

Turning the World Around

A Creative Journey

Going beyond what you thought was possible.

Anatole Kononewsky
Composer, Filmmaker, Grandfather,
Inventor, Author and Philosopher.



PART TWO



Going beyond what you thought was possible!

Heart of Australia (26 October)

The Initiative & Song

A tribute to the beating heart of this great country.



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



The song "Heart of Australia" was released on 26 October 2022 to celebrate and unite the country. It was written by Anatole Kononewsky along with multi-platinum award-winning producers Adrian Hannan & Barbara Hannan.

With the release of the song, the Creative Team hopes to inspire listeners to celebrate Australia's wonderful melting pot of diverse cultures and unite as one beautiful melody.

"The aim is to create meaningful communication and appreciation across Australia's rich and diverse peoples by promoting and supporting the special work done in our communities. Bringing together Australians of all ages and cultures to honour our country's unique Indigenous history and custodianship." Maggie Hamilton.

The song, is a part of the Journey to the Heart each year.

© 2023 APK Creative Holdings Pty Ltd



Overview

The song, "Heart of Australia" expresses the beauty of the Australian landscape, plus the open, welcoming spirit of the people. It honours the home of the oldest living continuous culture on Earth and the sacred site of Uluru.

It is a tribute to the beating heart of the country.

"The song seeks to invite all Australians to give voice to what they truly love about each other and these lands. The vision is to bring together Australia's rich and diverse peoples of all ages and cultures to celebrate all that's good in this world." Anatole Kononewsky.

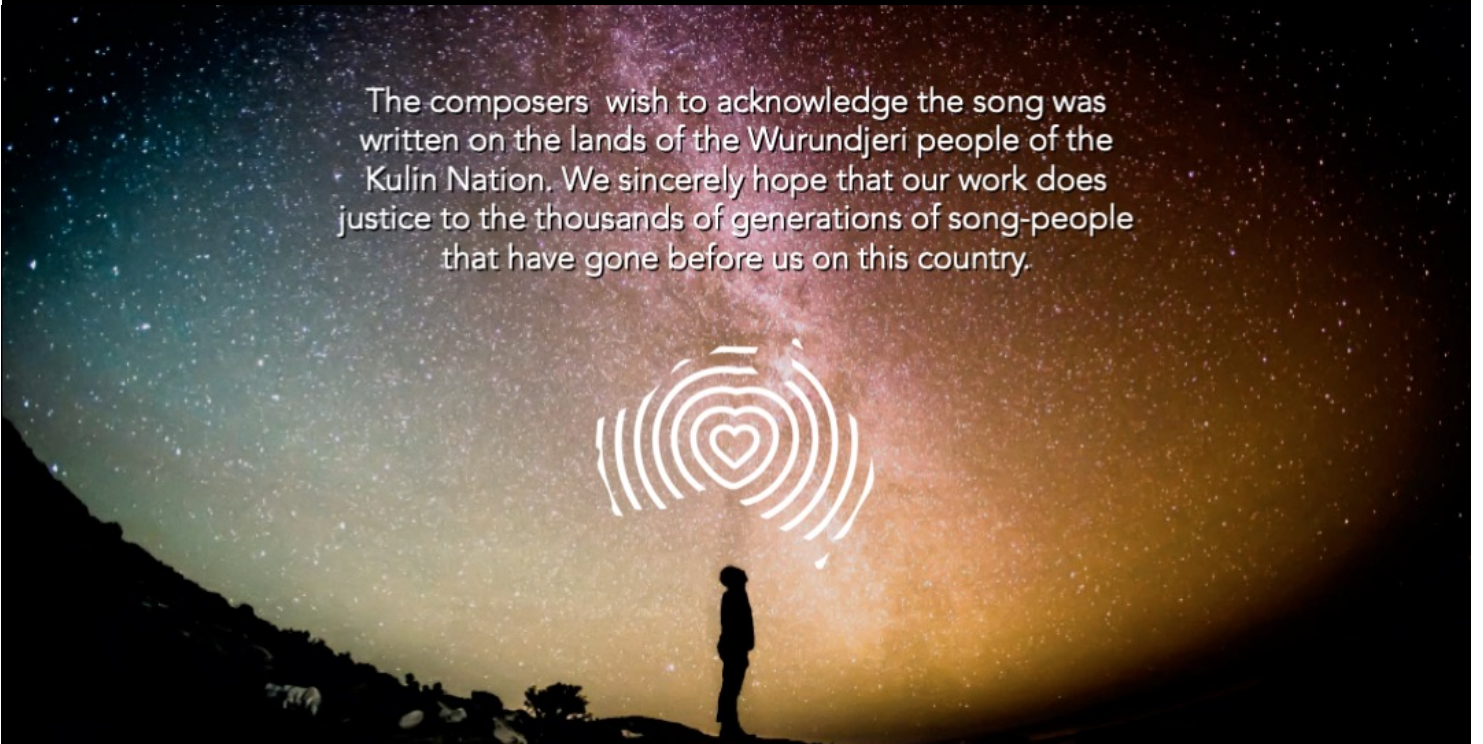
Australia is rich in diversity and culture -- listening to the song we can celebrate what you love about these lands and inspire future custodians to create a better tomorrow for all.

© 2023 APK Creative Holdings Pty Ltd

We respectfully acknowledge the First Nations peoples of these lands, we now all call home. The ingenuity, strength and diversity of Indigenous cultures enriches us all and we aspire to walk together, as a community, honouring the deep and profound foundations that they have laid for us.



The composers wish to acknowledge the song was written on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We sincerely hope that our work does justice to the thousands of generations of song-people that have gone before us on this country.



"Heart of Australia"

A tribute to the beating heart of this great country.

Performed by.

Tarryn Stokes



Music & Lyrics by Anatole Kononewsky,
Barbara Hannan & Adrian Hannan



**"It's a great song and happy
to be the voice for it!!!"**



"Strong lyrics and incredibly heart felt."

Legendary Singer, Marcia Hines AM

A career spanning five decades Marcia is an inspiration to women and Australians everywhere, Marcia was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 2007.



