

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**

**Sing Australia Day Regional Concert**

**Melville Bowling Club**

**Saturday, 13 April, 2019**

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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

My wife Patricia and I are delighted to be here with you this afternoon to enjoy and participate in the inaugural Sing Australia Day Regional Concert.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to indigenous Australians who are with us today.

I thank Christine Browne, Leader Sing Australia Fremantle for her kind invitation for Pat & I to be here today in this wonderful location.

It is encouraging to see so many people here today from across Perth and to know that the Fremantle group have been singing for over ten year sharing their passion for music and singing with the wider community along the way.

I know they have sung on several occasion for the Atwell Lions Club and other Lions Clubs which has given great joy to seniors who we (the Lions Clubs) provide various opportunities for lunches and dinners.

Today, across Australia choirs will be celebrating Sing Australia Day. In fact, I took the opportunity to go to the Sing Australia Day website earlier today. I saw performances to be held at aged care facilities, community days, the Puffing Billy Station at Menzies Creek, choirs ambling down town and city streets and community facilities such as the Melville Bowling Club where we have met today.

Each of the performing groups we will hear today has stepped up to participate in, and pursue their passion for music and song.

I thank each and every member of the choirs here today as every performance they give reflects their dedication to the rehearsals as they perfect their presentations for our benefit.

In closing, Patricia and I look forward to participating in Sing Australia Day and the many songs that will bring back memories to each and every one of us.

Thank you.