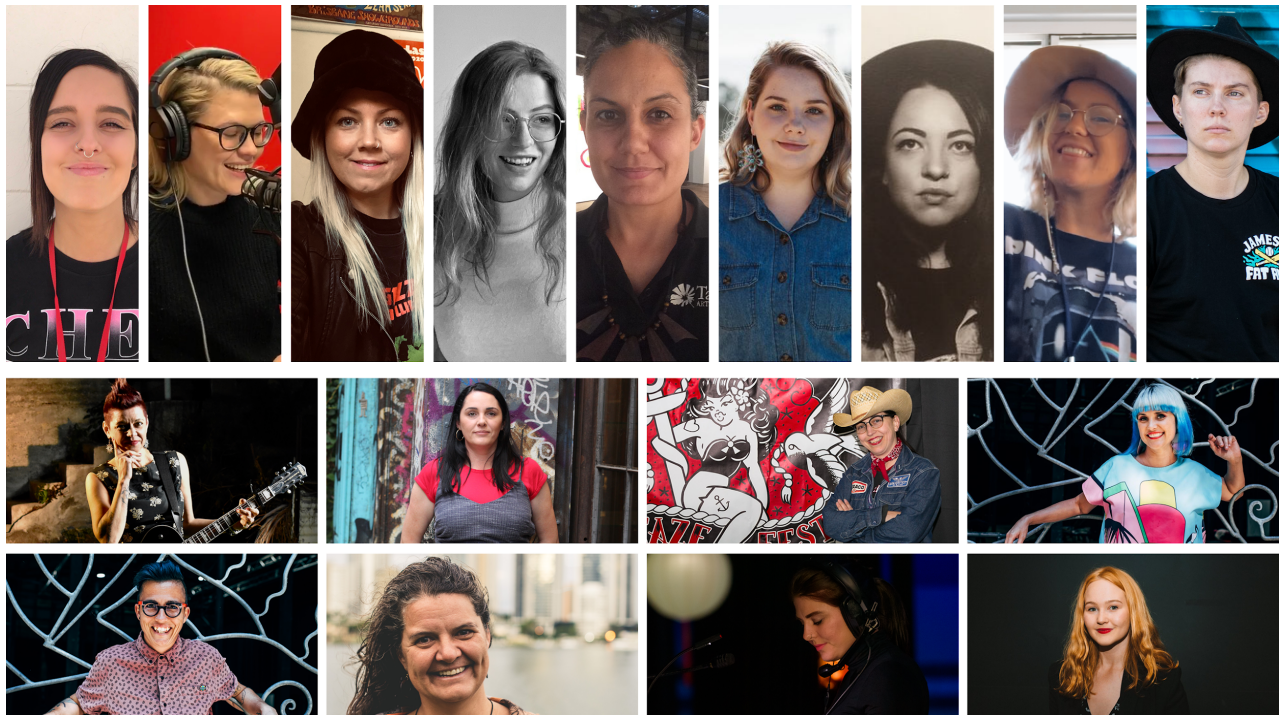


**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**11 March 2021, 9am AEST**

## **17 QUEENSLAND WOMEN ANNOUNCED TO TAKE PART IN STATEWIDE MUSIC MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**



*L-R, Top Row - Mentees: Sophia De Marco, Carli Willis, Mel De Regt, Monique Matthews, Bre Capell, Brittney Kahl, Rachael Hart, Lauren Woods, Ellen Hartwig. Second Row - Mentors: Deb Suckling, Kristy Gostelow, Lori Lee Cash, Melania Jack. Third Row - Mentors: Patty Preece, Samantha Morris, Sarah Ponturo and Larissa Ryan.*

**QMusic, Queensland's music industry development association, today announced 17 outstanding *QMentorship* recipients, including the nine emerging music industry professionals who will be mentored by eight industry experts to produce a regional tour in Far North Queensland.**

Proudly supported by the Queensland Government via the Advancing Women in Business initiative from the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training, ***QMentorship*** supports women to start and grow their own businesses and attain positions of leadership.

---

**For more information or media interviews, contact:**

Kylie Cobb, 0402 434 523, [kylie@qmusic.com.au](mailto:kylie@qmusic.com.au)

Carlia Fuller, 0411 397 441, [carlia@qmusic.com.au](mailto:carlia@qmusic.com.au)

QMentorship is an important initiative under our *Women in Music* program and supports early-career industry professionals who are pursuing a career within our industry, or who want to explore other skills for gaining employment.

QMentorship is designed to have experienced industry practitioners share their knowledge with their mentees in the areas of: business development, artist management, venue booking, tour management, sound engineering and marketing and publicity.

It is a vital capacity building program and one which will produce a tour in north Queensland showcasing local artists and injecting much needed economic activity into our regions.

From Cairns and Mackay, to Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Ipswich, the 2021 **QMentorship** recipients are:

#### **Mentors:**

Kristy Gostelow	Artist Management	Mackay
Deb Suckling	Business Development	Brisbane
Larissa Ryan	First Nations Artist Management	Melbourne/ Bundaberg
Melania Jack	Project Management	Cairns
Samantha Morris	Promotions and Marketing	Gold Coast
Patty Preece	Sound Engineering	Cairns
Sarah Ponturo	Tour Management	Brisbane
Lori Lee Cash	Venue Booking/Producing	Brisbane

#### **Mentees:**

Bre Capell	Project Management	Cairns
Brittney Kahl	Venue Booking/Producing	Ipswich
Carli Willis	First Nations Artist Management	Cairns
Ellen Hartwig	Sound Engineering	Brisbane
Lauren Woods	Project Management	Gold Coast
Mel De Regt	Tour Management	Gold Coast
Monique Matthews	Business Development	Brisbane
Rachael Hart	Promotions and Marketing	Brisbane

---

**For more information or media interviews, contact:**

Kylie Cobb, 0402 434 523, [kylie@qmusic.com.au](mailto:kylie@qmusic.com.au)

Carlia Fuller, 0411 397 441, [carlia@qmusic.com.au](mailto:carlia@qmusic.com.au)



Sophia De Marco	Artist Management	Brisbane
-----------------	-------------------	----------

Mentors and mentees are paired up for at least three 90 minute one-on-one sessions and fortnightly collaborative meetings to plan the tour circuit, develop budgets, book venues and artists and manage events.

QMusic partners with regional councils and the Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) to develop and deliver the **QMentorship** program.

Funding for **QMentorship** is from the Queensland Government via the Advancing Women in Business initiative from the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training. This initiative supports and encourages more women to start and grow their own business and attain positions of leadership.

#### ENDS

Assets:

[Images approved for immediate download and use](#)

*QMentorship is a QMusic Women In Music program, produced by QMusic and supported by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training's Advancing Women in Business initiative.*



---

**For more information or media interviews, contact:**

Kylie Cobb, 0402 434 523, [kylie@qmusic.com.au](mailto:kylie@qmusic.com.au)

Carlia Fuller, 0411 397 441, [carlia@qmusic.com.au](mailto:carlia@qmusic.com.au)