

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

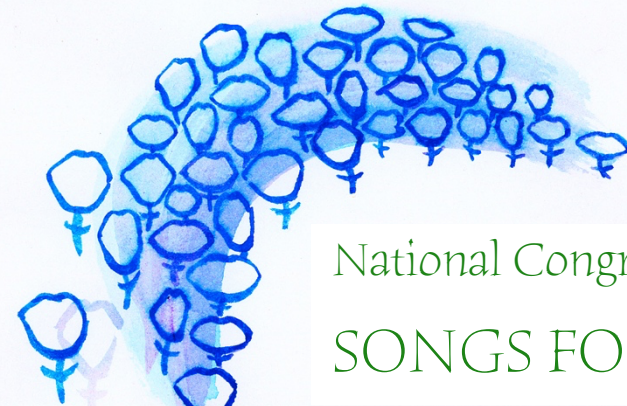
We stand
in the ancient sacred lineage
of the Chorus.

As women citizens
we sing out
in the theatre of life,
commenting and telling
what must happen.

We affirm the citizens' place
in the public life of our country.

We give voice to matters
at the heart of our communities,
weaving integrity, compassion
and respect for the Earth
into Australian democracy.

Honesty, clarity and wisdom
are our aims,
artistic expression
a means to these ends.



National Congress of Women
SONGS FOR RENEWAL



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a chorus of women

THE HYMN TO GAIA

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 fresh-budding 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

THE PROMISE

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

We are the voice of our children's hope
We are the trust of creatures and plants
We the dreamers We the singers
Will never tire of telling you your gifts

Words and music Glenda Cloughley
from *The Gifts of the Furies*

Words of The Hymn to Gaia are from a new translation
by Jill Hayman of the Homeric Hymn to the Earth (c 500 BCE)

UBUNTU

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

Words and music Johanna McBride

THE CHORUS AT THE CONGRESS

Musical Direction Johanna McBride with Meg Rigby

Piano Lynne Kowalik

Violin Clement Tsai

Flute Meg Rigby

Singers Annie Didcott Barbara Moore Gill King Glenda Cloughley
Helen Pilkinton Janet Salisbury Johanna McBride Judith Clingan
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