

**INQUIRY INTO THE MUSIC AND ARTS ECONOMY IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Music in NSW.

I am in my seventies. I play with 3 concert bands and sing in another group.

I find that these activities contribute to my well being. I have a goal each week. I have fantastic contact with people on an almost daily basis. I live alone. Without these activities I could spend days, if not alone.

Music from an early age develops co-ordination and confidence. Not every child will become a star, but in my opinion music should be encouraged at school. It teaches teamwork and very simple maths. It is a fun way to learn basic numbers and train the mind in this way. It should be an essential part of the curriculum, as should all sections of art.

I used to tell my children, if you play an instrument you can change towns, even countries, walk into an amateur music group and be accepted as a player. Instant contacts if not friends made, so essential when you are alone in what can be seen as a hostile environment.

Keep music live and vibrant.