"It's a great song "

John Foreman OAM

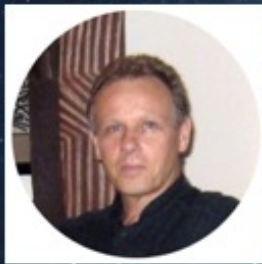
Australian musician and television personality. Music director for Australian Idol. Chair of the National Australia Day Council. Musical director for Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight®. Wrote The Flame, performed at the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Opening Ceremony.



The Song

Heart of Australia

An Anthem for all Australians



"Congratulations on your great achievement, perhaps a new national anthem"

Robert Bleakley, Developer and owner of the Verona Cinema Complex

- ♥ *"What a luminous work. I vote 1 for our national anthem."* Sumitra Phoenix, Music Teacher
- ♥ *"Wow! Such a beautiful song. I wish this was our national anthem."* Mandy Geddes, Director, Institute of Executive Coaching & Leadership



*"Truly beautiful...inspiring and uplifting!!
Would make a lovely national anthem."*

Dianne Bellchambers, Motivational speaker, prominent dream analyst and presenter, honours degree in Psychology



An Anthem for all Australians

- ♥ *"It's beautiful! It has anthem written all over it!!"* Bronny Lane,
Founder & Director of Little Train Creative
- ♥ *"Definitely an anthem song for all Australians. Great song."*
Chris Doney, Managing Director of IT-Spark
- ♥ *"A truly beautiful song with powerful lyrics."* Steve Georganas
MP Federal Member, Adelaide
- ♥ *"Beautiful song."* Melissa O'Connor, Manager (Vanessa Amorosi)
- ♥ *"What a beautiful, poignant and uplifting song."* Michael
Williams, Loving Earth Pty Ltd



The composers wish to acknowledge the song was written on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We sincerely hope that our work does justice to the thousands of generations of song-people that have gone before us on this country.



Heart of Australia

I wonder at the stars above, our silent guiding lights.
The wisdom of the timeless past, speaks into my heart.
Though I may stand on distant shores and question from afar,
These sacred golden lands of plenty, speak to who we are.

At the heart of Australia I hear my spirit call.
A longing for a timeless truth that unites us all.
Where the beauty of these ancient lands sings into my soul.
At the heart of Australia, I've found home.

When I look at nature's tapestry, a mystery we recall.
As the rhythm of our seasons, whisper secrets to us all.
Though I may stand on distant shores, hear answers from afar,
This sacred golden land of plenty, speaks to who we are.

At the heart of Australia I hear my spirit call.
A longing for a timeless truth that unites us all.
Where the beauty of these ancient lands sings into my soul.
At the heart of Australia, I've found home.

I found home.

At the heart of Australia I hear a distant call.
A longing for a timeless truth that unites us all.
Where the beauty of these ancient lands sings into my soul.
At the heart of Australia, I've found home.

At the heart of Australia I hear my spirit call.
A longing for a timeless truth that unites us all.
Where the beauty of these ancient lands sings into my soul.
At the heart of Australia, I found home.

Words & Music by Anatole Kononewsky, Adrian Hannan and Barbara Hannan
© 2017 APK Creative Holdings Pty Ltd



www.heartofaustraliaday.com (26 October)

Heart of Australia

The composers wish to acknowledge the song was written on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We sincerely hope that our work does justice to the thousands of generations of song-people that have gone before us on this country.



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

Heart of Australia

Music & Lyrics by Anatole Kononewsky,
Barbara Hannan & Adrian Hannan.

Executive Producer: Anatole Kononewsky

All Instrumentation, Production, Mixing and
Mastering Adrian Hannan @ The SongStore.

Performed by
Tarryn Stokes

© 2023 APK Creative Holdings Pty Ltd



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



"On the first listen I had goose-bumps and on the second listen I was singing it like she was an old friend. The true sign of a classic and it made me feel proud to be an Ozzie. I only wish Olivia could hear it.... or maybe she can 🐝... Just beautiful and congratulations."

Tottie Goldsmith OAM



"In Dean Carey you have a teacher who knows everything about acting. Dean has inspired me for 28 years and I'm forever grateful." Hugh Jackman, Actor, ACA Patron

"What a song! It captures so much and encompasses so very much. It calls to heart, first nation, the now nation, and everyone, with a combined sense of wonder and gratitude about the fact we all live on this great, great and ancient land."

"It is superb and just like Peter Allen's, 'I Still Call Australia Home', or Sarah McLauchlan's song, 'In The Arms of An Angel', it captures true heart, mystery and magic."

Dean Carey, Head of Acting at two of Australia's most prestigious schools; in 1987 he founded the Actors Centre Australia (ACA).





"I Love the song!!!!!!!!!"

Ralph Carr, RCM

Founder of one of the most successful
and respected artist management
companies in Australian history.



"Congratulations - it's a beautiful song."

Richard Macionis, Producer | John Foreman A.M. Management | Entertainer

No stranger to the live stage and the Australian music entertainment scene, with a career spanning 30 years working extensively in/with touring bands, recording studios, theatres, rock cabaret, musical theatre, comedy, television, and live and studio music collaborations.





*"This is incredible. So,
so amazing!!! "*

Natalie Gauci

Australian musician, producer
and teacher, winner of
Australian Idol 2007



*"Thank you for this
beautiful song. What a
contribution to Australia.
Well done on this!
Great work you are doing"*

Tom Cronin



Author, Founder of the Stillness Project,
renowned speaker and corporate trainer,
national and international leadership expert





"Anatole, I appreciate you taking the time to share the 'Heart of Australia' song with me – it's truly lovely."

Grace Forrest, Founder of Walk Free



"A truly beautiful song with powerful lyrics."



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide



"Congratulations! It is just an absolutely beautiful song and movement, I love it."

Christine Thorton



A background 15 years' experience of management roles in the youth, disability & mental health sectors

"...thank you for sharing this beautiful song.. All the best with heart connections, and we look forward to seeing the song becoming known across Australia."

