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Partnering agreement between two iconic Wollongong organisations

Two of the Illawarra's most respected and established organisations have entered into a partnership agreement to deliver services to the community. **WEA Illawarra**, well known as an Adult Education Community College, and the **Wollongong Conservatorium of Music**, a community based Conservatorium offering music education to schools and to the general community, have signed an agreement that will see a number of courses offered in partnership.

The CEO of the WEA Illawarra Gareth McKeen comments *“There are a lot of similarities and common philosophies between the WEA and the Conservatorium and we saw a perfect opportunity to join forces as a way to strengthen our services to the community.”* *“Partnerships are becoming more important for community based organisations seeking not only to survive in tough economic times but to continue to offer services that are relevant to the community, and that are cost affordable as well.”*

According to Conservatorium of Music CEO Andrew Snell, *“Wollongong Conservatorium of Music is excited by the new partnership with WEA Illawarra. For many years both organisations have shared a fundamentally related vision; the provision of high-quality, community-based education. It makes perfect sense for the two organisations to work together on a number of projects to deliver an even greater range of courses for the Illawarra community.”*

The partnership will focus on delivering and marketing joint courses such as Sing for Fun Choir, Keyboard for Leisure, Insights into Jazz and classical, and Singer/songwriter courses. Both organisations will cross promote each others courses and special discounts will provide reciprocal benefits to members.

Andrew Snell and Gareth McKeen are available at the Conservatorium of Music for a photograph opportunity between 11am and 12.30pm on Thursday 25th or Friday 26th

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