## a chorus of women

## presents

## MISSION CLIMATE!

**Music & Science in Harmony** 

A fundraiser for the Climate Council

Musical direction

Iohanna McBride

1 September 2016, 7.30pm Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Canberra

www.chorusofwomen.org

## **About the Climate Council**

Thousands of citizens chipped into Australia's biggest ever crowd-funding campaign to launch the Climate Council as an independent, not-for-profit organisation after abolition of the government-funded Climate Commission in 2013. The Council provides authoritative climate information based on the best science. The team of expert councillors (including Tim Flannery and Will Steffen) have published dozens of reports, and presented numerous webinars and public forums in Australia and overseas. The Council relies on ongoing public donations to continue its work. www.climatecouncil.org.au

## **About A Chorus of Women**

A Chorus of Women has been singing since 18 March 2003 when 150 women filled the Australian Parliament with a lament for the people of Iraq as the Federal Government announced that Australia was going to war. We continue to weave music, conversations and current affairs into the fabric of Australian life, connecting heart and head to re-sound the role the Citizens' Chorus of the ancient Greek theatre when democracy was new and vibrantly participative.

A Chorus of Women has given over 150 public presentations of original music, drama, and civic conversations about the great issues of our time. Our repertoire has grown to more than 70 original songs and three major productions, and we have produced a songbook, three CDs and two DVDs.

## Thanks ...

Many thanks to the Cyrenes for bringing their enthusiasm and beautiful singing to the event. Heartfelt thanks also to our amazing instrumentalists and singing friends who, once again, have donated their time. And to Lish Fejer for generously agreeing to MC this event among many other commitments.

Special thanks to the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture for the donation of the venue for numerous rehearsals and tonight's event. And particularly to Stephen Pickard, Katherine Collins and Bob Gardiner for their assistance with administration and logistics and their encouragement and support for all we do.

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## **Program**

## ACT 1

## Honouring Earth ...

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

A Chorus of Women and the Cyrenes

Gaia — spoken by Sarah Stitt, Miriam Pickard, Janet Salisbury

### Dear Earth

A Chorus of Women

## Welcome and Introduction ...

by Lish Fejer and Janet Salisbury

Personal reflection Professor Will Steffen

## Watching ...

## The Watchman

Glenda Cloughley and A Chorus of Women, with (Nitya) Bernard Parker (*guitar and vocal*). See lyrics section below for lines to be sung by audience.

## Waiting ...

Personal reflection Abuera Uruaaba

## Singing ....

E Malama (Hawaiian Earth blessing)

*Imagine* 

Don't Know What You've Got (Till It's Gone)

Cyrenes

## Calling For Action ...

## Weather Makers

Kirsten Duncan, Meg Rigby, Janet Salisbury, Johanna McBride, Glenda Cloughley and Peter Abbott (*ensemble*), with Clara Teniswood (*cello*)

## Chanting

A Chorus of Women and the Cyrenes

## It's Getting so Hot

(Nitya) Bernard Parker (*keyboard and vocal*) with Glenda Cloughley, Johanna McBride, Matthew Armstrong and Meg Rigby (*percussion and ensemble*)

### We Are the Weather Makers

A Chorus of Women

## Sing Out Wisdom!

A Chorus of Women and the Cyrenes

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## ACT 2

## Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

Personal reflection Rt Rev'd Professor Stephen Pickard

## **Artist and Scientist Responses**

## Ubuntu

A Chorus of Women, Cyrenes and Audience

Personal reflection Dr Nicky Grigg

## **Dreaming**

Kate Champion and A Chorus of Women

## **Introducing the Blue Planet Ensemble**

Rowan Harvey-Martin

Reading from The Weather Makers (Tim Flannery, 2005)

Spoken by Jenny Sawer

Personal reflection from Professor Tim Flannery

Reef Reality Check with Tim Flannery and Amanda McKenzie

Response by Graeme Kelleher

Personal reflection and songs Maartje Sevenster

Now Have I Fed and Eaten Up the Rose

Frühlingsahnung (Trust in Spring)

With Johanna McBride (piano)

