



STRONG WOMEN, PRIDE, PEACE & SOCIAL HARMONY FEATURE IN ROEBOURNE'S 2ND SONGS FOR PEACE

There is just 2 weeks to go till **Songs for Peace** lights up Roebourne on the **International Day of Peace, Saturday 21st September**.

This year's event is focused on strong women, pride, peace and harmony, with three renowned female Indigenous artists on the bill – country singer *Theona Councillor*, singer-songwriter *Naomi Pigram* of the renowned Pigram family and soul songstress *Emma Donovan*. These artists will be joined by a host of talented local and visiting artists including *Tyson Mowarin, Josie Alec, Angus Smith, Koda TahiTahi, Aaron Hopper, Hamilton & Stirling Blacket, Cyril Munda and the Community Band* and more, under the musical direction of *Lucky Oceans*.

Songs for Peace is no ordinary concert. The songs and stories of Roebourne is a key feature, which sees headlining artists performing songs written by local community members as well as inmates from the prison. Expect to be moved and transported with songs of loss and love, resilience and renewal, struggle and hope taking the spotlight on this very special evening under the stars. Adjacent to the event will be an art exhibition featuring work from the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation's collection alongside digital works created by young people of Roebourne in the Digital Lab at the Centre.

Roebourne is currently a hive of activity with plenty on at the *Ngurin Cultural Centre* in the lead up. Music rehearsals are in full swing, artists are beginning to arrive, and workshops are beginning for young people and community members and those in the prison.

The fire will be lit at sunset at the *John Pat Peace Place* every Friday commencing from this Friday 6th September. Come on down to join with the community in song and sharing food and stories.

Songs for Peace is proudly supported by the Blacket family. Big hART's work in Roebourne is supported by Wirilu-Murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation, Fortescue Metals Group, Thiess, the WA Police, Restore Hope Aus Foundation, Telstra Foundation, Lotterywest, COINS Foundation, City of Karratha, Pilbara Development Commission, Perpetual Trustees and Building Better Regions.

Big hART is Australia's leading campaigning arts organisation, working with all language groups of the Roebourne community for 9 years, including 80% of the young people in the town. To date Big hART has worked in over 50 communities, alongside over 8000 individuals in urban, rural, regional and remote Australia and won over 45 awards.

Songs for Peace is on at the Ngurin Cultural Centre in Roebourne on Saturday 21st September. The evening will begin with food at 5pm, with music commencing at 6pm. All welcome. More information at @YijalaYalaProject on Facebook.



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