

# FINELY TUNED

YOUNG REGIONAL



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

## Hello YRSM Community!

As we rug up for the winter months it's so wonderful to see the rain about. We are so lucky!

Once again we continue to say thank you to our wonderful YRSM family who support us, as we went quietly through a milestone this last semester with individual enrolments hitting 500 students! Thank you to all tutors, parent's carers and the wider community for believing in the benefits of MUSIC!

For those of you who are considering enrolling, please don't hesitate to call us, we will be only too happy to accommodate your needs! The benefits of learning music continue to be powerful with more and more research coming out such as the recent international studies\* reinforcing the following:

Music contributes to students' rational thinking — reasoning, critical thinking, logistical thinking and interpretive skills

Music contributes to learning in other knowledge and skill areas such as numeracy, literacy

Music contributes to students' concentration, memory, time management.

\*From the Music Trust Australia

Lots of further information on Brain Development and learning can be found by searching "Bigger, Better Brains on Facebook and the incredible work done by Dr Anita Collins. See also page 5 of our newsletter.

This month I was very lucky to be invited to Government House in Sydney to celebrate the centenary of the AMEB. It was wonderful to meet the Governor and his wife, (Mrs Linda Hurley) who are both longstanding music advocates. Mrs Hurley had us all singing Johnny Cash's "You are my Sunshine" at the top of our voices! Its important to be reminded that AMEB's qualifications are recognised as a national benchmark across Australia. AMEB examinations are based on syllabuses designed by leading scholars and performers, regularly updated to ensure that they reflect an appropriate range of performance skills and the latest musicological research. The content of these syllabuses is, wherever practical, published in affordable editions, ensuring that the cost to students of acquiring a full range of the set pieces is as simple and inexpensive as possible. If you need to discuss where you are in relation to AMEB qualification, please don't hesitate to ask us. For those students who are sitting their exams later this year – Good luck and keep practising!

Matt Bolger - C.E.O.



Photo at Government House L-R: Matt Bolger, His Excellency David Hurley, Rebecca Ryan from Gunnedah Conservatorium, and Noelene McGrane Tamworth Conservatorium

## Farewell Rupert!

It is with genuine sadness that we announce the retirement of one of our favourite tutors, Rupert Hyde. After 18 years dedicated service to YRSM and our students across a vast area including Young, Harden, Jugiong, Cowra and beyond Rupert has decided to pack away his sheet music and retire to the orchard. Some of his highlights have been touring with Tina Turner, Del Shannon, The Stylistics, Diana Trask, Judy Stone, and others. He's had TV appearances on Don Lane Show, Donnie Sutherlands Sounds, John Singleton Show,

Super Flying Fun Show, Midday Show but thankfully (for us) never Australia's Most Wanted. He's been a member of the Music Arrangers Guild of Australia M.A.G.A. & Music Copyist's Guild of Australia. He was the Electronic Musical Instruments Manager for Australia for the Kawai Piano Company before becoming the Sales Manager for NSW for Yamaha Music Australia specialising in Piano, Brass and Woodwind Products. Needless to say, the man knows his way around a keyboard.

In 1998 he and wife Stella made the ultimate tree change, moving to Wombat and

purchasing their cherry farm, Allambie Orchard. Rupert began tutoring with YRSM in 1999 and never looked back. We know he will remember his time at YRSM with fondness. He will never be able to step away completely from music as he will continue to perform with local band, The Young Ones and will be hosting a YRSM event on November 23rd.

We wish Rupert, Stella and their family all the best.



## EMILY & RICHARD SCHULZ



Familiar faces around the YRSM traps are this pair, Emily and her dad Richard. They travel across from Harden twice a week to attend the String Ensemble on a

Monday night and then back on a Thursday night for their lessons. Emily has been playing since 2014 and will be undertaking her Violin exam in Wagga next term. Her commitment to her craft is also her gift to us, the listeners and it is one that we are all very thankful for. A regular performer, Emily has even been known to accept the challenge of performing at a student concert with no notice and still puts in an outstanding performance. Now that takes some talent.

Richard was cajoled into playing viola in the String Ensemble in 2016 as "he was at ensemble already" and hasn't looked back. He goes from strength to strength every week adding colour and character to this amazing group.



**Congratulations to the 20 ensemble students who braved a fiercely cold day to be part of YRSM's entry for the AMEB Centenary recording on 12th June!**

Individuals, schools and community groups were asked to record their part to *Waltzing Matilda* with each video contributing towards a final video presentation of the work. The final video performance will be released later in the year with a launch presentation on the big screen at Federation Square in Melbourne on Wednesday 12 September.

**A huge thank you to Mark Corkery for standing in as conductor, to Mark Brooker for crowd control**



**and Matt Bolger for bringing the pizzas!**



In May, YRSM piano students were lucky enough to be able to take part in a masterclass with renowned pianist, Katherine Day. The students performed pieces chosen from their upcoming exams which Katherine then reviewed. Her critiques were gentle yet constructive. She spoke about posture and energy flow when playing, visualizing a scene to help reinforce the tones, colours and emotions in their pieces.

