



Sunshine Sings

Sunshine Sings Launch: Monday 4th October 2010

Tania de Jong AM, founder of Pot-Pourri, Music Theatre Australia and The Song Room and winner of Australian Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2006, is thrilled to announce the launch of **Sunshine Sings** as part of her new social venture, **Creativity Australia's With One Voice program**.

Sunshine Sings is one of the major new initiatives. This brand new community and business choir commences Monday 4th October and takes place every Monday at The Djerriwah Services Centre, 20 Hertford Road, Sunshine, from 5:30 – 6:45pm. Everyone is welcome.

A range of employees from various businesses in Brimbank, members of the general public, refugees, migrants and disadvantaged people from the community agencies in the region will be in attendance and will sing a mix of African gospel and other songs.

The choir is conducted by the outstanding Grant Ward, who has had extensive experience working with choirs of all ages in a wide variety of settings in Australia and abroad.

The *With One Voice* program aims to recognise each unique voice. The program bridges social capital and assists migrants and others to develop a sense of belonging, new networks and employment pathways.

Participants develop leadership potential, build self esteem, communication and creative skills. They also learn how to work as a team. When many diverse voices come together as "one voice", the outcomes are transformational. Casual mentoring and networking is encouraged.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is the major supporter of this program, and attendance for the first year of the program is free of charge for all singers. We do, however, encourage those who are working to make a tax-deductible donation to contribute towards the "With One Voice" program costs and sponsor the participation of people coping with disadvantage in choirs throughout Melbourne and Victoria.



Patrons

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE
Lady Marigold Southey AC
Professor Allan Fels AO
Hugh Morgan AC
Emeritus Professor John Hay AC
Eddie McGuire AM (With One Voice Patron)

Ambassadors

Professor Graham Burrows AO
John Calvert-Jones AM
Terry Campbell AO
Dr Alan Finkel AM
Professor Andrea Hull AO
Sam Lipski AM
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We encourage you to come along and be part of this exciting and creative project which will build community and business wellbeing in Brimbank. For your place in the choir or to get involved in another way (eg volunteering or donating) please email:

enquiries@creativityaustralia.org.au or call 9682 9689 or visit www.creativityaustralia.org.au to download registration forms.

Since its launch 18 months ago, **Creativity Australia** has gone from strength to strength in its mission to bring creative leadership programs to the people of Australia. By bringing creative thinking and leadership into their organisations, employers can increase wellbeing, productivity, employee cohesion and innovation, all of which are more important than ever in this troubled economic environment. Creativity Australia is also developing a number of innovative programs bridging social capital for disadvantaged people and communities, businesses and government.

Please see video clips of Creativity Australia's programs here including Melbourne Sings. The choir has a beautiful spirit! Watch here, especially the interviews!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7avA8nrzrYA>
<http://creativityaustralia.org.au/index.php>

Or visit here to listen to an interview with Tania de Jong AM about these programs:
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/stories/2008/2441834.htm>

“Our society is fragmented and our connection with other people and ability to communicate and express ourselves is limited. This fragmentation undermines our fundamental human values, sense of family and community. This program is about creating inspired and productive individuals, organisations and communities.”

- Tania de Jong AM