## **Towards Wisdom / Finale**

## **GIFTS OF THE FURIES** (excerpts)

A Chorus of Women and the Cyrenes

Margaret Sim, Sarah Berger-Alexander and Fay D'Elmaine - Furies

Jenny Sawer – Ethos

Glenda Cloughley — Cantor

#### Reconciliation

FURIES: Australia is running out of water

FURIES: I'll bring drought and fire under filthy skies

ETHOS: I - Wisdom, Ethos of Cities

FURIES: This beautiful song is not sung by the people

ETHOS AND PEOPLE: Dear Mother Nature

(See lyrics section for lines to be sung by audience)

## The Promise

## The Hymn to Gaia

## **Closing Remarks**

## **Performers**

## A Chorus of Women

Led by Johanna McBride with assistance from Meg Rigby

Alanna Maclean, Annie Didcott, Barbara Moore, Barbara Sutherland, Elisabeth Patz, Fay D'Elmaine, Gill Christie, Glenda Cloughley, Jackie Stepanas, Janet Salisbury, Jenny Sawer, Johanna McBride, Karin Schulz, Kate Champion, Kaveri Chakrabarty, Margaret Sim, Meg Rigby, Merilyn Jenkins, Miriam Pickard, Sarah Berger-Alexander, Sarah Stitt, Sue Armstrong, Sue Hoffmann

## Solo singers

Glenda Cloughley, Jenny Sawer, Margaret Sim, Sarah Berger-Alexander, Fay D'Elmaine, Kate Champion, Johanna McBride, Meg Rigby, Miriam Pickard

## Instrumentalists

Blue Planet Ensemble led by Rowan Harvey-Martin, with

Rowan Harvey-Martin – violin Clara Teniswood – cello Jodie Petrov – flute John Smiles – alto flute

Johanna McBride – piano

Nitya Parker, Meg Rigby – guitar

Nicky Grigg – clarinet

Rowan Harvey-Martin, Meg Rigby - percussion

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## Cyrenes

Led by Johanna McBride

Ana Paula, Angie Corcoran, Anne Gardner, Bianca Abreu, Bronte Thomson, Charine Bennett, Jane Hardy, Johanna McBride, Joy Arblaster, Judith Cubbage, Justyna Paplinska, Kathy Spears, Mary Martin, Meg Rigby, Merilyn Jenkins, Pamela Foster, Shannon Spencer, Sue La Flamme, Vicki Bell

Jenny Sawer – keyboard

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## Other performers

(Nitya) Bernard Parker, Maartje Sevenster Kirsten Duncan, Matthew Armstrong, Peter Abbott

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## **MCs**

Lish Fejer – ABC 666 Radio and Green it Yourself (www.greenityourself.com.au) Janet Salisbury – A Chorus of Women

## Personal reflections

## **Professor Will Steffen (Climate Councillor)**

Will Steffen is an internationally renowned climate change expert and has served as science adviser to the Australian Government. Before coming to Canberra, he was Executive Director of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, an international network of scientists studying global environmental change based in Sweden. He is the author of numerous publications on climate science.

## Mr Abuera Uruaaba

Abuera Uruaaba is from the Republic of Kiribati where he has worked as a barrister and solicitor for the Office of the People's Lawyer and has been appointed as a Magistrate. He is currently studying a Master of Laws in Government and Regulation at the ANU.

## Rt Rev'd Professor Stephen Pickard

Stephen Pickard is Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. He has been an outspoken participant of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, and led a call by religious leaders to G20 global leaders urging them to act on climate change, end fossil fuel subsidies and move to a low carbon economy.

## **Dr Nicky Grigg**

Nicky Grigg is a senior research scientist at CSIRO with experience in complex systems science and understanding the impacts of and responses to global change. Her interdisciplinary interests prompted her to join A Chorus of Women for a musical and dramatic event in National Science Week 2007 and, since that time, she has taken part in many performance and conversation events.

## **Professor Tim Flannery (Chief Climate Councillor)**

Tim Flannery is one of Australia's leading writers on climate change. An internationally acclaimed scientist, explorer and conservationist, Professor Flannery was named Australian of the Year in 2007.

