

Having PHUN In 2025

Parramatta & Hills Ukulele Network

Saturday PHUN at The Hills Club
Beginners & Improvers – Saturday PHUN “Learn & Jam”
 1pm to 3:30pm – Inquiries: phunforall@gmail.com

Feb. 8	Mar. 8	Apr. 12	May 10	June 14	Aug. 9
Sept. 13	Nov. 8	Dec. 13			

The PHUNstars represent PHUN through performances at Ukulele Festivals. Interested? Speak to Bob Cook. The PHUNstars meet at The Hills Club at 1pm

Jan. 18	Feb .1	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	May 17	Jun. 21
Jul. 19	Aug. 16	Sept. 20	Oct. 18	Nov. 15	Dec. 20

Thursday PHUN at The Hills Club

“Thursday PHUN” meets at The Hills (Bowling) Club
 6-18 Jenner St. Baulkham Hills. 10:30am-12:00pm
 Playbooks-Playlists-Sheets etc. Download from: phunsters.net

Term 1

Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6
Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 10

Term 2

May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	Jun. 5
Jun. 12	June 19	June 26	Jul. 3	

Term 3

July 24	Jul. 31	August 7	August 14	August 21
August 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25

Term 4

Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	

The Story Of



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The dream, and decision to form a Ukulele Group in the Parramatta and Hills district took place on the Hawaiian Island of Maui in 2007. Denise (my wife) and I visited Lahaina Music, met Jason Jerome and were inspired by his story. Jason had moved to Maui from the Mainland to begin a new life. He began playing guitar at a church that meets on the beach, and opened his own music store. Jason began serving the community through gathering locals from 8yrs to 80yrs to teach ukulele and promote musical friendship. His story inspired me and I wrote down my vision for a ukulele group here in the Parramatta & Hills district of Sydney. With the kind online help of Jennifer Nutt founder of the Hobart Ukulele Club HUG, we launched PHUN, the Parramatta & Hills Ukulele Network and had our first meeting with a handful of Beginners at Parramatta Baptist in April 2008.

PHUN's vision is: "To establish a happy, warm and friendly ukulele group that people love to attend, an open community where those who participate feel welcome, valued, encouraged and supported as they learn, play and share a ukulele-based musical journey together."

The group grew, and as it did we were given the opportunity to meet in larger spaces, eventually in the main auditorium where, at times over 100 met for wonderful afternoons of musical fun and friendship. Our Performer Group began entertaining folk in Retirement Villages, Churches and at community events. We performed at the first Blue Mountains Ukulele Festival in 2010 and at the second in 2011. Under Bob Cook's leadership The PHUNstars began representing PHUN at the BMUF and on community radio. After 14 years at Parramatta Baptist PHUN relocated to The Hills Club where about 50 of us now meet weekly for music followed by a meal.

When it comes to the ukulele, we want to help Seniors and Retirees get started, get playing and get together with others for times of musical fun and friendship, sharing stories and celebrating life. The ukulele is a very social instrument, and playing it with others is all it takes for many to find joy, and a meaningful connection with others.

I employ three Hawaiian words to describe the big idea of PHUN: "Ohana" meaning family, which includes friends, neighbours and even strangers, "Kanikapila" which means making music together, and "Aloha" which means love. We greet one another, treat one another, and say "Goodbye" to one another with Aloha. Arthur Ongley.