around for more than 80 years and makes sure that songwriters, composers and music publishers get paid when their music is performed or used in public.

AMCOS (Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society) helps music creators get paid whenever their music is copied or recorded in some way. For example: on a CD, as a download from a website or as a mobile phone ringtone.

## WE ARE A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION

This means we only keep a small percentage of the money we collect to run our business. All the rest of the money is paid to copyright holders – songwriters, composers and music publishers.

## WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

If you write and own songs that are performed, broadcast or recorded in some way AND you join APRA|AMCOS, we can:

- Give permission for your music to be used by: radio, TV, films, record companies, ads, websites, ringtones, pubs, clubs, restaurants, schools, TAFE's, universities and at festivals and concerts
- Collect payments for these uses of your music
- Pay you royalties for these uses.

## ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ...

- Join APRA|AMCOS
- Tell us the details of your songs
- Let us know if you've played live
- Stay in touch! Let us know if your contact details change.  
If we can't find you, we can't pay you!

## WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!

## JOINING IS **eASY!**

- 🕒 **ONLINE** : go to [www.apra-amcos.com.au](http://www.apra-amcos.com.au), click on the *Music Creators* section and go to the *Join APRA* page.
- 📞 **PHONE** : Call Michael Hutchings - APRA's Indigenous Representative - on 0447 447 646 and he can sign you up over the phone.
- 👤 **IN PERSON** : Drop in to any of the APRA|AMCOS offices across Australia (Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth) and one of our friendly Writer Services Reps can sign you up on the spot. For a full address list of the APRA|AMCOS offices, go to [www.apra-amcos.com.au/contactus/stateoffices](http://www.apra-amcos.com.au/contactus/stateoffices) or phone 1800 642 634 (freecall)

**"APRA IS ABLE TO GIVE ONE ON ONE SERVICE TO ITS ATSI SONGWRITER MEMBERS.**

**WHICH IS IMPORTANT IN HELPING OUR ARTISTS MAXIMISE THEIR ROYALTIES"**

Shellie Morris



Photo: Kerry Trapnell



**"APRA IS  
AWARE  
OF HOW  
IMPORTANT  
CULTURE IS  
TO OUR MOB"**

*Seaman Dan  
APRA Member since 1997*

## **OUR COMMITMENT**

APRA|AMCOS understand the value and importance of maintaining Aboriginal culture. We acknowledge the inextricable link between music, culture and the land. We appreciate the value of music and culture in strengthening community wellbeing and developing a broader understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal culture.

APRA|AMCOS are committed to:

- listening and responding to the needs of Indigenous music creators
- helping Indigenous music creators join APRA|AMCOS, register their works and log their performances
- supporting Indigenous music creators through the administration of their creative rights
- understanding the importance of Indigenous music and culture
- respecting Indigenous culture

## **TALK TO US**

Contact Michael Hutchings - APRA|AMCOS's National Indigenous Representative - on 0447 447 646 or [atsi@apra.com.au](mailto:atsi@apra.com.au); or Phillip Eaton NT Writer Services Representative on 08 8941 0988 or [nt@apra.com.au](mailto:nt@apra.com.au)

**MUSIC + RIGHTS = RESPECT**