

2017 Wangaratta Jazz and Blues festival: Community Engagement Project

To all schools and community groups in the Rural City of Wangaratta and region,

The Wangaratta Festival of Jazz and Blues has for some time now been encouraging active community participation and teaching more about the culture of music, in particular Jazz and Blues music. This has been achieved in the lead up to recent festivals through successful community programmes such as The Diddley Bow Project, "I'm in the Band", The Community Bunting workshops and Paint Presto.

This year following the great success of the visual arts based activity "I'm in the Band!" a further fun visual art project is being planned. Titled "Vinyl Revival", this project is based around the popular rise of listening to music again via the technology of Vinyl recording.

To this end an initial workshop for education workers is being held on the 25 July at 4.00 and hosted at the art room of Wangaratta West Primary School. It will be facilitated by long time Wangaratta visual art educator David Godkin.

I encourage all schools and community groups to participate in this fun project and help to be part of this cultural event which is of significant national importance and held right here in our community of Wangaratta. Please refer to the accompanying flyer for registration details.

I hope someone from your organisation can make it there. It would be wonderful support to have 100% representation from all schools in the RCOW - Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary- rural and town based. Plus, it will be FUN!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Squires,

Jazz and Blues Festival Chair