

“I purchased a copy of Xylo Beat Australia last year, and after an initial look through, it has been sitting on my shelf waiting for the right moment.

The moment has arrived! WOW! I love it when things come together at the right time. So many of the songs are just slotting in to the needs I have for all my classes and they are loving it!

**Tina Beh, Primary Music Teacher**

“If you could only hear the joyous singing of my students singing your songs (and Rhythms and the wonderful partwork for instruments or vocal ostinatos). They adore them. And they sound so awesome. What a rich resource! Will be used for many years to come.”

**Sophie Hodgson, Primary Music Teacher**

**Review of “Xylo Beat Australia” by Bethany Rowe in QOSA NEWS – Queensland Orff Schulwerk Association Newsletter Volume 21, No 2 August 2014:**

Ian Ross Williams is well known to classroom music teachers, particularly here in Queensland. He lives in the Sunshine coast hinterland but has had experience working in regional and Aboriginal communities. His songs are sung joyously by students throughout the country via his CDs and through ABC books. The songs engage children through effective melodic lines and lyrics which describe the Australian outback, multiculturalism and childhood adventures.

Ian is no stranger to the Orff Schulwerk scene as he has assisted QOSA with workshops in the Sunshine Coast area on various occasions. He has attended many sessions over the years, including completing his Level 2 training in 2013. One of Ian’s own pieces, “Underneath the Mango Tree”, actually features in the Level 2 course notes, so it was an absolute delight when he kindly sang and accompanied the piece for the other participants.

His latest resource is a book called “Xylo Beat Australia.” It is a collection of 20 original songs and rhymes with Orff Schulwerk style accompaniments. In the classroom, my students love bringing to life many of his pieces. Ian even took the time to visit the school and hear students play his piece, a memorable experience. “Xylo Beat Australia” is a wonderful compilation of pieces that will educate, inspire and involve the young mind.

“The arrangements are simple, yet so effective that they almost jump off the page and straight into musical action. They provide a solid platform for the music teacher to immediately engage students in the music making process – a wonderful addition to your program”. (Quote from “Xylo Beat Australia” back page).