

Spruik the Uke Presenters 2023

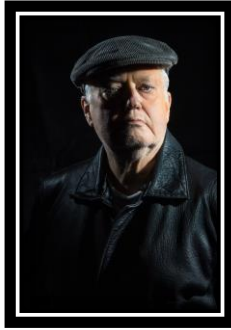
Ariane Ramsay

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).

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.

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 and 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

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.



Workshop: 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.