Australian music's hidden history

While Johnny O'Keefe and Col Joye are generally credited with kick starting Australian rock 'n' roll, the contribution of Indigenous Australians, in a variety of forms, has been largely ignored. You will find it much more difficult to find information on the achievements and recordings of Indigenous Australians, than of their white or immigrant counterparts.

Create a brief online biography for one of the following Indigenous Australian musicians that acknowledges their contribution to Australian music, and conclude it with a note to readers about the difficulties you have found in accessing information.

As a follow up exercise, write a letter to the Minister for the Arts making a case to allocate research funding to establish a database that would recognise the contribution of indigenous Australians to the local music scene.

Choose from the following to write your biography. A starting point for your research has been provided for each artist:

A brief introduction can be found at 'Australia and its traditional music: a very brief overview' http://warrenfahey.com/articles/oz-trad-music.html


George Assang

Georgia Lee

Vic Simms
http://www.abc.net.au/tv/messagestick/stories/s1484180.htm

Jimmy Little
http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-04-02/jimmy-little-dies-aged-75/3927756

Johnny Nicol

Dougie Young