



Musicians and singing coaches, all contribute to the success of the choir with City Mission providing the organisational structure and venues.

The choir rehearses each Wednesday morning between 10.00am and midday in the City Mission Chapel at its Frederick Street complex. The morning is structured to allow time for social interaction, a mid-day meal at Morton's Place and, of course, lots of singing.

Comments from members of High Hopes



I enjoy coming to the Choir of High Hopes. I like singing. Also I like the people I meet, the acquaintances I make and the socializing together.

"Blokes United Inc." has joined the choir of High Hopes. The choir has united the blokes and introduced them to the Mission family.



"Caring and sharing in Jesus' name"

Other services offered by the City Mission are:

- ◆ Crisis and emergency accommodation.
- ◆ Meals and activities at "Morton's Place".
- ◆ Emergency food and material relief.
- ◆ Drug and alcohol recovery at "Missiondale".
- ◆ "Missionbeat" - caring for "at risk" in the CBD area.
- ◆ "Club Monday" - ladies' fellowship groups.
- ◆ Star House offering a new start to youth at risk.
- ◆ Visitation and support of prisoners and their families.
- ◆ Outreach to the young and the lonely.
- ◆ "Rainbows" - Children's grief counselling.
- ◆ Sobering up, time out and supported accommodation to people on the North - West Coast.
- ◆ Retail bargain stores selling preloved goods at very affordable prices.
- ◆ "Children's Playhouse" - a registered day care centre caring for children in Ravenswood.

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Providing an avenue of creative expression through music, singing and performance.



A Short History



During the first half of 2007, the ABC televised a documentary series on a choir that consisted of people who were socially isolated and lacked many skills that one would normally need to possess to be a member of a choir. The Choir of Hard Knocks had won many hearts through this series, Merelyn Briton being one.



Merelyn, a volunteer at the City Mission at the time believed that many of the people she saw in her voluntary role could benefit from a similar choir operating in Launceston. From those visionary thoughts evolved Launceston's "Choir of High Hopes".



The Choir is part of City Mission's services. It provides those with an interest in music and singing an outlet to awaken and develop their gifts through social involvement and interaction.

Through mentor and peer support, members, often suffering with low confidence levels, are brought to a higher level of self acceptance and worth, enhancing their social integration and inclusion skills within their local community.

