



Bridgeman Announced Winner of the 2022 National Indigenous Business Month Award

Recognised as industry leaders, Bridgeman is committed to strengthening, supporting, and growing Indigenous businesses for the long-term.

Bridgeman was recently awarded the 2022 National Indigenous Business Month I2I Award. The I2I award celebrates commitment by Indigenous businesses to strengthen and grow the sector through trading and working together. The judging panel included, Leslie Delaforce, Head of Indigenous Entrepreneurship Munderoo Foundation, Christee Houghton, Head of Indigenous Affairs at Coles and Dr Michelle Evans MURRA Program Director and Associate Professor of Leadership at the University of Melbourne.

Bridgeman's Senior Executive Team includes Owner and Managing Director, Adam Sarota, a proud Traditional Owner and Yidinji man and highly regarded former Socceroo and owner and Managing Partner, Jade North, also a proud Indigenous man from Biripi Country, a highly decorated former Socceroo Captain, Olympian, NAIDOC Sports person of the Year, and Co-Chair of Football Australia's National Indigenous Advisory Group.

This year's theme, Actions Today, Impact Tomorrow, is in alignment with Bridgeman's commitment to ensuring they provide leadership, support, opportunity, and encouragement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Bridgeman's Managing Partner, Jade North says Bridgeman's supply chain development programs are focused on developing Indigenous businesses for their sustainable future.

"We are dedicated to encouraging partnerships between industries and other Indigenous companies along the supply chain, that is why we created the Bridgeman Yarning Circle, a unique Indigenous supply chain network that provides companies with genuine, pre-qualified, accredited, and compliant Indigenous companies. These companies would never tender for Government work directly but through us they get a chance" says Jade.

Bridgeman's Managing Director, Adam Sarota says Bridgeman's 'Close the Gap' program is designed to identify areas for improvement and business growth for supply chain members and they work with them to close these gaps and grow their businesses.

"I am proud of being an Indigenous person and business owner and we are very honoured to receive the I2I Award, we want to create a company that other Indigenous people and businesses are proud of too, it's very important to show there are Indigenous businesses out there not only doing well but supporting each other." said Adam.