



Press Release: New Dimensions in Songwriting

Presentation: Friday September 23rd 1pm - 3pm
Black Box, Burrinja ~ 351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey 3158

New Dimensions in Songwriting is an exciting and innovative research partnership between the Shire of Yarra Ranges, Dandenong Ranges Music Council, Caladenia Dementia Care Mooroolbark and the University of Melbourne

Over ten weeks from March - May 2016, researchers from the University of Melbourne and a local Dandenong Ranges Registered Music Therapist (RMT) worked with clients of Caladenia's day service and their carers. Together, they wrote and recorded clients' original songs about their lives and also their experiences at Caladenia. Carers of Caladenia clients also participated, writing a poignant song about their lives with their loved ones entitled True Spirit

There will be an opportunity to listen to the songs created by Caladenia's clients and carers, to hear about the experience of the project for the Caladenia service and the wellbeing benefits and potential for similar programs in the Yarra Ranges shire and beyond

The research team from University of Melbourne is headed by Felicity Baker PhD. Felicity is Professor and Associate Dean at the Faculty of the VCA and MCM at The University of Melbourne. She is currently associate editor for the journal of music therapy and immediate Past President of the Australian Music Therapy Association. Felicity's research is focused on songwriting as a therapeutic medium and she has published extensively in this area.

The Dandenong Ranges Music Council is proudly partnered by