Katherine will return later in the year to present an intimate concert featuring works from Debussy, Scarlatti, Granados, Ginastera and Mozart.



## Bruce Mathiske Concert & Workshop

In week 9, YRSM was honoured to host this amazing guitarist. No-one felt the cold on the last chilly night of June when Bruce picked up his guitar and wove his musical imaginations into our souls using loop pedals, unique instrumentation, a little bit of magic and a lot of passion. His performance partner, Adam Manning was equally brilliant on percussion.

To ring in the new financial year, 14 young (and some not so young) students attended the workshop the following morning. Bruce's new 12 track offering **Six String Anthology** is unmistakably Mathiske – with melodic and vibrant sounds centering around original compositions – this time in the key of each string of the guitar. The idea for the album came about via a chance meeting with the legendary conductor and music educator **Richard Gill AO** – who after hearing one of Bruce's solo guitar pieces was the one to suggest the initial concept. At first the idea didn't resonate with Bruce, but somehow, some 12 months later, he found himself with a collection of compositions that saw Richard's suggestion come to fruition. Bruce says of **Six String Anthology** "When I play these pieces it is truly me and I have



## CHANGE OF DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS!

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## Why Thank You!

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## SAVE THE DATE

The Young Regional School of Music AGM will take place on Thursday, September 20th at 6PM. All members are welcome to attend the meeting at 11 Campbell St, Young. You must be a member of YRSM to vote at an AGM. Membership is generally included on student accounts at the start of the year. Please contact the office if you're unsure.

### 2017/2018 BOARD OF

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13th Sept at  
5PM



#### RESEARCH FINDING:

Just 3 years of music learning in childhood has been found to improve cognitive performance in adults and general brain health in later life.

"a little goes a long way"

## Term 3 Calendar

### TERM 3 STARTS

Monday, 23rd July  
**NO LESSONS IN SCHOOLS**

#### WOODWIND EXAMS

*The Cottage, 11 Campbell St*

Saturday, 4th August

#### BRASS EXAMS

*The Cottage, 11 Campbell St*

Wednesday, 8th August

#### MUSIC FEES DUE

Friday, 10th August

#### PIANO EXAMS

*The Cottage, 11 Campbell St*

Wednesday, 15th August

#### STUDENT CONCERT

*Noteworthy House Performance Room*

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August  
6:00pm & 7:00pm

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Dr Phil Mullen*

Friday, 17th August  
9:00am

#### STUDENT CONCERT

*Speech & Drama*

*Noteworthy House Performance Room*

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September  
6:30pm

#### ADULT STUDENT CONCERT

*Noteworthy House Performance Room*

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September  
6:30pm for 7pm start

#### FINAL DATE FOR MUSIC FEES (PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS)

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September

#### TAKE FIVE AT THE LIBRARY

*Young Library*

Friday, 21st September  
*Senior Flute Ensemble*

#### AMEB AWARDS & ENSEMBLES CONCERT

*Southern Cross Cinema*

Sunday, 23rd September  
2:30pm **TBC**

### TERM 3 ENDS

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

### Where Are Staff Located?

### When Aren't They Teaching?

### What Do They Teach?

TUTOR	INSTRUMENTS	AT YRSM	OUTREACH	AVAILABILITY
JUDY BARKER	Vocal	C 4		Teaching All Term
MICHEILE BLUNT	Piano & Vocal	NH 4	Grenfell	Teaching All Term
LIZ BOLAND	Flute	NH 7		Teaching All Term
MARK BROOKER	Vocal, brass & Piano	C2	Temora, Harden, Jugiong	Teaching All Term
EMILY CALVERT	Piano, Strings & Vocal	NH 2		Teaching All Term
MARK CORKERY	Guitar, Drums, Keyboard, Schools Programs	NH G	Maimuru, Monteagle, Murringo	Away 6th September
KEITH DOLDISSEN	Drum Kit, Drum Corps, Guitar	NH D	Temora, Harden	Teaching All Term
MARGARET EDWARDS	Piano & Theory	NH 3	Wallendbeen	Teaching All Term
LAUREN FRITH	Speech & Drama	C PERF		Teaching All Term
EMILY GAYFORD	Piano, Early Childhood	C 1	Cootamundra, Boorowa	Teaching All Term
HOVERT GONZALES	Guitar	NH 6		Teaching All Term
LEISA KENNY	Woodwind	NH 1	Cowra	Teaching All Term
CLAN MULLER	Guitar	C 5	Boorowa	Teaching All Term
JULIE PENDLEBURY	Piano & Violin	C 3	Temora	Away 23 July
MATT RICKETTS	Brass & Choir	NH 6		Teaching All Term
PENNY RICKETTS	Piano, Cello & Theory	NH 4		Away 14—16 August
JOHN WILLEMS	Piano & Theory		Grenfell	Teaching All Term



