

## **YUM - AGM Report to KCA 2023**

12 November 2023

The Yeppoon Ukulele Movement (YUM) aims to provide a friendly inclusive supportive environment for people to sing and play the ukulele and compatible instruments. YUM contributes to the ongoing promotion and development of the ukulele in Yeppoon and surrounding areas.

YUM meets at The Hub in James St on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Membership of 20-25 has been consistent, with visitors to the area occasionally joining in.

A smaller sub-group called Flukey Ukes meets more regularly (weekly or fortnightly) at the Community Centre Garage on Tuesdays allowing YUM members opportunities to further develop musician skills and social friendships.

Two YUM meetings were held, in February and September 2023, to discuss issues and make decisions on behalf of YUM. Members took responsibility for the following outcomes:

- equipment inventory is operational and updated as required
- all electrical equipment was tested and tagged in Sep 2023 (funded by KCA)
- purchases of percussion instruments and new sound equipment are recorded and labelled
- the YUM Facebook page has been re-activated and maintained
- coordination and planning for Sunday YUM sessions has provided more structure, training and skill sharing
- new signage designs and options for publicity and promotion for YUM is in discussion at present
- application for grants to run workshops and for new equipment is planned
- YUM members ran a 4 week beginners ukulele course for 3 new students

### YUM/ Flukey Ukes Performances

In 2023, the main YUM group and the Flukey Ukes subgroup had a prominent focus in the community. None of our performances generated income, however, high satisfaction and wider public profile were experienced by YUM members.

- January Australia Day gig outside Drake's supermarket in Emu Park.
- March St Patrick's Day singalong at Krackers Yeppoon Bowls Club.
- May - Dec YUM was invited to provide ukulele accompaniment for SING4HEALTH and HAPPINESS, a singing group for people with challenging health conditions. YUM now has an ongoing weekly commitment with this group at The Coast Uniting Church, Yeppoon.
- September 10 YUM members performed and attended workshops at the three-day Lakelele Festival at Lake Monduran.  
YUM provided and set up sound gear for the recent Creek Session.
- October YUM provided musical accompaniment to singing groups from the Capricorn Coast at World Singing Day, an annual global event designed to promote unity across the world through singing.
- November YUM will perform at the Queens Fest in the Queen St Hall next week.
- December YUM will play and sing Christmas carols outside the IGA supermarket in Yeppoon.  
End of Year YUM party at Krackers Yeppoon Bowling Club

YUM did not perform at RiverFest or The Village Fest this year, but we intend applying to perform at these festivals in 2024.

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful support we receive from KCA and particularly, Dana, in managing our finances and insurance, and for providing ever ready support and advice.



YUM performs on Australia Day, 26 January 2023, outside Drake's supermarket in Emu Park.



YUM performs on St Patrick's Day, 17 March 2023, at Krackers Bowls Club, Yeppoon.





YUM performs at World Singing Day, 21 Nov 2023, at the Yeppoon beach front.



Trish Beere of YUM, teaches beginner ukulele players, Deanne Rainbird and Dolores La Spina.