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Industry Fact Sheet

1. What/Who is QTouring?

QTouring is Queensland's arts touring and engagement service designed to support artists, producers, venues and communities to connect and share arts experiences across the state — particularly in regional and remote areas. It is managed in partnership with Arts Queensland and Stage Queensland.

Purpose

- Brokering connections between artists and presenters.

- Providing capacity-building resources, tools and guides.

- Serving as a central access point for touring projects, community engagement opportunities and presentation venues.

Team Structure

- QTouring includes staff focused on touring coordination, sector engagement, web services and funding info.

- Contact details, biographies and team roles are available under the "Our Team" section on the QTouring site.

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2. QTouring Website 101

Homepage Purpose

- Central hub for accessing touring services, resources and applicant information.

Key Sections

1. **Touring** – Lists touring opportunities, works available and presenter networks

2. **Find a Work / Presenter / Project** – Searchable directories of works, venues and engagement projects.

3. **Initiatives** – Training, conferences (like QShowcase) and producer bootcamps.

4. **Resources** – Tools, templates and First Nations guides for project planning.

5. **Funding Opportunities** – Lists current and upcoming grants with links to eligibility and application details.

6. **Upload Your Works** – Portal for producers/artists to register and share touring works.

7. **Register as a Presenter** - Portal for venues/festivals to register and share touring works.

8. **News & FAQs** – Updates on sector events, deadlines and common questions.

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3. Peak Bodies in QLD and Australia

What is a Peak Body?
A "peak body" is the main representative organisation for a sector or profession, advocating for policy, funding and sector development on behalf of members.

Organisations that represent and advocate for specific parts of the arts:

Queensland Peak Bodies

- **QTouring** – Queensland arts touring & engagement service.

- **Arts Queensland** – State government arts investment and policy lead.

- **Ausdance QLD** – Peak body for dance and related practices in Queensland.

- **Stage Queensland** – Peak body for performing arts centres & presenters in QLD.

- **QMusic** – Queensland's music industry development association.

- **Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA)** – Peak body supporting Indigenous art centres (Far North QLD & Torres Strait).

- **Museums & Galleries Queensland** – Peak professional body for public museums & galleries.

- **Regional Arts Services Network (RASN)** – Supports regional arts development across QLD (QMusic, JUTE and Flying Arts)

- **Queensland Writers Centre** – Advocates for writers and writing communities.

- **Theatre Network Australia (QLD/AU branch)** – Industry development and advocacy for theatre.

National Peak Bodies

- **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Office** - An Indigenous-led team fostering a thriving music community & industry.

- **Live Performance Australia (LPA)** – Peak body for the live performance industry nationwide.

- **PAC Australia** – National peak for performing arts presenters & centres.

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- **National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA)** – Advocates for visual arts, craft & design nationally.

- **Australian Museums & Galleries Association (AMaGA)** – Peak body for museums/galleries Australia-wide.

- **Creative Australia** (Federal Government arts funding & strategy body) — funds national arts programs.

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4. Funding & Grants Available in the Arts Sector

Tips for Navigating Funding

- Use QTouring's "Funding Opportunities" page for live listings and links to grant details.

- Start with Arts Queensland and Creative Australia portals for eligibility, deadlines and SmartyGrants applications.

- Check local council arts programs and RADF grants for regional project support.