

## Community Organisations

Melbourne Playback provides performances and workshops that transform, empower and entertain audiences, awakening new ideas and perspectives.

Building on more than 30 years experience as a leading interactive theatre company working with government and non-government organisations in the community sector, we continue to refine and investigate the practice of storytelling.

A Melbourne Playback performance shares audience's stories and transforms them into theatre. This awakens a range of perspectives and ideas in a safe and supportive space. Any subject matter, even the most complex, is approached with sensitivity and courage to provide the opportunity for people to voice, reflect and affirm personal experience.



*We were thrilled with Melbourne Playback's performance at our 140th Anniversary Celebrations. The stories of Bethany's clients, friends and staff were told with compassion, sensitivity and a healthy dose of humour.*

**Julie Stefanoff**  
**Executive Manager Community Relations**  
**Bethany Community Support**

### ***There are many ways we can work within your organisation and community:***

#### **Entertainment, Celebration & Team-Building**

Melbourne Playback performances are a dynamic way to bring staff and stakeholders together to celebrate the story of your community organisation and have a laugh together. The interactive nature of our work is sure to capture people's attention and affirm the sense of team and community within your organisation. We create empathy and the active listening and improvisation skills displayed by our professional performing ensemble are an inspiring example of teamwork at its best.

#### **Community-Building**

Through the sharing of participant's stories, a Melbourne Playback performance creates a bridge which makes one person's experience accessible to others. We generate a reflective dialogue and the emerging themes reveal to a community what lives at its heart. This process can also help the group articulate a shared vision of what lies ahead.

#### **Community Consultation**

Melbourne Playback performances provide a forum where a community can find their voice. All perspectives are valued and often, through expert facilitation, the person who rarely speaks will share a story. The process is truly reflective, one where hidden truths are uncovered and real transformation occurs.

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*Thought provoking and full of joy at the same time. For the workers it was an opportunity to reflect on the good they do, and for the management an opportunity to express appreciation for that work.*

**Carolyn Worth , Manager, SECASA  
South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault**

### ***More ways we can work within your organisation and community:***

#### **Managing Change**

Melbourne Playback performances are a positive way for people to reflect on their thoughts and feelings through periods of change. It is often difficult for those within an organisational culture to see the culture for what it is. Our actors create a mirror for the group which is non-threatening and engaging. Individual stories have wider resonance for the audience and group members are often surprised and delighted that they are not alone in their experiences and perceptions. This can be an important step towards the forging of a shared vision.

#### **Staff Training & Development Programs**

Melbourne Playback performances are an excellent reflective tool within training and development programs. See our corporate executive training brochure for more information.

#### **Conferences & Seminars**

More than entertainment, Melbourne Playback performances spice-up and support the content of conferences by breaking the ice and cracking open ideas at it's beginning, providing a re-energising and reflective tool mid-way through or by tying the conference themes together at its conclusion. See our conference brochure for more information.

#### **Interactive Workshops**

Drawing on the methodologies of actor training and Playback Theatre, our performers and facilitators offer interactive workshops that can be delivered in conjunction with a performance or as a stand-alone skill building workshop. See our workshop menu for more details.

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