

***Moorambilla Festival and Moorambilla Voices Celebrating Partnerships
and Collaboration Recognised in National Awards***

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Moorambilla Festival and Moorambilla Voices have been shortlisted in this year's national Music in Communities Awards.

The Awards reward and promote community music groups, the 'unsung heroes' of Australia's cultural life. The 'Local Links' theme for 2011 invited groups to outline the connections, partnerships and relationships they have nurtured in and beyond their local community.

"We set this year's theme in recognition that the best community music making does not happen in isolation," says Tony Breese, from the Music in Communities Network which runs the Awards. "There are many groups that have had real success in forming strong and sometimes unusual partnerships which have enabled their activities to flourish and benefited their local communities at the same time."

"Moorambilla Festival and Voices were up against some outstanding entries from choirs, bands, orchestras, drum circles, accordion societies, all sorts of groups from right across Australia," he says. "After some very difficult decisions, these were whittled down to just 18 finalists."

"This award is so fantastic for the communities Moorambilla Voices and Festival represent. The award recognises the unique role partnerships have, and continue to play in the creation of new Australian music celebrating the landscapes, lifelines and legends of the people across the region. This award celebrates the of revitalisation and sharing of the ancient traditions."

The Music in Communities Network is Australia's first national network linking community music leaders in towns, cities and villages all over Australia. More information on the Music in Communities Network and the Awards can be found online at www.musicincommunities.org.au.

Attached Image: *Moorambilla Festival – celebrating life in all its colour and vibrancy.*

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