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## **Event development and management**

Glenda Cloughley, Janet Salisbury, Johanna McBride, Meg Rigby, Miriam Pickard, Sarah Stitt

## Stage manager

Emelia Della Torre

### Visuals

Janet Salisbury

## Front of house

Marie Jamieson, Jan Perry, Lara Alexandrow, Helen Cory and Danni Abou-takka

## Graphic design

Helen Ferguson, artspirit

## **Lyrics**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Words by Hazel Hall, music by Glenda Cloughley

This land is the song of Indigenous peoples

All those who walked here and all their descendants

Song of the creatures and spirits of Dreaming
Song of the children and culture

they lost

This land holds the lines of its earliest owners

Custodians who respected

the Earth

Lines of their knowledge and

wisdom of Elders

We ask to walk with you in concord and peace

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## **DEAR EARTH**

Music by Johanna McBride Verse 1 words by Johanna McBride Verse 2 words by Gill Christie

Dear Earth, living Earth Will you be our home? We need to protect you Reconnect with you Deep in our bones You are our home

Precious lives, fragile lives All within the web We need to protect you Reconnect with you Deep in our souls We are one whole

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## THE WATCHMAN

## Prologue to a tragedy

Words and music by Glenda Cloughley with acknowledgement of Aeschylus for The Oresteian Trilogy, 458B CE

## STORYTELLER

There is the Watchman He props on his arms

He's crouched like a dog on the roof of the palace

He waits for the ships of the warrior king and fears that the climate is changing in Argos

'I try to pick out some tunes' he sings with his eyes on the wild black sea 'I hum a bit That's a good cure for sleep

But then the tears begin

'I cry for my lovely son They killed him in Troy He's seven years dead

My wife and I We're barren

We're dry

as the taste in my mouth of riverbed dust

'I cry for the hard times past I cry for what's to come I have nothing to do but sing against

I have nothing to do but sing against sleep

And wait for fate to sail home'

There he is on the long watch of night

mourning the failure of kindness

and grace

Crying his helpless song of lament for his family and his country

## **CHORUS OF WOMEN**

We Canberra people know this grief Our dreams are like the nightmare of Argos

of Argos

Clashing laws howl in the wind Riverbed dust instead of sweet waters

More anxious days in this land we love

The crops we sow do not grow We're stalked by fire Haunted by drought

And fear of the law of Earth and Sky

We change lightbulbs and showerheads to turn back the weather

We reduce reuse recycle our things

But our children's nightmares — Who will stop those?

And my sterile anguish — Who will shift that?

As the land burns dry
As the rivers die
As the oceans rise
Our children's nightmares
pound our frightened hearts

## **CANTOR**

Hard times looming Black dread blooming

## AUDIENCE AND CHORUS Hard times looming Black dread blooming

ONE CITIZEN

My children are asking why the climate's changing!

**CHORUS** 

There's not enough power in kindly hands

Not enough care for mothers and Farth

The climate is changing Oh Earth! Our children!

Where can we plant the seed of our love?

## **STORYTELLER**

roars in

Oh the tragedy is on

There are signs in the soil and the streets

And what can we do but wait in the dark

And watch while the weather

And the awesome spirits of

Earth arise

As the future nightmare comes home

Now there's nothing to do but relearn the laws

And suffer our way into truth

#### **సహస్థన్యస్థన్య**

## E MALAMA (Hawaiian Earth Blessing)

Words and music by Mark and Sharie Anderson

Emalama ika hey ah Emalama funo ee kah hey ah

Loose translation: Let's take care of

the sacred Earth Do what is right.

Earth and sky Sea and stone

Hold this land in sacredness

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## **IMAGINE**

Words and Music by John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven

It's easy if you try

No hell below us

Above us only sky

Imagine all the people

Living for today

Imagine there's no countries

It isn't hard to do

Nothing to kill or die for

And no religion, too

Imagine all the people

Living life in peace. You...

You may say I'm a dreamer But I'm not the only one

I hope someday you'll join us

And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions

I wonder if you can

No need for greed or hunger

A brotherhood of man

Imagine all the people

Sharing all the world. You...

You may say I'm a dreamer

But I'm not the only one

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I hope someday you'll join us And the world will be as one

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## DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT TILL IT'S GONE

Words and music by Joni Mitchell (with a present-day twist)

They pave paradise

Put up a parking lot

With a pink hotel, boutique

Swinging hot spot

**REFRAIN** 

Don't it always seem to go

That you don't know what you've

got till it's gone

They pave paradise

Put up a parking lot

They cut down the trees

Put 'em in a tree museum

And they charge all the people

A dollar and a half just to see 'em

Don't it always seem to go...

Hey farmer farmer

Put away the DDT now

Give me spots on my apples

But leave me the birds and the bees

Please!

Don't it always seem to go...

