



## SONGS FOR FREEDOM RING OUT BY THE SWAN RIVER

On **Saturday 6th March**, **Songs for Freedom** will fill the Perth night air with the uplifting songs and stories from Ieramugadu (Roebourne), in a special evening for the whole family by the Swan River, at Dyoondalup, Point Walter Riverside Park. Songs for Freedom is a new partnership between **the Roebourne community, The City of Melville** and **Big hART**.

Performed by a stellar cast, this homegrown concert captures the essence of the Pilbara, the joy of living on country, and the spirit of a town which knows love, loss and resilience. Led by broadcaster and Grammy award-winning artist **Lucky Oceans**, Songs for Freedom features an ensemble of Western Australian musical collaborators and prominent Ieramugadu musicians. Artists include **Naomi Pigram, Kankawa Nagarra, Lois Olney, John Bennett, Patrick Churnside, David Hyams, Tyson Mowarin, Stephen Pigram, Angus Smith** and **Delson Stokes (Yabu Band)**.

Songs for Freedom in Perth is the culmination of 10 years of songwriting development and intercultural exchange on Ngarluma country in the West Pilbara involving leading Australian musicians - in the community, the prison, with Elders and young people. Workshops began in the prison to honour John Pat - a 16-year-old whose death in custody in 1983 brought much sorrow and trauma to Roebourne.

Through songwriting, Ieramugadu began to sing again, giving rise to the Murru album and a series of concerts presented annually at the John Pat Peace Place in Ieramugadu on the International Day of Peace. Community have had their songs sung by Paul Kelly, Emma Donovan and The Waifs' Vikki Thorn, they've shared the stage with Archie Roach and they've opened the 2014 Melbourne Festival in Federation Square. Now they are coming to Perth with new songs and imagery celebrating the continuous living culture of the Pilbara.

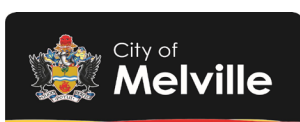
Pack a picnic and gather your friends, family and loved ones for an unforgettable night of music, peace and freedom. Food will be available onsite. Songs for Freedom is family friendly.

We acknowledge and express our deep gratitude to the Noongar Elders and their custodians past, present and emerging, on whose Country this concert is performed.

Founded in 1992, Big hART is a not-for-profit organisation which has worked in 50 communities in remote, rural, regional and urban Australia. Big hART works with communities to make content, build community and drive positive change. Big hART was first invited to the Ieramugadu community by senior women Elders in 2010.

To find out more about Big hART's work in Ieramugadu, visit <https://newroebourne.bighart.org>

**What:** Songs for Freedom  
**When:** Sat 6 March, 7-9:30pm  
**Where:** Dyoondalup, Point Walter Riverside Park  
**Cost:** Free, no bookings necessary  
**\*FAMILY FRIENDLY**



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