

Madjitiil



Moorna

Singers of Aboriginal Songs
Singing ~ Learning ~ Healing ~ Bringing Cultures Together

Koorlong - Noongar Songs in Schools

KAYA! (Hello)

The Noongar language of the whole South West region of Western Australia, is endangered. Through the above project our choir is thrilled to play a part in the preservation of this ancient language.

Guided by elders and other cultural leaders, Madjitiil Moorna Choir has been singing Aboriginal songs across the Metro area and regionally across WA since 2006. Now, with increased focus on learning Aboriginal languages in schools, we have developed **Koorlong - Noongar Songs in Schools Project**.

We offer in-school song workshops led by Aboriginal performers.
After follow-up rehearsals in the classroom, the songs may be performed at school assemblies.

Talented Aboriginal presenters, confident in their culture, conduct the workshops in pairs, supported by choir members. The presenters love being able to deliver Noongar Language to the younger generations in a fun and exciting way and feedback from teachers has been fantastic.

THE WORKSHOPS

Song workshops in schools are based on Madjitiil Moorna's songbook with CD, **ABORIGINAL SONGS for Schools and Communities**. Most of the 18 songs are written by contemporary Noongar songwriters, including many in language.

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Kwobadak (beautiful) Noongar songs are taught by rote. Songs and group sizes are chosen in discussion with teachers, to suit the age-group of students.
See below for workshop options.

Please note that teachers/mentors need to be present during the workshop/s to support appropriate behaviour.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Ideally, teachers rehearse these songs with their class or school choir, to prepare for a school assembly or special event. In 2015, a trial of the project in twelve schools was very well received by teachers and parents and nine schools performed with the adult choir in a massed choir event, singing five Noongar songs. Madjitil Moorna has led many school and community workshops since then. See a [short video of NSIS Project](#)

The kids, especially the indigenous kids, really benefitted from the incursion, workshop and whole experience. Learning their own language and having it celebrated by all has left a hugely positive imprint on them. - Anne Eversden, Music Teacher.

WORKSHOP OPTIONS and COSTS for Perth Metro Area*

1st Workshop (40-50 mins)	\$450.00 + GST
2nd Workshop on the same day	\$300.00 + GST
3rd Workshop on the same day	\$250.00 + GST
One Workshop followed by Madjitil Moorna Choir performance on the same day (up to 90 mins)	\$800.00 + GST
(For larger schools) 2 or 3 workshops plus Madjitil Moorna Choir performance on the same day	\$1200.00 + GST

*Please note that an extra charge will be necessary outside Perth Metro Area.
This will be assessed on a case by case basis.

(NB: PALS SCHOOL PROGRAM funding may be available through www.daa.wa.gov.au)

Noongar kids feel especially proud to learn their own language at school through song - the easiest way. For any child, whether Aboriginal or not, knowing a bit of language from the oldest living culture in the world is pretty Moorditj! (strong, cool!) Teachers report increased pride and confidence, especially among Aboriginal students when their culture is celebrated. Parents are often surprised at how their own attitudes are changed by seeing their children perform in the local language.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Please phone or email us to arrange a date and time for a Koorlong Workshop at your school, tailored to your needs.

On-line enquiries: www.madjitilmoorna.org.au/enquiries

Kind regards,

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