



# *The United Music Teachers of NSW*

## *North Western Region*

*An exciting new Concert venue: The Good News and the Bad News.*

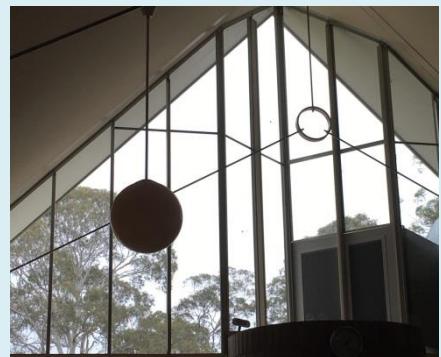
*Bad news first.*

*Last Friday we thought we had a wonderful new venue for our Student Concerts. Monday, we no longer had this option – the venue was not happy to have this kind of event. Such a shame as it was spacious but cosy, had great facilities including a Steinway Grand, and was reasonably priced.*

*Good News Next:*

*Inala in Cherrybrook are more than welcoming for us to use their very nice little performance space. It is a cosy, lovely location and grounds, plenty of parking and very nice inside. Afternoon tea would be outside the hall with picnic tables out in the grounds for those who would like to enjoy the surroundings. The instrument is an upright Yamaha, but very well maintained. Not a grand unfortunately, but very good. This venue is also very reasonably priced too. Inala supports individuals with disabilities, so we would also be supporting the school by hiring the venue.*

*Piano is in the corner, blinds on left open to a lovely garden; Closer view of performance area; Airy window, tree views*



*Plenty of space for Afternoon Tea, with lovely grounds.*



*View from ample car park towards building*



*Proposed dates will be: March 25<sup>th</sup>; June 17<sup>th</sup>; September 16<sup>th</sup>; and perhaps November 4<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to hear your opinion as to whether this is too many concerts, or just right.*

## Some highlights from the Dalcroze Workshop:

Our lively presenter, Sandra Nash

Some of the participants enjoying themselves while learning



The balance stool



This was a really amazing workshop, where we experienced movement to melody, rhythm, structure and so on. It was particularly helpful to experience rhythm through movement. Sandra Nash was such a vibrant presenter – very passionate. Thanks to Margaret McMurtrey for organising the workshop

**Autumn Concert Participants:** Two concerts – a wonderful afternoon of music performance.

Looking forward to more participants and more concerts next year.



We really want to get more happening next year (no big holidays for me!). Our aim is to give you support and friendship as we go about our very busy schedules. Join us for the Christmas Luncheon and have some relaxation time: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Bela Café, Cheltenham.

*A warm and very Merry Christmas to you all*