

about peak bodies for Australian Indigenous artists and art centres



Desart is the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres

Ku Arts is the lead agency for visual and performing arts development in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, South Australia

ANKAAA is the peak advocacy and support agency for Aboriginal artists and art centres in the Kimberley, Tiwi Islands, Arnhem, Katherine and Darwin regions

UMI Arts is a new peak body supporting Indigenous artists and craftspeople in Far North and West Queensland

Desart, Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA), Ananguku Arts and Culture (Ku Arts) and UMI Arts are the leading peak bodies for Indigenous artists and Indigenous owned art centres in northern and central Australia.

Together they represent more than 100 Indigenous owned art centres which include more than 5,000 Indigenous artists. A significant proportion of Australia's Indigenous art is produced in these art centres and they represent some of Australia's leading contemporary artists.

Desart, ANKAAA, Ku Arts and UMI Arts are key organisations within the Indigenous art industry and have established national profiles. They provide a strong voice for their members to advocate and influence policy as well as educate people about Indigenous Australian art and ethical practices in its production and sale. Desart and ANKAAA contributed to the development of the [Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct](#).

Desart, ANKAAA, Ku Arts and UMI Arts also play a key role in industry, economic and community development providing services to their members including training, professional development, information and resources as well as governance, business development and marketing support.

You can find out more about the great work of these peak bodies and the art centres and artists they represent by contacting them or visiting their websites.

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You can also find a list of art centres who are members of Desart and ANKAAA at www.aboriginalart.org