

Lunch raises hopes

■ Cash on menu too

By **Ben Chenoweth**

THE stars will be out at noon this Friday when NOVA Employment holds its Engaging Life with Hope lunch at Campbelltown Catholic Club.

Hosted by seven-time Logie award winner, Paula Duncan, the event will include *Today Show* host and former Campbelltonian Lisa Wilkinson as guest speaker.

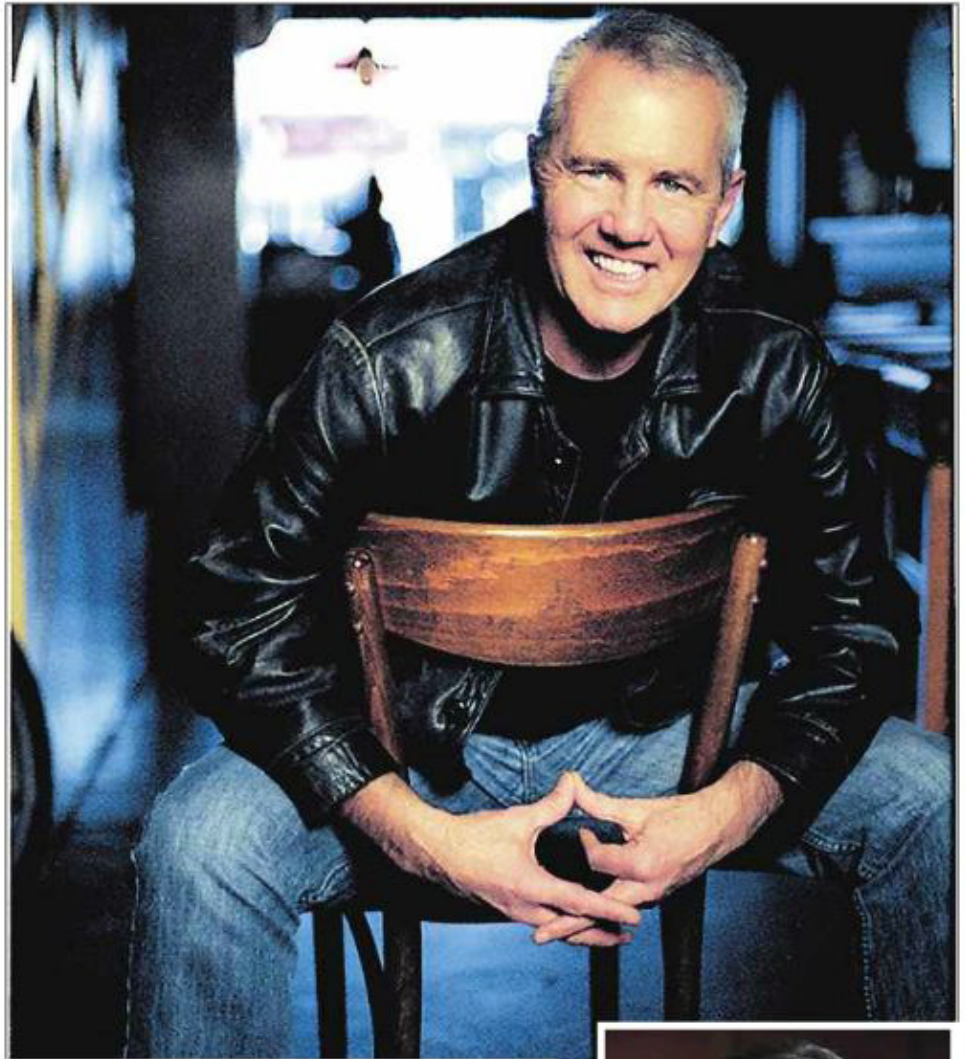
Daryl Braithwaite will sing.

For Ms Wilkinson, the lunch gives her a chance to give back to her former community.

"My family [connections to Campbelltown] go back the 1850s, when my great-great-grandfather settled in the area," she said. "There is a street just outside Camden that was named after him."

It's also a chance for her to see watch a long-time "crush" perform. "I've had a crush on Daryl Braithwaite since I was 15 — going back to the Sherbet days," she said.

NOVA Employment chief executive Martin Wren said the event would show how valuable workers with disabilities were and would raise money for the Emmaus project — four homes that gave



Food for thought: Daryl Braithwaite (above) will perform, and former Campbelltonian Lisa Wilkinson (right) will be a guest speaker at NOVA Employment's Engaging Life with Hope lunch.



24-hour help for people with intellectual disabilities.

"Obviously NOVA's intent is providing work (for people) with disabilities," he said.

"There will be a large number of business people there and we want to tell them what great workers our people make."

■ Tickets for the lunch — \$75 a person or \$550 for a table of eight — include a two-course meal, wine, coffee and a chocolate platter. RSVP now on 9833 2511, events@novaemployment.com.au.