Tammy-Jo Sutton the Community Campaigns Manager for the Greens Senator for South Australia, Sarah Hanson-Young



- ♥ *"A truly beautiful song with powerful lyrics."* Steve Georganas MP Federal Member, Adelaide
- ♥ *"Beautiful song."* Melissa O'Connor, Manager (Vanessa Amorosi)
- ♥ *"Sounds good mate."* Kevin Bennett, indigenous singer/songwriter, CMAA Gold Guitar winner.
- ♥ *"What a beautiful, poignant and uplifting song."* Michael Williams, Loving Earth Pty Ltd
- ♥ *"Great song.."* Gary Smith
- ♥ *"Hauntingly beautiful & moving."* Nellie Melnik
- ♥ *"That's a beautiful song!!!"* Phoebe Johnston, Executive Assistant
- ♥ *"This is truly beautiful Anatole ... Thank you for sharing. I love the deeply evocative music, lyrics, and the inclusion of the heart. The spirit of the words: Inspire | Celebrate | Unite - resonate all the way through."* Roma Gaster, Founding Director, Karibu Education Int Pty Ltd
- ♥ *"What a beautiful song Anatole, the words are amazing and it felt like I knew what she was going to sing next, sent a tingle up my spine!"* Ruahna Segal, GENI Australia
- ♥ *"The song is absolutely beautiful. Love it. Huge congratulations to you for your amazing work!"* Lisa Matthews, Senior Yoga Teacher, IllumineNation



The Song

International Comments



"Beautiful song, I kept putting America in for Australia because it felt right... Thank you that was beautiful."

Professional Chef (Culinary Arts) student at Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA, USA, 2023



"Anatole, I shared it with others who simply loved it! Thank you so much!"

Phylicia Rashad, USA



"It's absolutely lovely, thank you for sharing..."

Carol Maillard, Sweet Honey in the Rock, USA

Acclaimed singer, director, and actress who has appeared in stage, film, and television productions – is currently the Dean of the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts at Howard University. A critically acclaimed stage director, Rashad has led productions at prestigious venues throughout the United States. Respected in the academic world, Rashad was the first recipient of the Denzel Washington Chair in Theatre at Fordham University, and has been bestowed with numerous honorary doctorate degrees.

Founding member of the legendary group Sweet Honey in the Rock, 1973. Have had three Grammy nominations, won their first in 1989. Performed at the White House in 2009 for First Lady Michelle and President Barack Obama. Performed at the National Memorial Service for Nelson Mandela at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC in 2013. The group has produced over fifteen albums. Carol is also an accomplished actress and has performed in film, television, cabaret and on stage.

www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

International Comments



"Lots of nice things going on here Anatole. The song is very moving."

Kenny Werner, USA



Kenny Werner has been a world-class pianist and composer for more than forty years. Earned a Grammy nomination in 2003 in the Best Instrumental Composition category



"My wholehearted gratitude for sharing your beautiful song and video! And I love your invite to come together and all give voice for what truly unites us."

Jude Currivan PhD, UK

Dr Jude Currivan is a cosmologist, planetary healer, futurist, author, previously one of the most senior business women in the UK and co-founder of WholeWorld-View.



"Wow... Amazing! Beautiful work... Congratulations"

Dame Doria Cordova,
PhD, USA



CEO, Global Business Developer, Sustainability Entrepreneur, owner Excellerated Business School for Entrepreneurs, a global platform that has nearly 200,000 graduates since 1979 from over 85 countries.

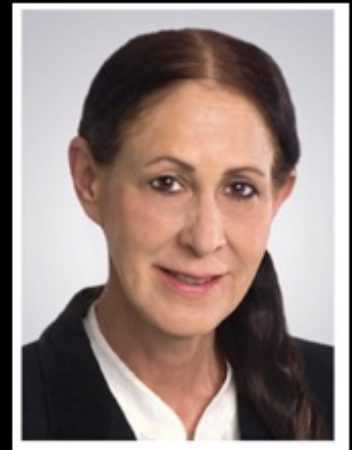
International Comments

"Many thanks for sharing the song with us. It's beautiful and inspirational."

Sara Childre, President / CEO & Rollin McCraty Ph.D.,
Director of Research at the HeartMath Institute



International Comments



"Thank you for sharing this song! It is beautiful and well done."

Pablo Sender PhD, US



Joined the Theosophical Society in his native Argentina in 1996 where he received his doctorate in Biological Sciences. As an international speaker, he has presented programs and retreats worldwide. A leading Theosophical scholar

"What great work you are doing! I loved your song.clearly you have connected so strongly with the energy and feeling of our country."

Nila Chambers is a writer, facilitator, and spiritual mentor, Coordinator, Theosophical Society, Northern Beaches, Australia



"...SONG continues to be magnificent."

Kalli Pulos, Senior Leadership & Executive Coach/Facilitator

"Wow, the song is truly uplifting and beautiful. I love it!"

Sarah Wright & the Pub Choir team



PUB CHOIR



Listen to the Song
Heart of Australia
Inspire | Celebrate | Unite
26 October



More than just a song....

The song expresses the beauty of the Australian open, welcoming spirit of its people, paying tribute to the beating heart of the country.

Initiatives inspired by the Song...



Heart of Australia
Inspire – Celebrate – Unite



Giving voice to what we truly **love**
CELEBRATE THE
26TH OCTOBER



Journey to the Heart



Inspire, Celebrate & Unite
(26 October)





Heart Connections
Inspire – Celebrate – Unite



The Heart of Australia Creative Team worked closely with Yorta Yorta man, Tiriki Onus in 2019/20 on the mission and vision of the project. As Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Arts And Culture at the Victorian College of the Arts and Head of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development Tiriki's advice and ongoing support is invaluable.

Australia is home to the oldest living continuous culture on Earth. In Australia there are more than 250 Indigenous languages including 800 dialects. Each language is specific to a particular place and people.

Australian English borrows more than 400 words from Aboriginal languages. In 1788 there were between 300 and 700 Indigenous languages spoken across Australia by millions of people. The Dream Time: Aboriginal cultural and spiritual identity refers to the Indigenous understanding of the world's creation -- a continuing story that never ends. Unlike other religions, Aboriginal people do not put humans on a level higher than nature. An understanding that is important and relevant to the entire planet and environment at this time.

