



# Connecting Australians

Results of the 2016 National Arts  
Participation Survey



Easy English Summary

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### **Hard words**

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- look at page 8 to read what the hard word means.

## What we did



- We talked to 3000 Australians about **art**.
- We compared the answers to 3 years ago.
- We wanted to know how art has changed in Australia since 3 years ago.



- We asked Australians how often they look at art, listen to art or read art.



- We asked Australians how often they make art.

## What did people say?

### How Australians connect with art

- Most Australians connect with art.



- Music is the most popular art form.  
Almost all Australians listen to recorded music.
- 8 out of 10 Australians look at art online.  
This is more than ever before.

## What did people say?

### How Australians connect with art

- 15 to 24 year olds connect with art the most.



- 7 million Australians have watched art made by **First Nations** artists.
- 9 million Australians go to arts festivals.

## What Australians think of art



- Australians think that art makes their lives better. More Australians think this than ever before.



- Australians think art helps them think of new ideas.
- Many Australians think art helps them to learn about new ideas.



- Many Australians think that art shows the different people that live in Australia.

## What Australians think of art

- More Australians think that art helps them to show what it means to be Australian.



- Most Australians think that First Nations arts are an important part of Australia's culture.



- Most Australians think art is an important part of education.

## Giving to the arts



- 1 out of 3 Australians gives their time or money to the arts.
- Younger Australians are most likely to give their time or money to the arts.



## Hard words in this book



### Art

Art includes:

- theatre
- dance
- books
- music
- visual art



### First Nations

First Nations means the people who were the first to live in Australia. It includes their families alive today.

First Nations people are also known as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

## More information



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