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WHAT'S ON @ DRMC 2018

An exciting year ahead with opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to learn and or play music are available at the Dandenong Ranges Music Council in the grounds of Upwey High School. All ensembles will be resuming rehearsals in February:

Ranges Young Strings – primary and secondary students who have been learning for a minimum of 18 months and can read music: Mondays 4.30 – 6.00pm

Dandenong Ranges Orchestra – for strings, woodwind, brass and percussion – all ages, all abilities: Mondays 8.00 - 10.00pm

New Horizons Band – lessons and band rehearsal for adult beginners or lapsed players: Thursdays afternoons at Tecoma Uniting Church

Dandenong Ranges Big Band – meet on Thursdays 8.00 – 10.00pm

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

Mini Maestros: sessions held on Saturday mornings

In Schools Music: with Andrew McAlister on Thursdays and Sunday evenings

Instrument Tuition: piano, strings and flute

Venue Hire available. Instrument Hire available.

2018 Projects

Forgotten Heroes – Vietnam Veterans

A project to engage Vietnam Veterans and their families in activities which will explore and assist with the wellbeing and validation of their experiences culminating in an event showcasing the music of the era and a new song expressing thoughts and feeling of present day vets. This project is funded by Yarra Ranges Council, Community Development Grant. DRMC needs assistance to locate veterans and their families: Music Therapist/Project Manager: Cath Russell: mscathsemail@yahoo.com

Penny Drive

A project combining history and music to tell the story of the fundraising campaign by Victorian children after WW1 to help build the school at Villers Bretonneux in France. Music Specialists: Suzie Davies Splitter and Phil Splitter. This project has been funded by Anzac Centenary Commemoration + Education Program. Project Manager: Christine Wallis 0410 697 238

Dutchies of the Dandenongs

DRMC will work with the Dutch community to tell their stories through music of the journey after WW2, the settlements in the rich soil of the Dandenong Ranges and Yarra Valley and present this in a musical performance. DRMC invites all Dutchies to register their interest to be part of this very important project.

Email: drmc@drmc.org.au or phone: 9754 6566

For more information about community music projects and regular activities call the DRMC on 9754 6566. If you would like to explore an idea for music making, the DRMC would love to hear from you too. You can also check out the DRMC website: www.drmc.org.au