



- Phillip Chalker is joining Jane Coker to lead a Big Sing workshop in Morwell this month.

Big sing brings passion

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FOR those who hate to kick their desire to belt out an Elvis Presley tune or dance like Beyoncé, a 1950s and '60s singing workshop is making its

way into Morwell.

Latrobe Music's Phillip Chalker and community music activist Jane Coker are inviting the amateur and the professional to learn basic voice technique.

For two hours on Thursday, 22 October, Jane will lead participants in the Big Sing workshop where no one will be forced to sing solo or practise scales.

"People can expect

just to come along, have some fun and have a basic sing-a-long,” Phillip said.

“I’ve decided to do a theme this time, because I like ‘50s and ‘60s music.”

Phillip is a vision-impaired Traralgon resident who said it was his passion to bring the community together through music.

He offers ukulele group workshops and private lessons through Latrobe Music, and is currently teaching a blind student from Sydney online.

He said he collaborated with Jane to lead these big sing

workshops, due to her bubbly personality and teaching ability.

“Within the two hours, she can get people singing two-piece harmonies, or singing songs where she breaks the group up,” he said.

“Jane is a real choir leader and is part of Community Music Victoria.”

For Phillip, music brings happiness and excitement and he hopes for an atmosphere that is “always happy, always cheerful” for the Big Sing Morwell.

“I feel joy just to bring people together; it relieves stress when you’re in your own

zone,” he said.

To book your place for the upcoming workshop phone Phillip Chalker on 0400 603 367 or email latrobemusic@gmail.com before Monday, 19 October.

“Just come along, enjoy yourself, don’t worry about learning scales or anything like that,” Phillip said.

“You don’t have to be professional, you don’t have to be afraid.

“Just come and relax and enjoy yourself and be in an atmosphere around everybody else who wants to share music, too.”

The BIG SING Morwell

WHEN: Thursday, 22 October

*WHERE: Morwell Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre
48-50 Beattie Crescent, Morwell (wheelchair accessible)*

TIME: 11am until 1pm

COST: \$10.75 including tea and coffee

**Payment is preferred prior to the event and to be made online, due to Phillip’s vision impairment.*

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