

# ALL TOGETHER NOW: 'MUSIC. PLAY FOR LIFE' HAS ITS OWN SONG!

## Rhonda Davidson-Irwin



*"It has been so much fun recording the 'Play For Life' song. I think the kids sound great! Music has always been a huge part of my life and as a father of two young daughters I encourage all children to include music in their lives. Let's face it, music makes you feel great! 'Play For Life' is a wonderful vision for young children and I am really delighted to be involved.*

**Brett Annable,  
Television Presenter/Singer**

Campaign supporter and MCA Councillor Rhonda Davidson-Irwin has written a feel-good, 'can't get it out of your head' anthem for Music. Play for Life.

I met with Tina Broad earlier this year at a professional development day for Queensland music teachers. In her inimitable way, she put the hard word on me to combine my experience as music director for 'In the Box' (the channel TEN kids' show) and my early childhood education experience and come up with a campaign song. In my inimitable way, I said: 'of course!'

We brainstormed some ideas and my brief was clear: a song which would appeal to children and families, with a catchy melody and with lyrics which made the idea of music making accessible and well within the realm of 'anyone can do it'. It needed to 'sing up' musical play and be a reminder to families that music and singing could infuse just about every aspect of life – whether you're at the footy, climbing a mountain, in the shed or just out walking.

I've had a ball teaching it to my kids and to the choirs I'm working with. In a complete coup, we managed to get my dear friend and colleague, Brett Annabel, from *In the Box* to come and put down lead vocals on the song at a recording session at Murdification studios in Brisbane (thanks, Murdo!) with years 5 – 7 students from Pullenvale State School Choir.

I've been delighted to be able to make this contribution to Music. Play for Life and am just so excited to see where it all goes from here. It's such a wonderful initiative and the potential for using the song as a campaign strategy is enormous: getting the song into child care centres, primary schools, out to sporting groups, produce a TV commercial with Brett and the kids...it's unstoppable."

*'Music. Play for Life' kids' song is available on the campaign website as an audio file and sheetmusic with lyrics. Go to [www.musicplayforlife.org](http://www.musicplayforlife.org) and follow the prompts.*

### 'Music. Play for Life' kids' song

Chorus:

Play for Life. Anyone can try it  
Play for Life. Make Music in your world  
Play for Life. Take a little advice:  
With Music in your heart, you'll get a good start  
With Music in your heart, you'll get a good start

You can play on a mountain  
Play in a band  
You can sing with your family  
Play a baby grand  
You can sing when you're running, sing when you walk  
You can sing all the time: sing, don't talk!

Chorus: Play for Life. Anyone can try it...

You can play way up high  
Or play way down low  
You can play really loud, or play very slow  
You can play when you're happy  
Play when you're sad  
You don't have to be a maestro  
- it'll make you feel glad

Chorus: Play for Life. Anyone can try it...

You can sing at the footie  
Sing in the shed  
Try a violin or a trombone instead  
Don't anybody worry if you can't find a drum  
Just go and use your dad's big tum

Chorus: Play for Life. Anyone can try it...