Australia is not only a successful multicultural nation but it is the most ethnically diverse country in the world. With 26% of Australians being born overseas and 49% of people having at least one parent born overseas, Australia has 100 religions and 300 ethnic groups in our cultural melting pot.

The Heart Connections initiative was also launched on 26 October 2022. It will showcase people and groups whose ideas and activities inspire us all.

Visit: www.heartofaustraliaday.com.



The song "Heart of Australia" was released on 26 October 2022 to celebrate and unite the country. The song features Tarryn Stokes on lead vocals. It was written by Anatole Kononewsky along with multi-platinum award-winning producers Adrian Hannan & Barbara Hannan. Barb and Adie have also worked with Delta Goodrem, Vanessa Amorosi and Casey Donovan.

With the release of the song, the Creative Team hopes to inspire listeners to celebrate Australia's wonderful melting pot of diverse cultures and unite as one beautiful melody.

"The aim is to create meaningful communication and appreciation across Australia's rich and diverse peoples by promoting and supporting the special work done in our communities. Bringing together Australians of all ages and cultures to honour our country's unique Indigenous history and custodianship." Maggie Hamilton.

The song, is a part of a larger vision for the Journey to the Heart to be celebrated each year on the 26 October.

Visit: www.heartofaustraliaday.com.

JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF AUSTRALIA (26 OCTOBER)



The journey officially starts each year on 14 February
and culminates on Heart of Australia (26 October).

JOURNEY TO HEART OF AUSTRALIA 26 OCTOBER 2023



A Special Event

The Journey to the Heart will culminate with a special event on the 26 October 2023. The “Heart Awards” for young people is planned for 26 October 2024 and will pay tribute to young Australians making a real difference in their communities.

www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

LEARN the SONG

Heart of Australia

PERFORM the SONG



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

HeartsBeat STRONG™

Listening to your heart...

Learn & Perform the Song



"...the boys loved learning and singing it."

Hayley Blakiston, Head of Junior
School Music, Acting Head of Choral, 2023



HeartsBeat STRONG™

for young people.



Listening to your heart....

SHARE THE LOVE

Heart of Australia

(26 October)



SCHOOLS

Receive your Musical Score

REGISTER NOW



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

CHOIRS

Receive your Musical Score

REGISTER NOW



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Receive your Musical Score

REGISTER NOW



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

AGED CARE CENTRES

Receive your Musical Score

REGISTER NOW



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



SHARE THE LOVE



Heart of Australia

(26 October)

The Initiative

www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

How it Started?


Initiative (1990) & Documentary (1993)

Launched in Melbourne




Celebrating the 30th Anniversary (2023)


Before it's Too Late Project



The 'Before it's Too Late' project was implemented between 1990 and 1995. It supported many leading edge groups, in particular the Lighthouse Foundation, founded by Susan Barton AO. During that time there were many major events held in Melbourne & Sydney. A documentary was produced called, "Our Children's Future in our Hands," (distributed to schools around Australia, including a Manual for teachers); the project generated awareness through national TV, with Max Walker and Robert Kiyosaki as the Spokespersons.




The project also channelled human and material resources to youth support groups. It created educational programs for empowering Youth Groups including a major "Success Congress for Teens" in Sydney, which was supported by leading sports and entertainment celebrities.




The Project and the video received wide acknowledgment within the community. This has included many Government officials and celebrities, who commented:

"It is pleasing to see your efforts in this regard. I wish you well in your continuing efforts for young people...", The Honourable Vin Heffeman.


"The 'Before it's Too Late' project is important to help young people in a positive way." The Honourable Michael John.



"The video only confirmed everything that I have actually felt and know, how important it is for business and Government and Welfare Agencies actually get together and address this problem, not individually but all together. That's the only way we have any chance of solving the problems in our community." The Late John Bell, Managing Director, ESPRIT International.



"I think it's a fantastic idea because too often if you have something to give, what do I do? This way here you will steer me in the right direction." Derryn Hinch, the Midday Show.



"It's people coming to you with skills that can be utilised to help these kids." Steve Liebman on the Today Show.

"The video is one of the most powerful tools you would ever want to use." Max Walker from the Nine Network.


"... your video was fantastic." Jennifer Keyte, Channel 7 News.

"There are a lot of important issues covered in the video. Congratulations!" Anne Sanders from 11AM, National TV.

CPO Box 4959 Sydney NSW 2001 Australia
anato1@kononewsky.com · www.kononewsky.com

DVD
 Documentary Playing time: 13' 30" Stereo, plus Interviews.
 © Copyright Anatole Kononewsky 2005

Our Children's Future...



"Congratulations, the video is spectacular."
 Robert Kiyosaki, author of best seller: "Rich Dad, Poor Dad"

...in our hands

Video Documentary
 Written & Directed Anatole Kononewsky
 (Originally released in 1993, re-edited 2005)

Our Children's Future...in our hands

Before it's Too Late Project

Documentary Released Melbourne (1993)
30th Anniversary (2023)



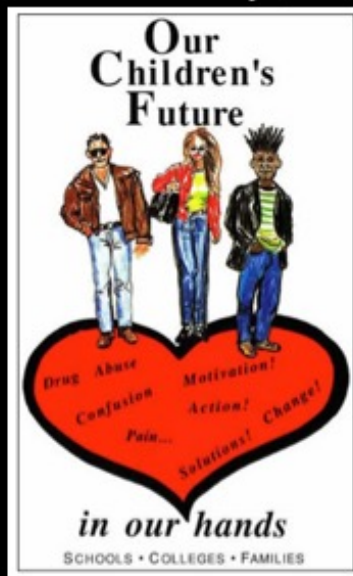
"Congratulations, the video is spectacular. Thank you for giving me back my childhood."

Robert Kiyosaki, Author, Educator & International Speaker



"...your video was fantastic."

Jennifer Keyte, Channel 7 News, Melbourne,



Documentary produced with an amazing team of people in Australia. It was launched around Australia in 1993 as a part of the initiative, "Before its Too Late".



"...was very impressed with your work."

Joseph Chilton Pearce, U.S. Senate Adviser on Early Childhood Development, U.S. Lecturer and international best-selling author



"The video is one of the most powerful tools you would ever want to use, it touched my heart..."