Late last year

News beyond belief

Ocean warming

Is taking away our Great Barrier Reef

Don't it always seem to go...

Don't know what you've got 'til it's

gone

Put up a parking lot

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**WEATHER MAKERS** (premiere)

Words and music by Kirsten Duncan with acknowledgements to Tim Flannery. Written in support of the

Climate Council, August 2016. Dedicated to A Chorus of Women

Hum ha na hey na high yee Hum ha na hey na ho

We are, we are the weather makers: create an atmosphere of hope

Centuries of fossil fuel burning fired the industrial revolution,

increasing wealth and standards of

living, expanding western civilisation.

We are, we are the weather makers

Heating, cooking, cement, electricity, steam trains, shipping, guns and steel.

Plastics, medicines, fertilisers, tar: the products of coal are many and real.

It seemed so cheap and beneficial, but for decades we've known the true cost:

Widespread pollution and degradation, our greenhouse atmosphere is getting too hot.

Glaciers melting, sea level rising, heatwaves roasting, bushfires raging,

rainfall changing, stormwaters eroding, food chains failing, ecosystems collapsing.

We are, we are the weather makers: create an atmosphere of hope

The science is clear: the peril is dire, to burn more coal is pouring petrol on the pyre. Innovation has brought the solutions we need.

It's well past time for politicians to lead.

So get up, take action: it's in our power to end the dithering\* and rein in the change.

Planet shapers, weather makers, create an atmosphere of hope.

Land, sea, sky: conserve Earth our home.

We are, we are the weather makers

Musical inspiration for this song is from the deep, rhythmic chant of the Norwegian folk song Eatnemen Vueilie by Frode Fjellheim.

The chorus quotes the titles of two of Tim Flannery's books, We are the Weather Makers, 2005 and the 10year follow-up Atmosphere of Hope.

The lyrics also give a nod to action group GetUp, and to science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson whose recent book set in 2315 refers to our period of history as 'the dithering'.

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### **CHANTING**

## What ya gonna do

With thanks to Stephen Taberner

What ya gonna do?

What!

When the world gets hot

What!

What ya gonna do?

## Chants from On the Edge of Silence

A Chorus of Women, Science Week, 2007

Nearly twice as many hurricanes Of Categories 4 and 5 Twice as many hurricanes Since nineteen seventy five

If we dice with the heiss
Of Greenland ice

Atmospheric carbon heaters Could raise the sea six metres

We're in the mire, have no doubt Life's on the pyre, that's what warming's all about

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## IT'S GETTING TOO HOT (premiere)

Written in support of the Climate Council, 2016 by (Nitya) Bernard Parker

It is getting so hot It is getting too hot Your trees are dying In festering wounds Erosion weeps

And your rivers bleed

It is getting so dry
It is getting too dry
Shimmering
Cracks 'neath our feet
Nothing to drink
So hard to think

I'm a part of you You're a part of me

It is getting so wet It is getting too wet Lives are drowning Tears are flooding Crops destroyed The smell of fear

I'm a part of you You're a part of me

Let us hear Your rhythms As Heart Beats of our soul

Let us walk Let us talk Let us walk the talk

#### **సహస్థన్యస్థన్య**

## WE ARE THE WEATHER MAKERS

Words and tune by Janet Salisbury, arranged by Judith Clingan AM Inspired by The Weather Makers by Tim Flannery, 2005.

**REFRAIN** 

We are the generation
That needs to take a stand

We are the weather makers The future's in our hands

Earth's climate is a' changing There's no time to wait If we don't stop burning carbon It's going to be too late

## **REFRAIN**

The scientists have warned us For over 30 years That those CO2 emissions Will only end in tears

## REFRAIN

Will we listen to the science Or just party on? And will our children ask us Where has our future gone?

## **REFRAIN**

It's time for love to rise up Together we must stand To save our precious planet The future's in our hands

## REFRAIN

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## SING OUT WISDOM

Words and Music by Glenda Cloughley

for a 2007 Emily's List garden party to encourage women to seek political office (with some new words to support

(with some new words to support the Climate Council in September 2016)

We want well-attuned politicians Leaders whose hearts beat with the rhythms of renewal Bringers of the change to harmony Singers of our hopes for our children's children We are a citizens chorus and we sing out in the streets of our city

And yes, we're listening for more echo – your echo of accord between the country and the people

We are a whisper of the music of longing that's swelling in every part of the planet
We are the rising up of voices calling for politicians who sing out wisdom!

