



# Media Release

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## **Celebrate Ability to star Perth singer Grace King**

Grace King started singing as a five-year-old when her vocal talent was recognised by a music teacher.

Now the mezzo-soprano, who was born blind, uses technology to support a professional music career and Grace encourages other aspiring artists to embrace the latest technological advances to help them pursue their passions.

“I use a BrailleSense Polaris, an \$8,000 android tablet, to pull anything up from the internet and to learn lyrics,” Grace said.

She moved from the United States - where she tried out for American Idol in 2004 - to Australia in 2009 to teach blind people how to build and maintain computers.

In 2016, Grace won the Ability Idol competition in Perth and recently returned from India where she performed for an international festival for people with disability working in various art forms.

Grace will join musician Fergus Deasey, formerly of Eskimo Joe, on stage at the City of Cockburn’s Celebrate Ability event as duo Sunday Afternoon Collective.

Celebrate Ability will be held at Bibra Lake Regional Playground on Tuesday, 3 December, from 10am to 1pm.

The day will include dance performances, face painting, quiet zones with digital equipment, free activities, and a visit from Santa.

The playground has a Changing Places facility on site.

For more information, visit [https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/About-Cockburn/Events-and-Workshops/Celebrate-Ability-\(1\)](https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/About-Cockburn/Events-and-Workshops/Celebrate-Ability-(1))



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