

2018 PARTICIPANT SURVEY



97%

agree that choir is a positive experience for them

88%

attend choir weekly

81%



of survey participants are female

70%

are over 55 years of age

33%



of participants were born outside of Australia

55%

are unemployed

30%

have regular or occasional contact with social welfare

40%



of participants have grown in confidence through our program

48%



are subsidised to attend choir (of those who are subsidised 45% have a healthcare card)

71%

of people who made wishes were successful in having them granted

63%

say they have given support outside of the Wish List to other choir members

97%

participate in suppers after choir, of which 41% go specifically for the friendship

**Results from 163 respondents from 8 WOV programs*

"If it wasn't for the choir I wouldn't be alive today." *With One Voice participant*

"it's worth reiterating how much fun I have at choir rehearsals and gigs, which, to be honest, is probably mostly down to our conductor, Kym Dillon. He's hilarious and so entertaining to watch, and just makes it so worthwhile to go to practice every week!" *With One Voice participant*

"Good people, fantastic conductors!" *With One Voice participant*

"Choir is the highlight of my week. The people are my family. No matter how I am feeling before I walk in that door, it keeps me out of hospital." *With One Voice participant*

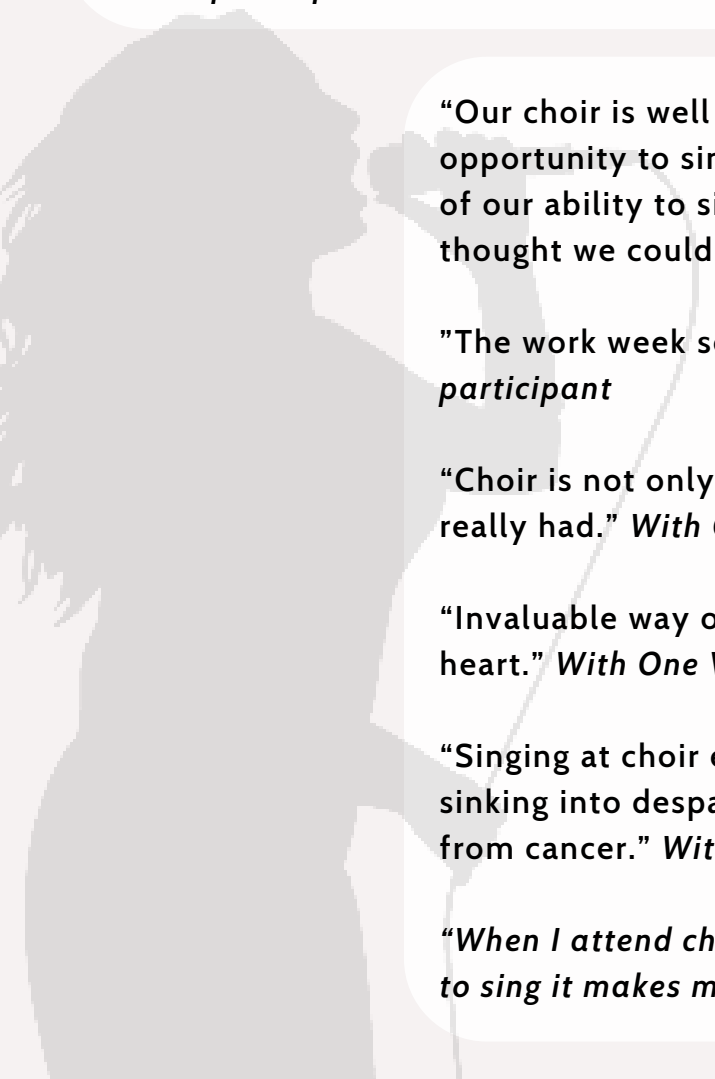
"The Choir has been a lifesaver. It gave me the comfort and confidence to pursue things that are meaningful to me. It's a low key and welcome environment has been instrumental in giving comfort and confidence to many of its participants. I'm lucky that something like Creativity Australia exists and I look forward to joining again when I return to Australia." *With One Voice participant*

WHAT

OUR

PROGRAM

MEANS



"Our choir is well organised and we are all friends. We get the opportunity to sing as well as challenge our personal perceptions of our ability to sing. Under Cath we always do better than what we thought we could do." *With One Voice Brisbane participant*

"The work week seems shorter after choir." *With One Voice participant*

"Choir is not only enjoyable but it's like a family, the family I never really had." *With One Voice participant*

"Invaluable way of truly finding my voice and singing from my heart." *With One Voice participant*

"Singing at choir especially on winter nights helped prevent me sinking into despair after death of husband (40 years together) from cancer." *With One Voice participant*

"When I attend choir I feel empowered , happy and alive I really love to sing it makes me feel great!!!!!" *With One Voice participant*

"I am socially isolated due to an advanced cancer diagnosis in May 2017. Unfortunately it has worsened recently and the choir gives me some moments of happiness during treatment."

With One Voice participant

"I have always loved to sing and now I have an outlet where I can express this aspect of my personality without being nervous about my musical abilities or being judged." *With One Voice participant*

"I absolutely love it because it is fun, challenging, rewarding and inclusive. Choir night takes priority over everything else"

With One Voice participant

"As someone who lives alone, has no family and is long-term under-employed, it gives a bit of a routine to my week and something to look forward to. Community." *With One Voice participant*

"I am a carer. I go to the choir to support & care for my client (it's my job). But, I also come to enjoy the singing as well. In the short time that I been there I found people are very friendly, helpful and inclusive to my client. They accepted his disability, which I appreciate and valued most."

With One Voice participant

"The choir has been one of my best discoveries!!" *With One Voice participant*

"As for me personally, I love the choir, and it provides significant value for me personally, AND for my granddaughter, who simply loves interacting with all the diverse members of the choir." *With One Voice participant*

"I love it and our directors are exceptional people with a huge range of skills and fantastic warmth, enthusiasm and acceptance." *With One Voice participant*

"I am a confident and independent person but the singing makes me happy and although only in the choir for a short time lifts my thoughts."

With One Voice participant

"A much-needed balm at exactly the right time in my life. A pleasure to connect with others, especially through music." *With One Voice participant*