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Harry Hook with Alex Black

Sunday 1st Oct '23 Tyers Hall, Tyers 7.30pm



Clubnights are now back to evenings (rather than afternoons) now that winter is over.

REMEMBER TOO THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS ON THIS DATE

If travelling from Traralgon, allow more time as Traralgon -Tyers bridge remains closed. For those coming from the West, note that the Tanjil East Rd (past APM) is once again open

Harry Hook is an ARIA-nominated performer and songwriter who has toured around Australia, Europe and the USA playing in all kinds of venues from state theatres, small halls, backyards to barrooms. He currently works on Gunaikurnai land in Sale (Wayput / Flooding Creek). In 2014, he won the International Songwriting Competition unsigned category and subsequently released a solo album with Warner Music. He has played in session bands for Kasey Chambers and has supported Lucinda Williams, Paul Kelly, Ryan Bingham and Busby Marou to name a few. In 2018, he moved back to Gippsland from Nashville to begin work on a new solo project as an independent artist. 2023 has seen the release of his 4th solo album, produced by Greg Walker (Paul Kelly, CW Stoneking). His music has campfire country, folk and blues influences with a strong focus on the lyric, all driven by

his unique, self-taught finger picking style. For more info see website: harry hook is real

Harry will be joined by local musician Alex Black

SUPPORT ACT: Ukelicious (GAMC's ukulele group)

ENTRY: \$20 members & concession, \$25 adults, free for children under 18 Pre-purchase through

https://www.trybooking.com/CLIEX or cash entry at the door.



Tea/Coffee & supper will be available. Please bring a plate of supper to share & your coffee mug.

Upcoming GAMC Events:

- Weds 4th Oct, 7:30 pm: Committee meeting at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 13
 Breed Street, Traralgon
- Sat 14th Oct 10am-6pm "Spruik The Uke" ukulele festival at Tyers Hall. See below.

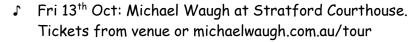
https://www.trybooking.com/CKUFQ

- No November clubnight
- Sat 18th Nov 2pm 5pm: Gippsland Singers Network together with GAMC "Sing In" at Tyers Hall. All singers welcome. Further info: gippslandsingersnetwork@gmail.com
- Fri night 1st Dec: GAMC Christmas celebration. See below \$25 pp. RSVP by Weds 22nd Nov
- 2024 Proposed Music Workshops. See below

Other Upcoming Events:

Weds 11th Oct 12.30pm-2.30pm and Weds 25th Oct: Mirboo Music Jam Sessions (they happen on the 2nd and 4th Weds of each month at the Old Grain Store, Mirboo North). All instruments

and/or voice & all ages & experience levels welcome. No cost and great arvo tea. See Mirboo Music Facebook page, or post on GAMC facebook page or contact Peter McCarthy 0417060566 petermcc@outlook.com



- Sun 15th Oct: Michael Waugh at Wesley of Warragul. Tickets from venue or michaelwaugh.com.au/tour
- Sun 12th Nov 2pm-5pm: Community Singing Leadership Skills, led by Betty McLaughlin and Jane Coker.

 Venue: Mirboo North Baromi Centre. To book: email Jane at jane.coker@bigpond.com

SEEKING RECORDER PLAYERS

If you have some basic music knowledge and recorder-playing skills and are interested to be part of a recorder group, then please contact club member Kathy Shenton via email on gamc30@gmail.com





UPDATE ON PROPOSED GAMC 2024 MUSIC LESSONS / WORKSHOPS

Our plan is to change things up and diversify a bit with 2024 lesson programs. Thanks for your suggestions and feedback. We've seen so many of you involved in ukulele and singing workshops in the past, and hope that there's something you'd like to participate in from the upcoming 2024 proposed programs, but we're just putting our feelers at this stage to see which programs might be viable. See below for our proposed programs.

• <u>But first</u>: As we are winding up over a decade of ukulele lessons and festivals, *GAMC* would like to acknowledge the great work and tireless efforts of ukulele program coordinators Barry & Judy Woods, Barry Stuckey and Di Stephens in coordinating a range of classes and festivals over this time. We also owe our thanks to Barry & Judy Woods, Mike Forwood, the late Greg Simmons, Harry Harrison, Di Stephens, Julie Bradley, Ariane Ramsay, Alex Burns, Lucy Wise, Betty France, Helen Begley, Theo van der Meulen and Andrea Hadley for their efforts in preparing & conducting lessons and performances, and generating enthusiasm and talent over this time. Thanks too to those who've led workshops at our festivals ("Uke Muster", "Ukulele Wingding" and "Spruik The Uke").

And last, but not least, participants: you need thanks too for your participation, enthusiasm and skill building!

This program has been a huge success in getting so many people involved in music. Well done!

But don't fear: Ukulele is certainly not over for us:

*We have this year's "Spruik The Uke" festival coming up on 14th Oct at Tyers Hall. See below. Referendum day: so why not vote at Tyers P.S. then come to festival? *Jam sessions, camps & Christmas dinner are all great opportunities to catch up and play with fellow ukers.

