

Media Release

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Some of Australia's most popular musical talents are combining forces to deliver a free concert at Luna Park to help raise awareness for the youth-focused charity, Whitelion.

On Sunday, 30 April 2006, 2006 ARIA award winning Anthony Callea of Australian Idol fame will headline this exciting line up. Also performing will be electro dance band 'JoyLab' fronted by Tania Doko (formerly of Bachelor Girl), hip hop act 'Phrase', Kiki Courtidis (Popstars finalist 2004), local rock band 'Radiodogs' and DJ Paulo.

The afternoon will be hosted by AFL Premiership player and Whitelion's own Glenn Manton and there will be a guest appearance by Dan O'Connor from Channel 10's Neighbours.

'Joy in the Park 2006' will be a day of free entertainment and giveaways open to everyone. Rides will be available at Luna Park's regular ticket prices. The free concert, proudly sponsored by Metlink, will be from 1pm – 5pm.

Whitelion is a non-profit organisation that helps our most disadvantaged young people. Each year, thousands of youths are disconnected from their families and our community due to abuse, neglect, drug addiction and poverty. Whitelion gives them the best chance to 'break the cycle' through positive role modelling, mentoring and employment, and the opportunity to build positive lives for themselves.

Singer Tania Doko, performing at Joy in the Park with her band JoyLab, has worked as a Whitelion mentor/role model for over 5 years and created this event in 2005.

"Some of these kids have never had anybody who believes in them and that's often all it takes to get them to believe in themselves, turn their lives around and dare to have dreams - even dare to have some real joy in their lives.

"Becoming a mentor has been one of the most fulfilling things I've done and I've actually got more back from the experience than I've given. Joy in the Park is in its second year running and gives us an opportunity to make the event bigger and better, hopefully cementing it as an annual Luna Park/Whitelion event. Thanks to our sponsors Metlink, the artists, crew and Luna Park for keeping this dream alive."

FOR MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:

To arrange media interviews or photo opportunities with available 'Joy in the Park 2006' performers before the event, contact Bianca Ousley, Whitelion Communications Manager on 0409 869 855, or Sarah Wilson or Catriona Rabl, Mollison Communications on 9690 6466.

To find out more details about Whitelion, please go to www.whitelion.org.au.

