

RMIT Golden Key Society proudly presents: Ms Tania De Jong AM

This year the RMIT Chapter of Golden Key has been focused upon educating, enlightening and empowering our community to value creative ability and believe in your own capabilities to question, challenge and disrupt your industry. This is why, in keeping with our mission for 2016, we are excited to announce our new honorary member and keynote speaker for this year's New Member Reception Ms Tania De Jong AM.



"I admire the work of the Golden Key Society and look forward to collaborating in the future to help talented young people unleash their creative potential, make a difference to the world we live in and realise their dreams. It is a very special privilege to be offered honorary membership. This award inspires me to continue my work in helping to nurture and develop the next generation of leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs."

As a leading Australian soprano, inspirational speaker, social entrepreneur, creative innovation catalyst and spiritual journeywoman, Tania works across the public, private, creative and social sectors. Whilst Tania's musical background has underpinned her work with disadvantaged communities through Creativity Australia's 'With One Voice' choir social inclusion programs, Tania also performs internationally both as a soloist and with her group Pot-Pourri. As a serial entrepreneur, she has also founded [Creativity Australia](#), [Creative Universe](#), [MTA Entertainment & Events](#) and The Song Room and presents keynote speeches and leadership programs designed to achieve her mission to change the world, one voice at a time! As Founder and Executive Producer of [Creative Innovation Global](#) (an event named Corporate Event of the Year in the **Global Eventex Awards** for 2013 and 2015 as well as being named in the Anthill Smart 100 and Australian Corporate Event of the Year for 2015), Tania aims to drive social innovation and collaboration and has recently founded co-working space [Dimension5](#) in Melbourne.

Tania's impressive list of awards and accolades include being named Ernst and Young's **Australian Social Entrepreneur of the Year**, being awarded "Outstanding Individual Contribution to Australian Culture", a Churchill Fellowship and receiving the Accessibility Award in The Melbourne Awards. Tania was also inducted into the AGSE Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame at Swinburne University and named Brainlink Woman of Achievement. In June 2008, Tania was appointed a **Member of the Order of Australia** for service to the Arts as a performer and entrepreneur and through the establishment and development of music and arts enrichment programs for schools and communities.

Tania's TED Talk [How Singing Together Changes The Brain](#) has sparked international interest and been viewed by over 35,000 people. According to Tania: "We are all creative but we talk more to

boxes and screens than to one another. We need to nurture the attributes that make us human – love, compassion, courage, creativity – because the robots are coming!”

Please visit Tania’s websites

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