Max Walker AM, Australian Cricketer, National TV Sports commentator

"Before it's Too Late" Initiative (1990 to 1996)

Documentary Released Melbourne (1993)



"Her Majesty Queen Noor has requested me to convey Her appreciation for sending her a copy of the letter to the Prime Minister of Australia, which She read with interest, and for your commitment to humanitarian causes."

Private Secretary to HM Queen Noor of Jordan,



Max Walker AM, MC of Documentary Launch (1993)

Before it's Too Late Team: Dianne Costin, Anatole Kononewsky, Kalli Pulos



"You have always been so committed to the betterment of humanity — specially children's conditions. We'll always support your work!"

DC Cordova PhD, CEO of Excellerated Business Schools and Money & You

"Before it's Too Late" Initiative (1990 to 1996)

Documentary Released Melbourne (1993)



The "Before it's Too Late" initiative was implemented in 1990.

It supported many leading edge groups, in particular the Lighthouse Foundation, founded by Susan Barton AM.

During that time there were many major events held in Melbourne & Sydney.

The documentary, "Our Children's Future in our Hands," was produced and was distributed to schools around Australia, including a Manual for teachers.

The project generated awareness through national TV, with Max Walker and Robert Kiyosaki as the Spokespersons.

"Before it's Too Late" Initiative (1990 to 1996)

Documentary Released Melbourne (1993)



The project also channelled human and material resources to youth support groups.

It created educational programs for empowering Youth Groups including a major "Success Congress for Teens" in Sydney, which was supported by leading sports and entertainment celebrities.

The legacy of the initiative lives on via our support of the great work of the Lighthouse Foundation, based in Melbourne.

OVERVIEW



The Before it's Too Late initiative supported a selected number of youth groups around Australia, via the three projects:

MOVE | LINK | GIVE

(Motivating & Empowering) | (Linking & Networking) | (Getting Involved Very Easily).

The documentary was distributed to schools around Australia with a specially designed handbook.

OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE
in our hands



LIGHTHOUSE
FOUNDATION *for youth*

"Before it's Too Late" Initiative (1990 to 1996)

Documentary Released Melbourne (1993)



Lighthouse Foundation

The aims of the Lighthouse Foundation are to care for and give support to disadvantaged children and teenagers, within a safe, loving family environment. The children are also guided into personal growth programs, which encourage them to take responsibility for their own lives. The group was formed to support Susan Barton who has worked tirelessly in this area for over 16 years. The second Lighthouse is starting in 1991.

808

808, otherwise known as the Doncaster and Templestowe Youth Resource Centre, provides a wide range of services to youth in the area. The centre provides accommodation to homeless youth, counselling, personal development courses as well as a variety of recreation, holiday and entertainment activities for all young people in the area, including those with disabilities.

"Groups Supported

Kairos Housing Project

The Kairos Housing Project has established supported accommodation to young people aged 15-24 in the Lamberwell area. The programme is focused specifically on maintaining youth in the education system that may otherwise be lost due to unsuitable circumstances. This is achieved by providing housing to those in need, safe shelter to those at risk and dispensing support to young people so they develop their own independent living skills and self-worth in a stable home environment.

S.E.E.K.

S.E.E.K. was designed to find the most innovative and creative ways of making learning easy. The aim of the group is to give children and teenagers life skills and success strategies for increased academic and personal performance. The group operates regular programmes in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and New Zealand.

Worawa Aboriginal College

Worawa College is the first and only registered Aboriginal independent secondary school in Victoria. The college's underlying education philosophy is based on elements of both traditional Aboriginal and current Western education. The college aims to shape Aboriginal persons proud of both their cultural traditions and identity, and who have the ability to contribute effectively to the community at large.

"Before it's Too Late" Initiative (1990 to 1996)

Documentary Released Melbourne (1993)



Alma Doepel

Alma Doepel is a three masted schooner which has been restored by volunteers in order to give young people the opportunity to learn the rigours of sailing a tall ship. The nine day voyage is designed to instill confidence in the participants by involving them in shared decision making which will affect the group as a whole and to realise their own self-worth through their ability to deal with others. The Alma Doepel celebrated her 90th birthday on October 10 1993.

Discovery

Discovery is a seven day residential adventure offering practical life skills in relationships, communication, education and life understanding. It aims to assist young people to learn more effectively, engender self-esteem and fosters the development of leadership skills.

"Groups Supported

Breaking the Cycle

Breaking The Cycle is an organisation which conducts programmes for unemployed and/or homeless youth between the ages of 15-21. The programme involves a wilderness challenge to build self-esteem and teamwork, educational training to promote a positive attitude to work and life, and business training to gain constructive experience in the workplace and employer placement support. The basic aim of the programme is to "break the cycle" of welfare dependence and to provide young people with the necessary skills to enable them to fulfil their potential.

Warrandyte Youth Services

Warrandyte Youth Services is a youth organisation which provides a range of services to local youth at risk. They assist in the development of these young people by enabling them to take control of their own lives and creating their own opportunities.

Big Brothers / Big Sisters

The Big Brother/Big Sister program is based on the ongoing friendship between an adult and a young person. The "little brothers" and "little sisters" are 7-16 year old youth whose situation in life indicates the need for additional adult support. The "big brothers" and "big sisters" are adults from all fields of life, who seek to support their "match" by providing a range of everyday activities for them to share and by encouraging and taking an interest in their individual welfare.

The First 'Lighthouse' (1991)



"I have worked on some of these programs and they are doing great work. They are focused on creating a cooperative spirit by motivating the community, business and youth support organisations to work together to help solve the vast array of challenges facing our kids."

Angry Anderson AM Singer / Performer & Social Activist



"...there's so much to be done, and if everyone can all chip in a little bit we can solve a big, big problem."

Jim Steyne OAM, AFL Footballer, Brownlow Medallist 1991



Shelley Taylor-Smith, Nine-time gold medal marathon swimming champion, Speaker at 'Before it's Too late' Event

Documentary Released (1993) Melbourne 30th Anniversary (2023)



Ann Sanders, 11AM Channel 7, National TV, 1993

"There are a lot of important issues covered in the video. Congratulations!"

