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Local artist launches new CD

Don't miss the launch of **Luminous**, the uplifting new album by Newcastle-based singer/songwriter Maureen O'Brien, on Wednesday 31 January at The Wheelshop, Honeysuckle, Newcastle.

This album is tipped to be O'Brien's best work to date, combining a bevy of professional musicians, professional arrangements by creative musical director Gregg Telian and the proven expertise of Sydney producer/engineer Mat Laurence.

'This was an ambitious and challenging recording project. It took some 13 months to complete but the effort has been worth it. Luminous is a creative work of art,' she said.

O'Brien is recognised as a dynamic songwriter in multiple genres including Blues, Jazz, Contemporary Folk and Comedy with her latest work stretching musical boundaries. She's been compared favourably to Australian songwriting legends Eric Bogle and Judy Small, is a multi-year finalist in the Radio 1233 ABC Newcastle Music Awards and regularly tours the east coast of Australia with her original material.

Luminous will be officially launched on Wednesday 31st January, 7.30pm at The Wheelshop, Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle. In concert format, the evening will feature artists Kent Daniels, Paul Regan and renowned Novocastrian guitar master Steve Cowley. O'Brien is bringing her Brisbane-based support band down for the event and there'll be a few local guest musicians as well.

Tickets are \$20 and include a FREE EP of Bonus Tracks. A light supper will be served and guests who wish to dine can order from The Wheelshop's delicious Light Bites menu. Bookings on 0421 072 444 and more information at www.maureen.com.au

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