

# Spruik the Uke Presenters 2022

## Ariane Ramsey

Ariane has been playing ukulele for the last ten years with local bands 'BUG', 'The Magentas' and 'The Little Orchestra of Abundance'.

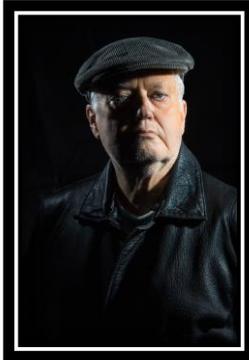
Ariane has received loads of support and skills development from the GAMC classes over the years and has led quite a few workshops with 'BUG' members as well as individually



### **Open tunings workshop.**

Explore what it is and play some songs in open tuning. Participants will need to bring a tuner.

## Theo van der Muelen



Theo is an experienced musician and music teacher on a range of instruments including guitar, ukulele, bass and keyboards. In retirement Theo no longer performs in professional settings and contributes his skills in community and club based activities. When not performing Theo composes, arranges and produces his own compositions for use in amateur video and photo productions. **Ukulele Blues Workshop** Players attending this course will participate in a brief review of major and minor scales and the blues scale introduction to common chords used in blues compositions on the Ukulele a review of the 12 bar blues structure in the keys of A and C two sample tunes using these techniques To get the most out of this session it is recommended that participants review and be able to play: C(C7), F(F7), G(G7) and A(A7), D(D7), E7 Extensive course notes will be provided.

## Andrea Hadley



Andrea moved to Traralgon from Canberra at the beginning of 2021 with her husband and youngest son. She enjoys playing music socially for fun. She is a banjo player with a special interest in the clawhammer style, playing mostly American traditional Old Time fiddle tunes. She started playing the ukulele almost 8 years ago when her husband built her a beautiful tenor ukulele made of Tasmanian black heart sassafras, and soon found that the clawhammer style could be easily adapted for the ukulele.

Andrea enjoys taking on new challenges and helping others to achieve their goals.

## Dan MacEoin

Dan has been a student of music, theatre and circus for over three decades. He has been teaching these skills to primary school students for over two of those decades. He is currently writing this and feeling sort of old.

The ukulele is a fantastic instrument with which to teach music theory. The students don't even realize they are doing work. They are too busy having fun and achieving a feeling of success. It is one of the few instruments that an absolute beginner can pick up and be playing a song off the radio (maybe not perfectly, but at least recognizably) after just ten minutes of practice. That instant success is what keeps people interested in learning more.



He is currently the music teacher at Emerald Primary School, the Chairperson of the Hills Ukulele Festival Committee and the President of AUTLA (Australian Ukulele Teachers & Leaders Association). You can usually spot him by his bright and colourful shirts, but at this festival....

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