Documentary Released (1993) Melbourne
30th Anniversary (2023)



Excerpt – “Our Children’s Future, in our hands” (1993)

Documentary Released (1993) Melbourne
30th Anniversary (2023)



Excerpt – “Our Children’s Future, in our hands” (1993)

Documentary Released (1993) Melbourne
30th Anniversary (2023)



Excerpt – “Our Children’s Future, in our hands” (1993)

OVERVIEW

This national initiative was completed in 1996 when the Before it's Too Late Trust donated all of its surplus funds to the Lighthouse Foundation Ltd (helping homeless youth at risk).

We had the special support (which continues to this day) of Doria Cordova, CEO of Excellerated Business Schools® and Money & You® with over over 200,000 graduates.

Vision of Soft Diamond Light

Creating a World of Peace & Prosperity for Everyone.

Ending Child Abuse. Creating remarkable kids!

'SEE WHAT WE CAN BE'

*'Can't you see, what we need, is some love,
just to see what we can be.'*

*'If you look up above to see what is love,
in a little child's eyes is just where it lies.*

*It's time that we took some time for a look,
just to see what is real and really makes us feel.*

*Now you can wait, just for fate, but I'd
rather make a move before it's just too late.'*

Jerry Speiser (drummer from "Men at Work") helped to produce the demo recording in Melbourne as a guide-track for the Fitzroy Community School Choir who performed the song at the launch in 1993.

Many thanks to Victor Jurkenas - Sound Engineer, Caz-u-al Recording Studio
Fitzroy Community School: Philip O'Carroll, Drusilla Hendry, Sumitra Phoenix

Words & Music by Anatole Kononewsky

© 1993 APK Creative Holdings Pty Ltd

"Flowing Streams"

(Instrumental of Song: "See What We Can be")

Words & Music by Anatole Kononewsky

This song was composed in 1993 for the launch
of the documentary and the initiative.

Produced with Jerry Speiser.

The Next Stage to 'Before it's Too Late'



Heart Connections
Inspire – Celebrate – Unite



Launched on 26 October 2022



Heart Connections
Inspire – Celebrate – Unite



Nurturing Our Present & Emerging Custodians

Heart Connections showcases people whose ideas and activities inspire us — whose efforts unite and help lead the way – we actively promote the special work they do in our communities.

The vision is to bring together Australia's rich and diverse peoples of all ages and cultures to celebrate all that's good in this world.





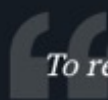
Heart Connections
Inspire – Celebrate – Unite



Nurturing Our Present & Emerging Custodians

Heart Connections showcases people whose ideas and activities inspire us — whose efforts unite and help lead the way — we actively promote the special work they do in our communities. The vision is to bring together Australia's rich and diverse peoples of all ages and cultures to celebrate all that's good in this world.

To respect and honour this country's unique Indigenous history and custodianship via our nation's multicultural diversity.



To respect and honour this country's unique Indigenous history and custodianship via our nation's multicultural diversity.

www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

GETTING INVOLVED
G.I.V.E
VERY EASILY

Official Launch: 26 October 2024

Supporting our Heart Connections

Heart Connection: Ngaran Ngaran Cultural Awareness



Issue 1

Dwayne Bannon-Harrison

Provides a powerful experience of indigenous food, ceremony and more – seeks to help change the narrative and shift mindsets by sharing Indigenous ways of knowing – allowing others to glimpse the power of ancient wisdoms – programs are designed to help participants reach greater wellness in mind, body and spirit.

More information about [Ngaran Ngaran Cultural Awareness](#)

[View Issue 1](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com (26 October)

Warning Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people should exercise caution when viewing our online gallery as it may contain names and images of deceased persons, which may cause distress to members of these communities.



Issue 2

Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett

Provides a free mobile laundry service for homeless people — it's about creating a safe, positive and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored, or who feel disconnected.

More information about [Orange Sky](#)

[View Issue 2](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



Issue 3

The late Sonia Gidley-King (Founder) & Lorraine Sutton (Chairperson)

Provides knitted squares made into blankets for those in need – millions of people across the planet suffer extreme cold through poverty, war, earthquakes, homelessness, climate issues and more.

More information about [Wrap with Love](#)

[View Issue 3](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



Issue 4

No Limits Perth

Provides essential emergency support services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people across Perth's northern suburbs.

More information about [No Limits Perth](#)

[View Issue 4](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



Issue 5

Preparing the Way

Preparing the Way is a training organisation dedicated exclusively to end of life doula care. We are committed to transforming how people support others at the end of life.

More information about [Preparing the Way](#)

[View Issue 5](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



Issue 6

Enough is Enough

Our mission is to reform society's attitudes to violence. *Enough is Enough* works with individuals and groups to encourage them to take personal responsibility for their actions and aims to promote violence prevention strategies in society as a whole.

More information about [Enough is Enough](#)

[View Issue 6](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



Issue 7

Lighthouse Foundation

The *Lighthouse Foundation* has created several different programs to meet the different needs of homeless children. The Lighthouse Foundation has assisted more than 1100 young people and continues to expand their reach.

More information about [Lighthouse Foundation](#)

[View Issue 7](#)

[Heart Certificate](#)



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



Heart Connections
Inspire – Celebrate – Unite



I just read all the Heart Connections issues. INSPIRATIONAL! So good to hear of the good that people are doing v/s the woes of the world. Well done!

Kalli Pulos, Senior Leadership &
Executive Coach/Facilitator



www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)

What's Next?



MOVE *link* GIVE

Ending Child Abuse.
Creating remarkable children!

HeartsBeatSTRONG™

Listen to your heart...

Learn & Perform the Song.





Heart of Australia (26 October) Custodianship Past, Present and Future

I HEAR MY SPIRIT CALL



Heart of Australia Song



*"I wonder at the stars above our silent guiding lights.
The wisdom of a timeless past, speaks into my heart."*

Inspired by the song, Heart of Australia, and with a deep respect for the ongoing custodianship of these lands, we seek to honour, support and promote:

- **The heart** of our Indigenous **heritage** - its wisdom, its continuity.
- **The heart** of these lands we call home - its ecology, natural resources and unique artistic expression.
- **The heart** of our emerging generation of young people - ongoing custodians of these lands.