This is our song of longing ...
Oh sisters, did you hear about the
Bureau of Wisdom?
And the Commonwealth
Commission for Compassion?
Well, we want to meet the Minister
for Peace
and the Commissioners for
Compassion too

We're urging on an empathy audit of every public policy and pollie We heard the Wisdom Bureau's told the PM: 'It's too hot!
And the changing climate must not be forgot-ten – Not!'
The moral of the coral reef's a tipping point for grief
And sorrow stops us living as if there's no tomorrow

We're looking forward to this Christmas Australia's carol is 'Regeneration for the Children's Children' The New Year Resolution is harmony with nature Hear us parents now ... We're singing for the future! A culture of respect for Earth and people's on the way led by humanists and scientists as well as business leaders We want Members of Parliament who join this throng So wisdom can prevail in our democracy!

We want well-attuned politicians ... Repeat first 3 verses!

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## **UBUNTU**

Words and music by Johanna McBride

## **AUDIENCE Ubuntu, Ubuntu**

I am who I am because of you We are who we are because of each other Ubuntu

## ๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛ DREAMING

(from Songs to the Earth)

Words and music by Glenda Cloughley, partly inspired by the Homeric Hymn to the Moon (c.55 BCE). Originally composed during Gulf War, 1990.

A slender golden moon
Has mounted the black-winged night
of my dream
Riding the glossy sky she is singing
the way

Wail-away people
Wail-away
Wax again Gaia
And the tides will be a-turning
She sings to her sister, Earth

'Are our mysteries still being kept?

Are your sparkling waters clear? Are the forests still breathing tonight?'

And our mother, The Earth, cries back

That the trees have been taken away And her lover The Sky is soiled And the Songs of Love are silent

'Shine light in the dreams of the people,'

Earth cries to her sister Moon 'Fill their souls with sorrowing love for the world Place the Songs of Life in their hearts'

Listen people! The Earth is singing Gaia is dreaming still Sing up the ancient hymn And the tides will be a-turning

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## NOW HAVE I FED AND EATEN UP THE ROSE

Music by Samuel Barber Words by James Joyce after a German poem by Gottfried Keller

Now have I fed and eaten up the rose

Which then she laid within my stiffcold hand.

That I should ever feed upon a rose I never had believed in liveman's land.

Only I wonder was it white or red The flower that in the darkness my food has been.

Give us, and if Thou give, thy daily bread,

Deliver us from evil, Lord, Amen.

## FRÜHLINGSAHNUNG (TRUST IN SPRING)

Music by Franz Schubert Poem by Ludwig Uhland

Die linden Lüfte sind erwacht Sie säuseln und wehen Tag und Nacht

Sie schaffen an allen Enden; O frischer Duft, o neuer Klang, Nun armes Herz, sei nicht bang Nun muss sich alles, alles wenden.

Die Welt wird schöner mit jedem Tag Man weiß nicht, was noch werden mag Das Blühen will nicht enden: Es blüht das fernste, tiefste Tal Nun armes Herz, vergiß der Qual! Nun muss sich alles, alles wenden.

## Translation:

The gentle breezes have awakened They whisper and waft day and night They are at work everywhere; O fresh scent, o new sound, Now, poor heart, don't be anxious Now all, all must turn.

The world is more beautiful every day

No one can tell, what might yet be The blossoming doesn't want to end:

Even the deepest, most distant valley blooms

Now, poor heart, forget your torment

Now all, all must turn.

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## THE GIFTS OF THE FURIES excerpts

## The Reconciliation

Words and music by Glenda Cloughley

**FURIFS** 

Australia is running out of water! Nature has taken over the timetable!

Gaia is struggling to keep the Earth cool enough for life!

Beware!

I'll bring drought and fire under filthy skies

I'll scorch the farmland and torch the forests

I'll raise the oceans drown the cities I'll spare no human being

Drought! Fire! Filthy Skies! I'll spare no human being!

The Fury in me is breathing hatred in flood of grief and flaming rage!

I—The proud heart of the cycle of Life

have suffered disgrace from you young gods and people!

