



An initiative of the [Music Council of Australia's](#) national campaign to encourage more music making: 'Music Play for Life'

Best all-round program (all ages, all abilities, all types of music)

Winner Dandenong Ranges Music Council (VIC)

For over 25 years, this pioneering music-specific community council has been inspiring people of all ages and abilities to listen to, learn, participate in and perform music in the Yarra Ranges region and encouraging people to start their own bands and choirs. Music making is at the heart of this regional community.

Judges' comment: *"When she returned from having lived with her family in the US, DRMC founder, Bev McAlister, was disappointed in the comparatively few opportunities to make music in the Dandenongs. In her inimitable way, she set about changing all that – creating the DRMC as a community-led initiative and taking it to a point where, today, music is entrenched in just about every aspect of community life. The DRMC is a remarkable musical and social success story which should motivate every Australian community to say: we want what they're having!"*