

COMMUNITY MUSIC ENSEMBLES & PROJECTS 2012

Dandenong Ranges Music Council 1451 Burwood Hwy, Upwey
www.drmc.org.au – click on ensembles. **New Members Welcome**
All ensembles re-commence the first week in February 2012

Ranges Young Strings meet on Mondays 4.30 – 6.30pm

Dandenong Ranges Orchestra rehearse Mondays 8 – 10pm

Mini Maestros holds sessions on Wednesday and Saturday mornings

New Horizons Concert Band lessons and rehearsal on Thursday mornings

Singularity – choral group rehearses on Monday nights in UFTG on Monday evenings

Happy Wanderers – singing group who perform each week at Nursing Homes

In Schools Music with Andrew McAlister during Thursday evenings

Dandenong Ranges Big Band meet on Thursdays 8 – 10pm.

Nicholas Chamber Orchestra – performance and rehearsal opportunities of orchestral repertoire at the highest artistic level

Instrumental Tuition available: piano, strings, and flute

Venue Hire available **Instrument Hire** available

Ranges Young Strings – is for primary and secondary aged musicians who have been learning strings for a minimum 18 months and can read music. The ensemble will focus on fun music making, music literacy and performance. We offer string players musical challenges, social experiences and team building, as well as learning performance skills and ensemble development. Music scholarships are available for Viola, Cello and Double Bass players. **Music Director:** Rosie Burns

Dandenong Ranges Orchestra is for Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion.

Instrumentalists of all ages and abilities are most welcome to attend. No audition required. Repertoire – classical, light classical and popular music. Currently we have approx 35-40 members covering most instruments but more **strings are needed**. There are generally 4 - 5 concerts a year and the orchestra is often involved in other performances such as festivals, commissions, and large scale projects organized by the DRMC. **Music Director:** John Collins.

New Horizons Concert Band - It doesn't matter how old you are, you can learn to play an instrument and have fun at the same time. Whether you have played a bit in the past, or simply never had the chance, the 'NEW HORIZONS CONCERT BAND', could be the start of a new experience of music. The following instruments are on offer: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, French horn, Tuba, Euphonium and Percussion. **Music Director:** Brian Hogg

Dandenong Ranges Big Band – The DRBB plays the 1st Thursday of each month at the 'Treble Clef' Jazz Lounge, Paynes Rd, Chirnside Park from 7.30 – 11.00pm. A great evening of swinging, jazz and blues. **Music Director:** Kelvin Legg

Music Projects for 2012

Robert Exiner Recorder Celebration – Provides opportunity for students to work with professional woodwind player and teacher and provide students with an experience to prepare, perform and explore new repertoire with their recorder in small and large ensembles. Workshop: 13 June at your school. Concert: 28 July

Youth Week – Yarra Ranges Youth Symphony Orchestra – the formation of the youth symphony orchestra and celebration of youth symphonic wind bands known as **The Hills Gathering**. Also **Performance and Presentation of Youth Music Awards**. Thursday 19 April at 7.00pm at Burrinja.

Education Week - Percussion Project with David Jones

Between 20 – 26 May. Date and Time TBC. Venue: Monbulk P.S. Arts Centre

Making Music Being Well – A national music project celebrating the benefits of making music. Workshops and performances. www.mca.org.au

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