## **ETHOS**

I – Wisdom, Ethos of Cities
I hear the lethal spell of your voice
I will bear with your anger salt
black and bitter
I will never tire of telling you
your gifts

Gaia – You are the mother of all Mother of all on land sea and air Out of your treasures come children and fruit

You grant birth and death The Law of Life

I will never tire of singing your gifts

Order and beauty spring from you The city you honour enjoys good laws

Your kindly blessings bring happiness Without you We cannot live I will never tire of singing your gifts

**FURIES** 

This beautiful song is not sung by the people

They're blind to my gaze Unkind with my gifts

And leaders of people act against Life

For power For greed they rape the Earth

I see forms of creatures and trees extinguished

Soils choked with salt Great rivers dead

Too many people sterile with dread Where can the green songs grow?

ETHOS WITH THE CANTOR

Dear Mother Nature – We hear vour lament

Your cry is our cry Your songs are our songs

**ETHOS** 

If you heard the voice of the people's love

Would you open the doors of your

kindly heart?

Receive their longing? Trust

their promise?

Would you plant the Songs of Life in their souls?

**ETHOS WITH THE CANTOR** 

The people revere and fear your vast powers

CANTOR

We love our children

AUDIENCE & CHORUS
We love our children

**CANTOR** 

We will care for the land

AUDIENCE & CHORUS
We will care for the land

**CANTOR** 

Please come and dwell in our most sacred places

AUDIENCE & CHORUS
Please come and dwell in our most sacred places

**CANTOR** 

Your loving gaze is our source

AUDIENCE & CHORUS
Your loving gaze is our source

**CANTOR** 

We are held by the songs in your beautiful eyes

AUDIENCE & CHORUS
We are held by the songs
in your beautiful eyes

CANTOR

Sweet golden eyes Sweet olive eyes

AUDIENCE & CHORUS Sweet golden eyes Sweet olive eyes

**CANTOR** 

Sweet and terrible mystery of life – You see us We sing back our love

AUDIENCE & CHORUS

Sweet and terrible mystery of life –
You see us We sing back our love

## **FURIES**

Sweet and terrible mystery of life – You see us We sing back our love

The Furies' lyrics 'Australia is running out of water...Nature has taken over the timetable' are quoted from Australia's Climate is Changing Australia: The State of Australia's Water, The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, 2006.

'Gaia is struggling to keep the Earth cool enough for life' is from The Revenge of Gaia, James Lovelock, 2006.

Some of Ethos' words are from 'Ethos Speaks', words Ethos spoke to her sculptor Tom Bass in a dream in 2005. Tom engraved the poem in a plaque which is set into the pavers beside the 1961 sculpture of Ethos – Spirit of the Community in Civic Square.

## The Promise

Words and music by Glenda Cloughley

Gaia! We your people
We sing our promise
to turn the tide to harmony
of the mortal law of people
and cities
And the immortal law of Earth
and Sky

Gaia! We are the voice of our children's hope

We are the trust of creatures and plants

Oh we the dreamers We the singers will never tire of telling you your gifts

## The Hymn to Gaia

Lyrics and music by Glenda Cloughley from a translation of The Homeric Hymn to the Earth, c.500BCE, by Jill Hayman

Gaia! I will sing to the mother of all Gaia! I will praise the source of all Whoever is of the land and sea The many who fly in the sky Gaia! All are nourished from your wealth

Gaia! Out of your treasures come children and fruit
You grant birth and death The law of life

Food-giving land Thriving herds Houses filled with good things

Gaia! Your kindly blessings give happiness

Gaia! Order and beauty spring from you

The city you honour enjoys good laws

The children play merry with freshbudding joy

The maidens dance in the flowering fields

Greetings

Mother of gods and wife of the starry sky
Gaia! I will remember you in

another song

## In the interval ....

## Make a tax deductible donation to the Climate Council

Donation forms available at front of house (If you donate online, please use the Donate button at <a href="https://www.chorusofwomen.org">www.chorusofwomen.org</a> to link your donation to this event)

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## Have glass of wine!

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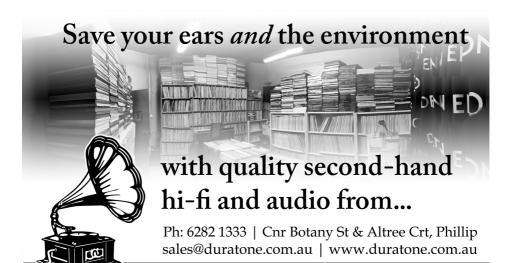
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