



The United Music Teachers of NSW

North Western Region

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Welcome to a brand new year. By now we will all be fully into teaching and plans for the future. I'd like to thank those of you who were able to participate in the Concerts, Workshops, Competitions and Masterclasses that the Association held in 2017, and look forward to joining you all in 2018 at the various activities that we have organised.

Morning Tea for North Western Region:

Friday March 9th, 10:30am, at my house: 65 Tallowwood Ave, Cherrybrook. We will be discussing the *Piano for Leisure Series 4* books during the morning, and looking at podcasts that we can use for our own personal development. The proposed mini competition for May will also be discussed. We anticipate that this May concert will also be our audition platform for the UMT and Roger Woodward Awards Concert, that will be held at the end of June.



I also promise I will cook my lovely Jam Drop Biscuits and Lemonade scones. Nice coffee too.

Recital Concerts:

North Western Region Autumn Recital: Sunday March 25th, 1:30pm and 3:00pm, at Inala School, Franklin Rd Cherrybrook – this concert is non-competitive, purely an opportunity to perform.

(Note: North Shore Region is also holding their Autumn Recital on the same day – can't be helped due to venue availability)

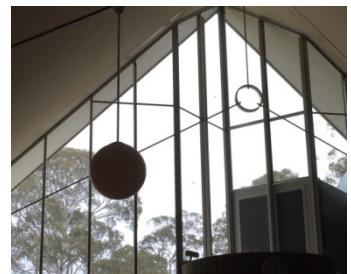
North Western Region Mini Competition and auditions for UMT/Roger Woodward Awards: Sunday May 27th, 2:00pm, at Inala School.

North Western Region Spring Recital: Sunday September 23rd, 1:30pm and 3:00pm, at Inala School, again, non-competitive.

And if everyone is happy to do so, we may have an **End of Year Round up Concert** on November 4th, with a few surprises. This is still in the planning process.

Of course we are quite excited to be holding these concerts at Inala. Inala supports individuals with disabilities, so we also support them through hiring the venue. It has beautiful grounds for afternoon tea, a lovely clean, fresh hall to perform in, and good parking. I've included some of the photos below that were in last November's newsletter.

Lovely grounds, performance area, airy windows, tree views.



Other activities planned:

Sunday May 6th: Proposed date for Professional Development with Tim Topham.



Sunday June 17th, 1:00pm and 3:00pm: North Shore Branch auditions for the UMT Awards and Roger Woodward Awards.

Sunday June 24th, 12:00pm, 2:00pm and 2:45pm: UMT Awards final, President's Award and Roger Woodward Awards final.



Sunday July 8th, 2:00pm: Senior Master Class with Tamara Anna Cislowska

Sunday August 12th, 2:00pm: Performance Day at Pitt Street (Sydney) Uniting Church, with written assessments of performances on request AND a Teachers' Concert

Sunday September 2nd: North Shore Spring Festival (Non-competitive)

Monday November 26th, 10:30am: North Shore Planning meeting

Tuesday December 4th, 11:45am: North Western Planning meeting and Christmas Lunch

We will all definitely be very busy this year, and I hope that we can share our experiences and experience together.

Details and information regarding all the workshops, concerts and masterclass will be available from the UMT website.

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