

UNSUNG HEROES OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

THIS EVENT IS A FIRST FOR DAREBIN AND IS A THEME CONCERT
USING THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF:

- * MOIRA TYERS
- * Leticia MAHER
- * BRUCE WATSON
- * STEPHEN SHARPE
- * NEIL ROBERTSON
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THIS IS A MUSICAL CHRONOLOGY OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY IN ORIGINAL SONG
THROUGH THE LIVES OF SOME EXTRAORDINARY AUSTRALIANS WHO, FOR THE MOST
PART ELUDED OUR HISTORY BOOKS. WITH AN INNOVATIVE MIX OF NARRATION, MOVING
IMAGE AND ORIGINAL PERFORMANCES YOU ARE PROMISED SOMETHING SPECIAL.
FEATURING MULTI-AWARD WINNING SONGWRITERS OF DAREBIN.

OPENING NIGHT OF THE
DAREBIN MUSIC FEAST
STUDIO 2
NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

\$5.00 ADMISSION

ORIGINAL SONGS AND CONCEPT - MOIRA TYERS
AND FEATURING SONGS BY BRUCE WATSON, STEPHEN SHARPE & CHRISTINA GREEN.
NARRATOR- WENDY EALEY ART DIRECTION/GRAPHICS - TED CHRYSAL





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STORYLINE AND SONGS

TO PARTS BEYOND THE SEA written by Moira Tyers. The story begins with early settlement of the NSW colony and the extraordinary voyage of the Lady Julian carrying the first shipload of female convicts to the newly founded colony.

HERO FOR A DAY written by Stephen Sharpe. Flash then to 1830 where the amazing story of Billy Dargin emerges during the bushranger era. As an aboriginal tracker Billy was responsible for the capture of Ben Hall and quickly went from a hero to despised figure overnight when the romanticism of the Bushranger emerged after his death.

WHITE STARS, BLUE SKIES written by Moira Tyers. The Eureka rebellion in 1854 stands as one of the most defining moments in Australia's 'coming of age' and here we learn about Anastacia Withers who along with 3 other miners wives, sewed the Eureka flag from lace petticoat and blue wool.

LOUISA written by Moira Tyers. Louisa Lawson was Henry's mother and is little known for her powerful influence on women's suffrage and her political acumen that steered Australia towards Federation. She wrote stories, poetry and as publisher of 'The Dawn' a prominent women's magazine in Sydney (1883) employed only women in its workforce! An advocate for child protection and passionate campaigner for women's rights, Louisa was indeed an unsung hero of her time.

THE MAN, THE WOMAN AND THE EDISON PHONOGRAPH written by Bruce Watson. In 1903 a photograph was taken in Tasmania of an aborigine (Fanny Cochrane-Smith) - arguably the last full blooded Tasmanian, and an unknown man making a recording into the first Edison recording. This story has a direct link to Bruce Watson as his great grand father was the man actually recording this event.

THE TALE OF JIM MARTIN written by Moira Tyers. 1915 saw many young Australians head off to war in Gallipoli, many falsifying their ages to share in their moment of conquest, but none so young as Jim Martin from Hawthorn who was the youngest Australian soldier to die in action. He was 14 years old!

THE BLACK STUFF written by Moira Tyers. 1922 was a time here in Australia when life began to improve post war and an amazing substance was created in a laboratory by Fred Walker that has gone on to become one of Australia's most iconic symbols - Vegemite!

MR ETERNITY written by Moira Tyers. 1930s After the depression life was difficult for many people and in Sydney emerged an odd mystery that remained so for 35 years - that of Mr Eternity (Arthur Stace), the enigma of the word 'Eternity' being written around the streets of Sydney 50 times a day for all that time!

DADS SONG written by Moira Tyers. 1945 saw another war in Europe and against Japan. Simple men went off to war, experienced absolute horror, then amazingly, returned home to regain their lives. Most never spoke of what happened.

NAMATJIRA written by Moira Tyers. Albert Namatjira was a celebrated artist in the 1940s and 50s however it is the story of his demise that is seemingly not accounted for in our understanding of history, a sad indictment of education in our own country.

'IRATI WANTI' - THE POISON, LEAVE IT! written by Christina Green, about the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta, the Senior Aboriginal Women from Coober Pedy, South Australia's protest against the Federal Government's proposal for a national radioactive waste dump in the central desert homelands of South Australia.. The Aboriginal women Yankunytjatjara, Antikarinya and Kokatha.

THE PIZZA SONG written by Moira Tyers. Post World War 2 saw a huge influx of European immigration and Multiculturalism has since had a marked impact on our culture