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### News Update

Channel 9 Today Show visited Caledonia and DRMC's New Dimensions Song Writing Project on Monday 2 May 2016 interviewing Prof Felicity Baker about music therapy and dementia. Caledonia manager, Sarah Yeates spoke about how the project has affected participants. Stay tuned as Channel 9 is going to air this interview sometime this week.

The New Dimensions Project is a music therapy songwriting project exploring links between wellbeing, self expression, relationships and songwriting for people with early stage dementia and their carers. New Dimensions is an innovative partnership between DRMC and University of Melbourne funded by Yarra Ranges Council.

The project is planning a special event to present findings of this exciting, innovative songwriting project at Burrinja at a date to be confirmed. Professor Baker and her Master students will be analysing the data and presenting findings.

Cath Russell, Project Manager of New Dimension is 'delighted with the success of the project'. Four new songs have been co-written with Caledonia Group participants and the carers have also written a song and recorded. Caledonia is a day respite service for people with early stage dementia.



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