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Tune-in, stream-on: Meet Australia's first 'virtual' band

Singer-songwriter Harts harnesses fast broadband to curate upcoming Aussie talent

Demonstrating how creativity and connectivity go hand-in-hand, **nbn** today unveiled Australia's first 'virtual' band, comprised of some of the nation's hottest up-and-coming musical talent.

Located in three states around Australia, the $\mathbf{nbn}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ Virtual Band will solely connect and collaborate through the $\mathbf{nbn}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ network to create, share and perform a one-off, original track.

Named 'Two Sense', the **nbn**™ Virtual Band is made up of:

- Rowena Wise, a vocalist and songwriter from Melbourne in Victoria: Having recently released her debut solo album, Rowena is delighted to be collaborating with other unsigned artists to share her songwriting skills and make music 'without borders'.
- Jayden Rando, a producer from Bunbury in West Australia: Hailing from the nation's west, this 18-year-old is usually busy producing tracks in his bedroom studio or out performing gigs around Perth.
- Lucy Mills, (aka Leo) an indie-folk artist from Wollongong in New South Wales: As a guitarist and singer, Leo's acoustic sounds are full of raw emotion. She's looking forward to honing her songwriting skills through online collaboration with her fellow band members.

Mentoring the musos on their journey will be internationally renowned, Melbourne-based artist, Darren Hart better known as 'Harts': a musician, singersongwriter, multi-instrumentalist, composer and music producer.



nbn™ Virtual Band mentor, Harts said:

"Music is now borderless – anyone can connect with it and be inspired by it online. The **nbn**™ Virtual Band, Two Sense, is no different as they share their musical talents with each other from all around the country by collaborating online through video conferencing and online sharing of their material.

"The internet has been integral to my musical career, being discovered online when I first started producing and recording music from my own bedroom studio, so I'm thrilled to be empowering other music lovers and break down the digital divide."

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Stay tuned for Two Sense's debut track, scheduled for release in February 2017 and become one of their first groupies by following their progress on the Two Sense nbn™ blog series.

There are more than 3.3 million homes and businesses around the country which can already connect to the **nbn**[™] network with the rollout across Australia set to be complete by 2020.

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About nbn:

- **nbn** is building a new and upgraded, fast wholesale broadband network to enable communities across Australia to access fast broadband from their retail service provider. Our goal is to connect eight million homes and businesses by 2020.
- Fast broadband like that delivered via the **nbn**™ network can provide a range of benefits for Australians such as opportunities to work from home, access to online education tools and options for on-demand entertainment.
- End-user experience, including the speeds actually achieved over the nbn™ network, depends on the
 technology over which services are delivered to your premises and some factors outside our control
 like equipment quality, software, broadband plans, signal reception and how the end-user's service
 provider designs its network. Access to your work network will depend on factors outside our control
 like your organisation's IT policy and infrastructure.

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