Image: (left to right) Shaniqua, Nova Gina, Josie Baker, Jo Jo, Isla Fuk Yah, Crystal Love.

Black Divaz ~Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Drag Queens~



Ben Graetz was born and raised in Darwin and is a descendant of the Iwaidja and Malak Malak Clans, and the people of Badu Island on the Torres Strait Islands.

Miss Ellaneous



After he found himself a 'drag mum', named Katherine Gorge, on his 25th birthday, Ben's drag character Miss Ellaneous was born.





Miss Ellaneous co-founded Miss First Nation, a search for Australia's best Indigenous drag performers.



Crystal Love is a mentor to the **sistergirl** community of the **Tiwi Islands**, north of Darwin - a group of transgender women traditionally known as **Yimpininni**.

Crystal Love



Crystal has met Princess Diana and Mother Teresa, featured in documentaries, performed around Australia, danced in the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics and travelled the world raising awareness of issues such as HIV and AIDS.





"Make-up uplifts you ... sometimes people have to look good to feel good," she says.

Links to check out

Black Divaz Documentary - SBS OnDemand

Miss Ellaneous Instagram / Facebook / Interview

Crystal Love <u>Facebook</u> / <u>Sistergirl trailer</u>

Nova Gina Instagram / Facebook / Kolour me Kween



For **Dunghutti** man Dallas Webster also known as '**Nova Gin**a' — black drag is about bringing visibility, hope and acceptance to the minority of the minority.

Nova Gina



It wasn't until Webster returned to Kempsey as an adult that his fabulous alter ego **Nova Gina** would begin to form, inspired by the striking and eccentric aesthetics of **Grace Jones** and the iconic drag queen **Divine** (muse to cult filmmaker John Waters).

Nova Gina & Lasey Dunaman formed drag duo Dreamtime Divaz. They perform weekly at Kempsey RSL and are fondly known around town as the Divas — in and out of drag.

> See more: https://coastbeat.com.au/dreamtime-drag-queen-fro m-kempsey-to-the-world-stage/