## AND THE WINNERS ARE ....



### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

#### Primary School Age Bands

Young Public School Band – Gold

Canberra Grammar School Primary – Gold

### COWRA EISTEDDFOD

Maimuru PS- Year 5&6 - 1st - *Untuned Percussion*

Maimuru PS - HC Stage 2&3 *Tuned Percussion*

Monteagle PS Primary & Infants - HC - *Untuned Percussion*

Murringo PS Primary & Infants - 2 x 1sts and 1 HC - *Tuned & Untuned Percussion*

***Congratulations to the many individuals who performed solos or duets including Vicki Walsh, Elizabeth Braggs, Tennyson Neville, Isabella Grainger, Theodore Preussman-Jacobs, Kayla Hall just to name a few.***

Photo Courtesy of Maimuru Public School: Above Right: Maimuru Public School students triumphant from their win at Cowra Eisteddfod. Photos Courtesy of Murringo Public School: Below Left Murringo Students at Cowra Eisteddfod Below Right: What better way to enjoy a music lesson on a chilly winters day than outside in the sun.



## PUSHED FOR TIME BUT STILL NEED MUSIC IN YOUR LIFE?

YRSM offers a variety of lessons at different schools across the district. We can also provide lessons via Facetime or Skype at a time that suits you from the comfort of your lounge room ... as long as you have a stable internet connection!

#### YOUNG

Young Public School  
Young North Public School  
St Mary's Primary School

#### HARDEN

Trinity Primary School  
Murrumburrah Public School  
Murrumburrah High School

#### BOOROWA

St Josephs Primary School

#### COOTAMUNDRA

EA Southee Public School  
Elouera Special School

#### COWRA

St Raphael's Catholic School

#### SMALL SCHOOLS

Bribbaree Public School  
Jugiong Public School  
Maimuru Public School  
Monteagle Public School  
Murringo Public School  
Quandialla Central School  
Rye Park Public School  
Wallendbeen Public School  
Wombat Public School

#### TEMORA

St Anne's Central School  
Temora West Public School

#### OUTREACH

Goodstart Early Learning

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OFFICE. MINIMUM NUMBERS  
APPLY FOR THE ENSEMBLE  
TO RUN.**



## BRASS ENSEMBLE

For students and adults of all ages

Monday 5:15pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Matt Ricketts

## E F-TEE MENS CHOIR

For men, young and old

Thursday 6:00pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Mark Brooker

## INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

For high school aged students

Thursday 5:00pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Mark Brooker

## JUNIOR CHOIR

For primary school students

Wednesday 3:50pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Emily Calvert

## Liquorice Twists

For students and adults of all ages

Tuesday 5:00pm

The Cottage Performance Room

Conductor: Emily Gayford

## RED CHERRY JAZZ BAND

For students and adults of all ages

Wednesday 6:15pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Leisa Kenny

## SENIOR FLUTE ENSEMBLE

For students and adults of all ages

Thursday 6:00pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Liz Boland

## STAGE BAND

For high school aged students

Wednesday 5:10pm

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Conductor: Mark Corkery

## STRING ENSEMBLE

For students and adults of all ages

Monday 5:30pm

The Cottage Performance Room

Conductor: Emily Calvert

## WRIGGLE & GROOVE

Early Childhood Music for 1 - 4yr olds

Tuesday 9:15am

Noteworthy House Performance Room

Co-ordinator: Emily Gayford



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## Music Sudoku

Fill-in the blank spaces with the available musical symbols so that each row, column, and 3x3 box contains all 9 symbols.



Available Symbols



Student Version



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## Sydney Conservatorium Grand Western Tour

**Maybe this year it should have been called the Sydney Conservatorium Grand Whirlwind Tour**



First, Young Public School auditorium came alive with the sounds of oboes, flutes, bassoons and even a harp, with musicians from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music paying the students a visit.

The whole school packed into the auditorium where they were wowed by the musical performances of the young musicians, all in their second and third year of university studies.

Students were also given the chance to try out their musical talents, although with so many hands shooting into the air for a turn it was a lucky few who were given the opportunity to play.

Next, Young High School music students were invited to attend a special performance at the School of Music later that afternoon. YRSM CEO, Matt Bolger said "The kids loved them. They became so engaged with the Sydney Con students as they tried out the instruments".



Then finally onto Harden for their concert at the Old Murrumburrah Court House. Accompanied, as always, by the incredible David Miller M on piano, the students performed works from Mozart, Debussy, Haydn and Brahms. Performing solos, duos and as a group their performances were spell binding.

A delightful light supper was laid on by the Harden Arts Council adding to the intimate and relaxed ambience. Our deepest gratitude is extended to David Miller AM for his tireless effort for more than 30 years in organising this tour. To our region.

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