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Kristal West leads *The Alukura Compilation* with ***And That's Why*** >> <https://soundcloud.com/caamamusic/kristal-west-and-thats-why/s-ydGT8>
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Last year Australia's longest running Indigenous music label *CAAMA Music* ran a nationwide competition to uncover a new crop of female Aboriginal singer-songwriters. Titled the *Alukura Competition* (Alukura meaning 'women' in the *Arrernte* language) CAAMA selected eight incredibly talented and passionate women from all corners of Australia to record at their studios in Alice Springs. During the recording process the women participated in music business workshops, were mentored by musical duo the *Stiff Gins* [Nardi Simpson and Kaleena Briggs], and connected to the country and culture of Central Australia.

For most of these women it was their first time recording in a professional studio and from this invaluable experience they received knowledge and contacts to support and grow a successful musical career. The result is ***The Alukura Compilation*** an album that will feature a song from each of the eight women and will be released on CAAMA Music in early 2016.

One of two songs selected to proceed and lead the album is by Queenslander ***Kristal West*** with her song ***And That's Why***; a classic R'n'B soulful pop tune with lush harmonies, soft melodies, a strong piano driven chorus and a vocal that soars; think Alicia Keys, Ngaarii, Lianna La Havis, Ed Sheeran and Pia Mia.

The 25-year-old Indigenous Australian singer-songwriter who found a national audience in 2014 after being mentored by Will.i.am and becoming a Grand Finalist on channel 9s '**The Voice**' is grand-daughter to the legendary Indigenous land rights activist, *Eddie Mabo*. Kristal centres her life around her music and her people. "I believe I have a lot space to grow and I truly believe this is the opportunity I have been waiting for," says **Kristal**.

You can expect much more from Kristal West when she releases her debut EP recorded at CAAMA Music in 2016 [produced by award-winning local musician [Dave Crowe](#)] For more info>>
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Kristal performs on 13 November - The National Young Leaders Day. QLD.

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