Heart of Australia Day

Something for Everyone



On October 26 each year, the Heart of Australia Day will celebrate the living heart of these lands and its peoples. Uniting Australians from all walks of life and cultural diversity, we seek to promote the ongoing custodianship of this country and its unique environment, and to give voice to what we truly love about each other and these lands.

October 26



Heart of Australia Awards

Celebrating Young Australians



THE HEART AWARDS (2024)

Supporting Generation Z and young people to express the heart of Australia through art forms, and/or provide fresh solutions, to benefit these lands and its unique blend of peoples.



Heart Awards

Never Miss A Moment



Inspiring a deeper understanding of these unique lands and cultures, by providing creative possibilities and/or a practical solution to a current issue, the submissions may include:

- An initiative preserving an aspect of Indigenous culture that might otherwise have been lost to future generations.
- A new solution to an environmental issue.
- A creative art form and/or expression that celebrates the heart of these lands and cultures, heritage and future.
- A fresh approach to a current community challenge.

Respecting ourselves, each other and the land.



The Deeper Intention of The Heart Awards



Emerging amid a growing awareness of our earth, The Heart Awards will focus on the importance of continuing and supporting the custodianship of these lands, which began over 60,000 years ago, to ensure we can sustain these lands and its peoples for millennia to come.

The Heart Awards seeks to achieve this by inspiring and supporting an emerging generation of custodians committed to these lands and cultures, to find new ways to work with our unique resources in a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable way.



Awards that Keep on Giving from the Heart



The Heart Awards are focused on supporting the creation of practical, real life benefits and outcomes for this country and world.

They include financial grants, allied with empowering mentorships, to enhance their successful implementation for the future of our children and the generations to follow.



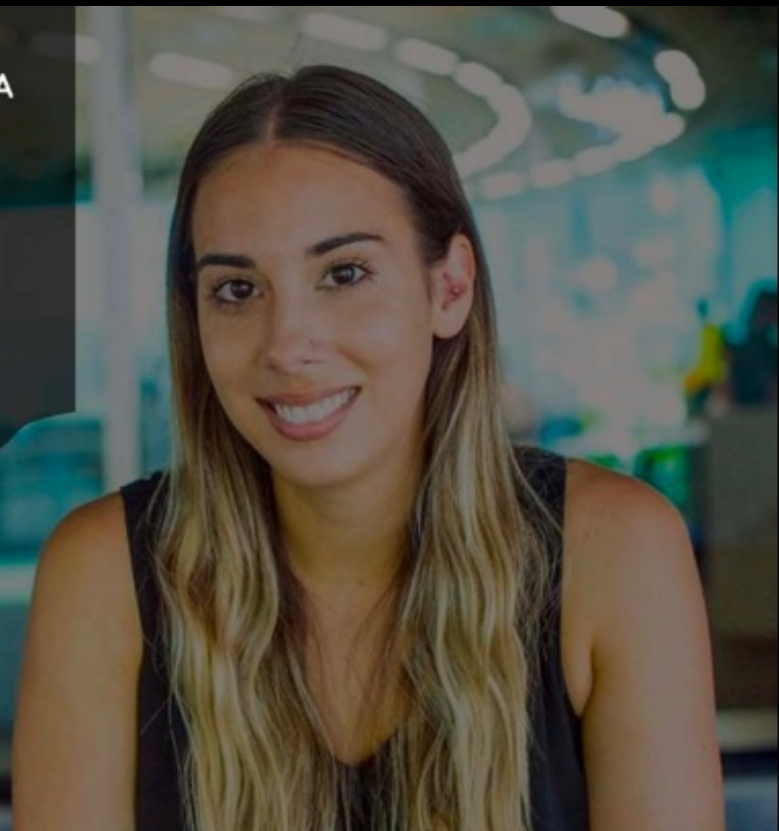
HEART OF AUSTRALIA

2022 YOUNG
AUSTRALIAN
AWARD

SCIENCE & INNOVATION

WINNER

TAYLAH GRIFFIN



Awards from the heart
October 26



HEART OF
AUSTRALIA
AWARDS

HEART OF AUSTRALIA
OCTOBER 26





Heart of Australia

Inspire | Celebrate | Unite

26 October



Journey to
the Heart

Awards from the heart

October 26



HEART OF
AUSTRALIA
AWARDS

To Be Announced....

www.heartofaustraliaday.com ((26 October)



SOCIAL INITIATIVES

The [Heart of Australia Day](#) Initiative was launched on 26 October 2020 with a [Facebook page](#) and our [website](#) was on 26 October 2021.



The initiative was inspired by the song "Heart of Australis" – co-written with platinum award winning music producers and songwriters, [Adrian Hannan and Barbara Hannan](#).

The song captures the vitality, power and beauty of the Australian landscape, plus the open, welcoming spirit of its people. It also honours the heart of Australia within each of us.

The Heart of Australia Day (26 October) is embarking on a "Journey to the Heart" (Including the premiere launch & performance of song); the "Heart Conference" – Leading entertainers, presenters & game changers; the "Heart Awards" – Supporting young people & our future and "HeartBeat – Caring for one another."

The proposed three year plan is as follows:

1. Journey to the Heart Event (26 October 2022)
2. Heart Connections (26 October 2022).
3. Launch and performance of Song (26 October 2022)

"HeartBeat" Turning the World Around - *Caring for one another!*

Based on the initiative called the Vision of Soft Diamond Light. A global project focused on: Ending Child Abuse. *Creating Remarkable Kids!*"

"Heart Awards" First awards for young people – to be announced.

The overall aim of the Heart of Australia is to Inspire | Celebrate | Unite.

The initiative is dedicated to to honouring and celebratingg our Aboriginal Indigenous heritage and culture – the oldest known civilization on Earth.

