



Newsletters

We apologise that there hasn't been a NQRS Newsletter since this time last year. The society has however, been quite active in the meantime and we've maintained contact through regular emails to those on our mailing list. Inspired by a wish to share a wonderful weekend workshop on Magnetic Island in July and our plans for next year, we've decided to revive the newsletter.

Weekend Workshop 2018

Tropical Ayres - A Celebration of Recorder Playing in an Island Paradise



Pool at the Arcadia Motel

The 2017 residential workshop on Magnetic Island was so enjoyable that we decided to do it all again, same venue and same wonderful workshop leader, Ruth Wilkinson from Melbourne. We held it at the Arcadia Village Hotel-Motel which is a great venue in a superb location with very good facilities. This year, we held it on the weekend of 20-22 July, a week before the start of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music on

27 July and some interstate participants stayed on in Townsville for the Festival.



Ruth leads the recorder orchestra

This year we had 30 participants - up from 11 in 2017 - and 18 were from interstate. The great turnout was thanks to Janet and Heather spreading the good word at the Orpheus workshop in Armidale in January and to Annette Salt encouraging the Sydney recorder players to join us.



A barefoot Dan gets into the island lifestyle

We engaged Dan Murphy from Sydney to share the tutoring with Ruth with the two of

them taking the full orchestra sessions. Ruth and Dan took the more and less experience groups respectively for the split sessions.

Our tutors produced a fantastic variety of wonderful music from medieval rounds to baroque, classical and 20th century music. In Ruth's words:

We will explore music as far back as Robin Hood's England through the centuries where the recorder thrived as an ensemble instrument to the present day. Together through the music we will dance, laugh, lament and sigh as we explore and puzzle over many musical ideas.'

We did just that and had the best time. As usual, we ended with a short concert to share the pieces that we had worked on during the weekend.



Off to work we go, island style: Ruth and Dan on the car ferry

Some of the group stayed on after the weekend to sample some of the many pleasures of Magnetic Island, such as the scenic walks, wildlife, beaches, restaurants and sunset at Horseshoe Bay. Others returned to the mainland to enjoy some of the attractions of Townsville such as Reef HQ, the finals of the Concerto and Vocal Competition and the annual Australian Festival of Chamber Music.

Bi-Monthly Musical Afternoons

This year, instead of monthly workshops at St Joseph's School, North Ward, we have introduced musical après midis on the third Sunday of every second month at the homes of various members with the host getting to choose the music. These

have proved to be very popular, being both social and musical in nature.



One of the après midi venues - Anneke's place

The next après midi is being hosted by Cynthia Marsh at the Community Centre, Villa McAuley Retirement Village, 2 Acacia St, Gulliver. The Community Centre is the building directly on the left as you enter from Acacia St.

We'd like to increase the frequency of après midis to monthly in 2019, so we need more members to offer to host them or offer suggestions for interesting venues.

Library

We have a lovely collection of music in our Library which is currently stored at the home of Malcolm and Glenda Tattersall. A suggestion has been made that we select and showcase a piece of music for each après midi event. Members may borrow music any time by contacting Malcolm.

