



MAKING SWEET MUSIC: Conductor Kym Dillon with the Geelong Sings choir.

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Hundreds tune up for harmonious singalong

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GEELONG is on song.

The city's ultimate social choir will next month join more than 400 other voices from 40 nationalities as part of the annual With One BIG Voice concert.

Geelong Sings, one of 13 Victorian "Sings" choirs, formed in 2009 and has gone

from strength to strength under the guidance of conductor Kym Dillon.

The choir welcomes people of all singing abilities and aims to unite the community, from students, refugees, business chiefs and people living with a disability or disadvantage.

Soprano and social entrepreneur Tania de Jong said

she started the With One Voice choir program to create positive social and economic outcomes for individuals, communities and organisations through music.

"The science of singing is proven to make you happier, healthier and smarter but the choirs offer so much more," Ms de Jong said.

"With One Voice choirs are

helping diverse people break cycles of isolation and disadvantage and discover pathways to better futures.

"Join the party at With One BIG Voice and be moved by uplifting songs and transformational stories."

Ms de Jong said the choirs were incubators helping people to find friends and mentors, learn English, build

skills and employability and find work.

Everyone is invited to join Geelong Sings. Phone 8679 6088 or email enquiries@cal.org.au for more information.

Visit wobv2013.eventbrite.com.au for tickets to With One BIG Voice Gala Concert on September 15 at the Melbourne Town Hall.