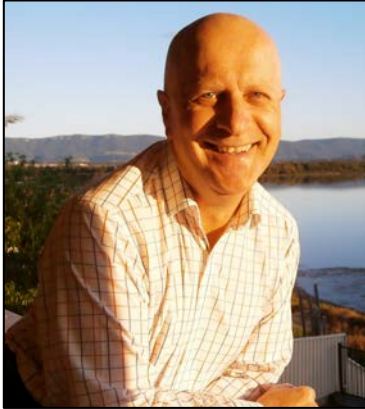


*"Let the knowledge you hear come through your ears,
into your mind, and settle in your heart."*

Traditional owner of Uluru

[Home](#)

Creative Team



Anatole Kononewsky: An inventor, composer, filmmaker, author and entrepreneur with more than 40 years' experience of initiating, developing and successfully implementing major projects. He has been involved in humanitarian and environmental projects since the early 70's, working with many world leaders.



Maggie Hamilton is a writer, social researcher and commentator, and storyteller, Maggie has a background in publishing and at the ABC. Her books have been published in over a dozen countries worldwide. Passionate about trends, and how we build on the past, Maggie's meticulous, yet deeply human research helps point us towards a better tomorrow.



Glen Barry is a world renowned Creative Director and Brand Designer and an venture partner, investor, mentor and advisor for Start-ups. Glen has a 25 year global career in helping brands from Start-ups to Global Cities to stand out in the world. Glen is the creator of over 250 Brand Identities from Melbourne to London to New York to Sydney. Branding Countries, Cities, Olympics, Olympians, High Profile Personal Branding, FMCG, Corporates, SME's Retailers, Associations, NPO's, Technologies, VC's, Entrepreneurs and high growth Start-ups and Scale-ups.



Chris Frost Chris is the co-founder and Managing Director of Firefly, a digital design agency, specialising in strategy, brand and user experience. Before co-founding Firefly in 2003, Christopher ran his own consultancy providing digital design services to the Advertising industry; utilising his creative and artistic skills mentoring production teams and producing award winning artwork and animation for online and print projects. With a solid grounding in both technical and design projects, Chris's role at Firefly has moved away from a 'hands on' design focus to mentoring, account management and Digital Strategy.



Chris Hooper Event Coordination

Her first events were in the Rock and Roll industry back in the late 1960's. Since the early 1970's, Chris has been producing and organising events and conferences in personal development, alternative health, quantum physics, ancient and indigenous wisdom, healing and spirituality. Chris is dedicated to the evolution of personal consciousness by continuing to offer the powerful wisdom from heartfelt presenters, designed to stimulate your mind and encourage you to continue your journey.



Tiriki Onus Indigenous Arts & Culture

Senior Lecturer In Indigenous Arts And Culture Victorian College of the Arts. Tiriki Onus is a Yorta Yorta man and Head of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development, University of Melbourne. He is a successful visual artist, curator, performance artist and opera singer. He received the Dame Nellie Melba Opera Trust's Harold Blair Opera Scholarship in 2012 and 2013. In 2015 he was the inaugural Hutchinson Indigenous Fellow at the University of Melbourne. His film, Ablaze premiered at the 2022 Melbourne International Film Festival.

Heart of Australia Day (26 October)

Inspire | Celebrate | Unite



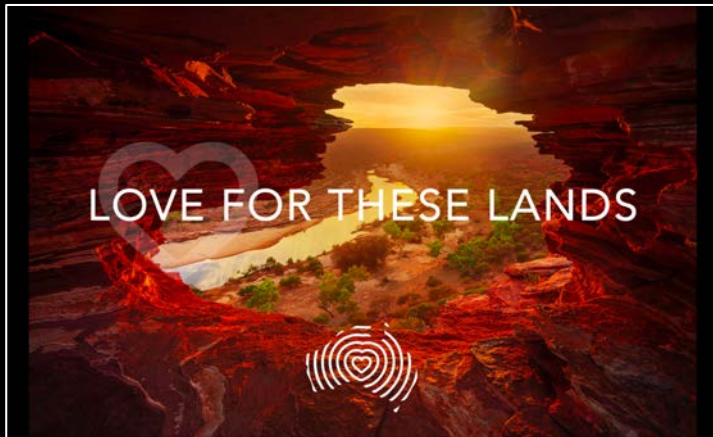
Heart of Australia Day (26 October)
Inspire | Celebrate | Unite (2'41")

[PLAY](#)



Heart of Australia Day (October 26)
An Introduction (3'18")

[PLAY](#)



Heart of Australia Day (26 October)
Inspire | Celebrate | Unite (2'33")

[PLAY](#)



The Heart of Australia within everyone of us
Inspire | Celebrate | Unite (3'07")

[PLAY](#)



Love of Australia – Valentine's Day 2021
Inspire | Celebrate | Unite (2'45")

[PLAY](#)



Listen to the Heart of Australia
26 October 2022 (2'26")

[PLAY](#)

The Heart Icon

Radiating pulse

Heart

Land



Representing the radiating energy from our nation's heart,
the friendly Australian spirit of its people and our unique lands.

www.heartofaustraliaday.com

(26 October)

Musical Production

Executive Producer / Creative Director



ANATOLE PETROVICH KONONEWSKY

Studio Recording & Production

Music Producers



BARBARA HANNAN

Barbara is a Multi-Platinum Award winning Singer/ Songwriter/ Producer. She is an intuitive A&R (artist and repertoire) collaborating with Major Labels, Artists, Musicians and Producers alike.

ADRIAN HANNAN

Adrian is widely recognised as one of Australia's premier Producer/ Engineer/ Mixers, a consummate musician, multi-instrumentalist & renowned vocal specialist. Adrian is the creative force behind many of Australia's leading Artists, resulting in multiple Hits & Multi-Platinum sales throughout the world.

[Home](#)



“Heart of Australia”

Performed by Tarryn Stokes

Backing Vocals by Barbara Hannan,
Adrian Hannan, Anatole Kononewsky.

Music & Lyrics by Anatole Kononewsky,
Barbara Hannan & Adrian Hannan.

Executive Producer: Anatole Kononewsky.

Producer: All Instrumentation, Production, Mixing and
Mastering Adrian Hannan @ The SongStore.

© 2026 APK Creative Holdings Pty Ltd

The composers wish to acknowledge the song was written on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We sincerely hope that our work does justice to the thousands of generations of song-people that have gone before us on this country.



Heart of Australia
Inspire | Celebrate | Unite
26 October



www.heartofaustraliaday.com