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‘Social transformation through musical excellence’

Crashendo! Bairnsdale Inc. runs music and social development programs, which are currently based at Bairnsdale and Nungurner PS, and are for primary school aged children from East Gippsland Primary Schools. Both in-school and after school sessions are held, and the program includes group instrumental tuition, orchestra rehearsals, and pre-orchestral skills.

It is based on El Sistema, Venezuela that has been successfully running for 40 years. The five fundamentals are; social cohesion through the pursuit of musical excellence; ensembles and group striving; frequency – ie rehearsing several times a week; accessibility; and linking to other similar organisations.

We endeavour to extend the program from the current string section, to include instruments from all sections of the orchestra, and include older and younger participants and promote the program through East Gippsland.



Crashendo! Bairnsdale Youth Development Orchestra currently has approximately 20 students who come together after school twice a week to practice and extend their performance skills. We welcome the participation of any primary school aged string players who are already learning their instrument to join us along with secondary school aged string players to assist in mentoring opportunities for our young musicians.

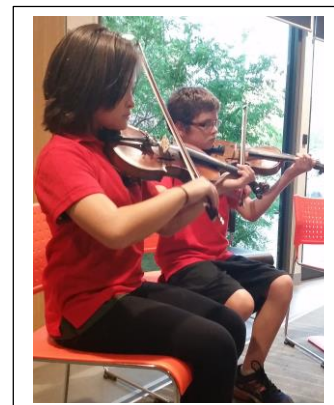
We are also excited to be beginning instrumental tuition at Nungurner PS in the near future.

This year along with new families and volunteers, Crashendo! also welcomed our new orchestral leader and coordinator Monique Calabro along with Communications and Records officer, Nigel Plunkett. They bring with them a wealth of experience and love of music.

It was also goodbye to Donrita Reefman- choral leader who has an employment opportunity in Melbourne, she will be missed but we wish her well with her new endeavours.



Crashendo!
performing at
the Bairnsdale
Library with
orchestral
leader, Monique
Calabro.



Evaluation & feedback

✓ *Classroom teachers report:* 100% of participants are more confident in class, 80% are happier, 80% have improved concentration levels, 60% work more co-operatively, 80% are more engaged in learning and 60% are achieving more successfully at school.

Participants: 100% are happy at Crashendo!, 94% feel it helps with their school work, 100% made new friends, 92% play their instrument at home, 73% of parents help them practice, 100% of parents like to listen to them play.

Fundraising

Earlier this year we presented the Gippsland film premier ‘Queen of the Desert’ as a major fundraiser. It was a very successful night – introducing Crashendo! to a wider audience and raising \$1400 to fund our ongoing program. A great night enjoyed by all. Thanks to volunteers, especially Helen Crosby, Kate Bagnato, Joy Windle and Rotary Club of Bairnsdale,

Our DGR status means donations over \$2 are tax deductible, if funds can be used in any of our programs, at our discretion.



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Out and about- a snapshot of our activities

BOOK NOW: school holiday music program - July 5, 6, 7th, Raymond Island

AustaVic Gippsland String Festival - Sunday, June 5th - a 70-strong student string orchestra!

In-school and after school program at 754 Bairnsdale PS - inc. students from 6 schools

Pre-orchestral program at Nungurner PS - soon to begin woodwind

754 end of year break up: marking 3 years of participation

Bairnsdale Christmas street parade - fun, promotional activity

Lindenow Lions Club presentation

Performances /open rehearsals at Bairnsdale Library

Marlo PS - support music/singing program, T4, 2015



Thank you to:

- Funding bodies and sponsors: Uniting Care Gippsland; Rotary Club of Mitchell River; R. M. Ansett Trust managed by Equity Trustees and E.C. White Trust, managed by Equity Trustees and Mr Armando Sorani.
- A huge thankyou to outgoing Bairnsdale PS principal Debra Herbertson for her support of Crashendo! from its inception; vice principal Jason Barton whilst Debra was on long service leave; teacher Shelly Freer for acting as liaison, and school council for their support into 2016. We also look forward to working with new principal, Trudie Nagle
- Our wonderful volunteers for their ongoing support in rehearsals, fundraising, transport and administration.
- Tutors who have delivered aspects of our program in different schools- Lynette Newman (Marlo PS), Donrita Reefman (Nungurner and 754), Liz Cook (754) and Monique Calabro (orchestra leader).
- In-kind work from the *Violineri* and *Cellissimo*, Melb. Permanent loan of 2 tympani, cymbals, drum kit & various percussion - W.L. (Bill) Horley, retired Jazz musician.

Volunteer needed!

Please support us by donating your time or expertise to assist with sessions, administration, transport, our soon to be launched website, grant writing or by becoming a committee member. Primary school aged string players are always welcome along with older string players to act as mentors for our young musicians.



Crashendo! Bairnsdale entered the Bairnsdale Christmas Street Parade. Our float was a huge success and fun was had by all.

Special thanks to the Ridder-Strickland family for instigating our participation and for all their hard work and preparations- even painting their truck.!

Left: Musicians, mentors, assistants and orchestra leader on the Crashendo float.

Contact *Crashendo! Bairnsdale* committee on crashendo@bigpond.com or co-ordinator on 0455 872 296

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