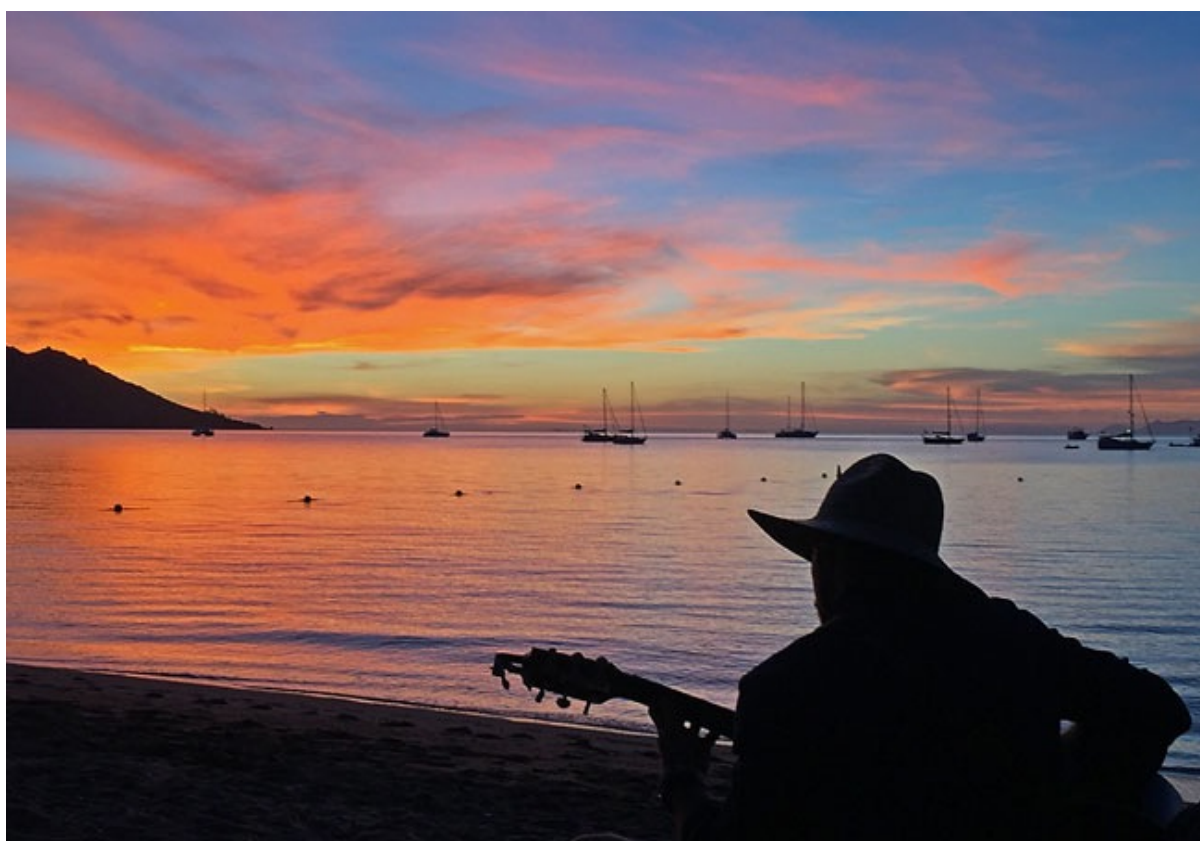
U3A Recorder Group on Magnetic Island

We recently discovered that there is U3A Record Group on Magnetic Island. The

group meets every Tuesday 1:30-3:30pm at the house of Ros Burry, 14 Bottiger St, Nelly Bay (behind the Health Clinic at 76 Sooning St). Phone Ros for information 07 4778 5082.

2019 Weekend Workshop on Magnetic Island

Full of enthusiasm after yet another great 2018 Magnetic Island workshop, we are doing it again! The planned dates are 12-14 July 2019. Ruth Wilkinson has willingly agreed to be our lead tutor again. We are exploring a variety of options to hold some interesting, educational and fun activities days prior to or after the formal workshop program. This will also include playing recorders at natural and beautiful locations across Magnetic Island.



Sunset at Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island

Unfortunately, though, despite having 30 participants, we ran a substantial financial deficit on both the 2017 and 2018 workshops. For 2019 we are reluctantly increasing the fee by \$20 for 2019: early bird \$100 for members and \$120 for non-members (includes \$20 membership fee); and \$120 and \$140 after the early bird deadline.

The [2019 Australian Festival of Chamber Music](#) takes place from Friday 26 July to

Sunday 4 August, while the [Australian Vocal and Concerto Competition](#) is usually held a week before the AFCM. There is always lots to do in Townsville in July and August: see townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au.