



**Full voice:** Conductor Kym Dillon leads the Geelong Singers Choir through a rendition of *You Raise Me Up*.

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# Choir thriving on raising its voice

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## ■ COMMUNITY CHOIR

A COMMUNITY choir will make its voice heard as part of a major Melbourne performance.

The Geelong Singers Choir, made up of a diverse group of local people, will join seven other Creativity Australia choirs for a concert at the Recital Centre Hall on September 8.

The choirs aim to bring

people from all sectors of the community together, with members coming from many age groups and including employers, business people, migrants and people with disabilities.

"Anyone at all can join," said Geelong Singers Choir conductor Kym Dillon said.

"No musical back-

ground is needed, and it's amazing the sound you can get out of even those voices that haven't had any training."

Dillon said musicals and African American gospel music were popular choices with the choir, which started in Geelong last year and has grown to have about 20 members regularly attending rehearsals.

"We try to pick songs

people like and know," he said. "Something that everyone can enjoy."

The Melbourne concert will see the Geelong Singers Choir perform three pieces by itself, and another two with the other choirs.

"The choir looks forward to every performance because we love singing," Mr Dillon said. "To perform in such a prestigious venue will be

great."

The *With One Voice* concert will be performed at the Melbourne Recital Centre, on September 8, from 8pm. Tickets: 9699 3333.

Anyone wishing to join the Geelong Singers Choir can attend rehearsals at the Waterfront Christian Church, 35 Corio St, Geelong, on Mondays from 5.40-6.40pm or call 8679 6088 for details.