OUR 2024 PROPOSED CLASSES INCLUDE (subject to min of 8 paid up participants in each of the following):

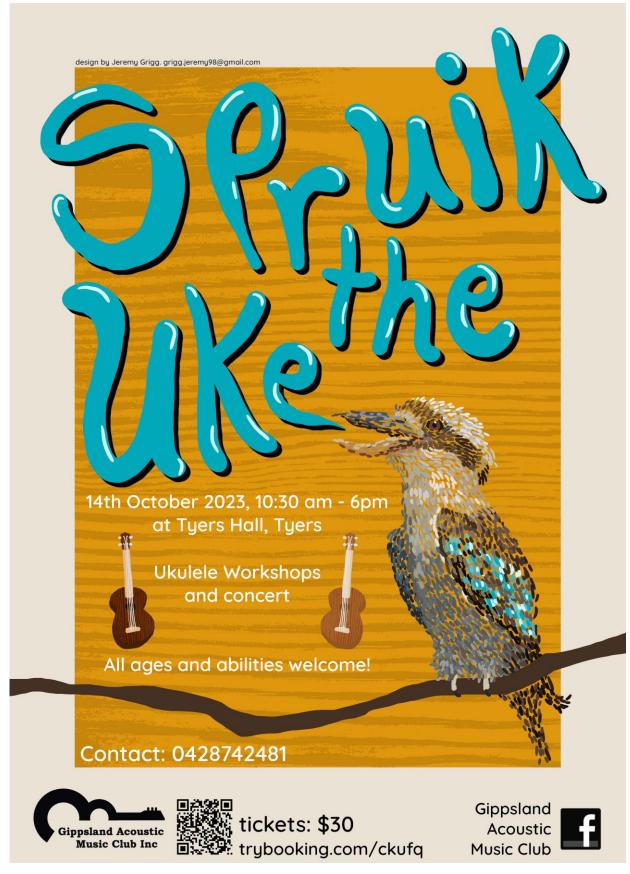
- BANJO led by Andrea Hadley likely to be 3 sessions in Traralgon. Dates to be determined.
- PERCUSSION likely to be 3 sessions led by Steve Schulz. Dates and venue yet to be determined.
- HARP (the stringed ones, not a harmonica) led by Andy Rigby. One session only. Date and venue yet to be determined.

MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE WORKSHOPS?

If yes, then please assist our planning by sending an email to register your interest gamc30@gmail.com. This will not be committing you to the program(s), but will help with our planning. At a later date we will forward info regarding dates, venue, costs, possible availability of an instrument to borrow and the registration & payment process.

In your email, please include:

- Name(s) of interested participants
- o contact details (email address and phone number)
- workshops in which you'd like to participate: BANJO and/or PERCUSSION and/or HARP
- o any other comments which may assist with our planning (eg. "I can bring my own harp")



SPRUIK THE UKE 2023 PROGRAM:

10.30am Registration

11.00-12.00: First workshop – Choice of Theo (Beginner Blues) or Di (Arranging a Song)

12.00-1.00: Second workshop – Choice of Ariane (Open Tuning) or Jacqui (Strum & Sing that Song)

1.00 Lunch - BYO

1.45 Main workshop - Whole group focus with special presenter – Theo

3.00 Afternoon tea break

3.45 Concert prep

4.00 - 6.00. Concert

SEE BELOW FOR INFO ABOUT PRESTENTERS



Spruik the Uke Presenters 2023

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.

Di Stephens

Di has been performing for most of her life with different artists. instruments and performance formats. When she picked up the ukulele, her life changed. Now she coordinates the GAMC Jam Sessions, the GAMC Ukulele band-Ukelicious, teaches ukulele from Beginners through to Intermediate players and is active on the GAMC committee. She has performed with many other artists over the years and is passionate about music and how it can bring people together as well as its healing powers for body, mind and spirit.



Arranging a Song.

In this workshop participants will be guided as to how to start putting a song together to make it 'their own.' We look at different techniques (with a ukulele) and everyone will have an opportunity to put together a version of a well-known song. You will need: ukulele, pen/pencil, sense of adventure. Supportive

notes will be provided.

Ariane Ramsay

Ariane has been playing ukulele for the last twelve 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 Tuning can give you different options for playing either solo ukulele or with a group, including greater tonal diversity, adding slide and or percussive sounds. This workshop will give an overview of these techniques through some easy songs (Participants need to bring a tuner).

Jacqui Poulson



Jacqui is a singer, songwriter who has been playing ukulele for over 13 years. She runs the Wonthaggi ukulele group, "Uke for Fun" and is keen to see people of all ages, begin their musical journey. WORKSHOP -**Strum & Sing That Song:** There's something about playing a ukulele that just makes you want to sing. The joy that playing this little instrument gives, is conducive to bursting into song. In this workshop we will look at ways of finding your rhythm so that you can relax into the music, harness your emotion and release your voice. Then we'll explore ways to find the right sound for you. This will include strumming styles, key changes, transposing techniques and individual flair. The whole workshop is designed to help you find your individual sound both on your ukulele and with your unique voice. Workshop requirement: A basic knowledge of chords and a capo

Procedures for Emergency Warnings (bushfires, floods etc): In the event that a "Watch and Act" Warning or an Emergency Warning is listed for Tyers on a day when GAMC is hosting an event (or for other locations where GAMC may be hosting an event), the club event will be cancelled for that day. In such circumstances, we will endeavour to advise members via email, but recommend that you tune into local ABC radio and/or https://emergency.vic.gov.au for warning updates before leaving home.

GAMC CHRISTMAS DINNER

Fri 1st Dec '23 from 6pm





- Catered 2 course dinner (served at 6.30pm)
- \$25 per person to be paid by Weds 22nd Nov (details below). Bookings required for catering purposes.
- BYO drinks, glasses & musical instruments

Any dietary requirements, contact Joan on 0408 747 882

Dinner payments (\$25 per person) can be deposited to Bendigo Bank.

Please remember to include your name(s)

Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Inc BSB Number 633 000 Account Number 163 729 114

Otherwise contact Treasurer, Barb Brabets on 5174 7903 to arrange cash payments