

Bruce Watson



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Bruce Watson – Ukulele teacher

Bruce Watson has been a ukulele lover for many years, leading ukulele groups, and running workshops at many music festivals and other events in Australia and NZ. He has written several songs for uke, and adapted many more of his original numbers. He has performed at many ukulele festivals, including headlining the Melbourne Ukulele Festival.

Bruce runs the highly successful [Ukelear Power](#) uke groups in Melbourne where he teaches all levels with his typical infectious enthusiasm and has created a community of keen, increasingly skilled players. Ukelear Power recently won a Golden Ukulele Award!

He would love to visit your ukulele group and add a bit of spice and variety to your group's repertoire and playing styles.

Bruce runs a range of workshops at festivals or with existing ukulele groups. Workshops are designed for people with a range of experience and skills, from beginners to professionals, and can be tailored to suit a particular target group.

[View short video about Ukulele Workshops with Bruce Watson.](#)

Ukulele Fun with songs that don't suck (All levels)

Beginners will be playing a tune in 5 minutes, and for more experienced players will pick up new techniques while having lots of fun!

I got Rhythm, Uke got rhythm (Intermediate to experienced)

Add spice to your ukulele playing by breaking out of your usual strumming patterns.

Finger Pickin' Good! (Intermediate to experienced)

There's more to playing uke than strumming! Bring out the richness and subtlety of the ukulele and add great variety to your playing with finger picking – both with chords and melodies.

Hapa Haole: Hawaii meets America (Intermediate to experienced)

Explore the complex history of the US colonisation of Hawaii and the music that came from island culture meeting Tin Pan Alley, creating the ukulele boom of the early 20th century.

Ukeoke with Bruce Watson (All levels)

Pick from around 150 songs, and Bruce will lead everybody playing and singing it together, with words and chords on screen, and a little instruction if needed. BYO uke or other instrument.

Bruce is an icon and longtime favourite of the Australian folk scene. As a singer-songwriter he has performed at more than 200 music festivals and innumerable folk clubs and other venues across Australia, NZ & the UK. He has received a stack of prestigious songwriting awards and had his songs covered by performers of the calibre of Eric Bogle, Joe Dolce, Greg Champion. He has produced 8 albums, and appears on over 20 compilation albums alongside artists such as Yothu Yindi and Christine Anu.



Reviews

Workshops

It was the best Uke workshop ever, and I've been to a few!
— Robyn, Maldon Folk Festival, Vic

We were all delighted and amazed, at our instant virtuosity. Please keep workshopping, mentoring, coaching. It's brilliant.
— Chris, Cygnet Folk Festival, Tas

The beginners' ukulele workshop was inspirational and an absolute pleasure, and I have dusted off my instrument and found a local group to join. So thank you! — Anna, Tablelands Folk Festival, Qld

We really loved the way you managed to cater for a group ranging from complete beginners to people with a good deal of musical knowledge. We all came away having learned something new and had fun too.
— Jenny & Mike, Tablelands Folk Festival, Qld

Bruce's Ukeoke concept is a wonderful exercise in community music making, and is always great fun. His energetic and encouraging leadership is inspiring.
— Oliver Hinton, Coordinator, Community Music Vic

Ukelear Power

"It's been wonderful! I came for some fun in company & came away with a new way of feeling things. What an accepting group Bruce developed." — Cath

"The combined joy, challenges and wonderful compositions keep me coming back, not to mention the lovely community of happy strummers." — Rachel

"Joining Ukelear power has been my best decision this year: Bruce puts so much skill, thought and love into crafting our music and the background materials. As a newbie, I was a bit anxious about my lack of skill, but Bruce's guidance and the warmth and good humour in the group meant I never felt uncomfortable." — Jo

"Being a part of the Ukulele Power family has been a fun way to learn and play a repertoire of songs on my ukulele. Bruce's knowledge of music and his enthusiastic approach to teaching it has been wonderful." — Lawrence

"Bruce's teaching style and simple notation makes it very easy to pick up a song quickly, and the variations that we work through provide challenges for those in the group at different levels. I love my weekly Ukelear Power class!" — Elisha

"I have really enjoyed learning a whole set of new skills playing the ukulele in just one year. Bruce's encouragement to try new techniques adds such an extra musical dimension to the many tunes. It does take effort to practice, however eventually being able to play such wonderful tunes together is immensely satisfying." — Brian



Ukelear Power!
Play & learn ukulele in West Preston

What:
A fun weekly session playing ukulele & singing
The focus is fun, but with teaching as well!
Suitable for beginners to experienced players

When: Approximately during school term times, on ...
Tuesdays 2-3pm
Thursdays 2-3pm
Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm

Where:
West Preston
(Contact Bruce for address & more details)

Website (use link or QR code):
www.brucewatsonmusic.com/ukelearpower.html

Bruce Watson:
Bruce is a well known folk musician and singer-songwriter. He has led ukulele groups and workshops for many years. He gets instant results with beginners, and brings new knowledge, skills and confidence to those with more experience.
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All welcome!

2026 Commencing 1st week of February

Winners: Golden Ukulele Award

Daytime sessions followed by informal tea/coffee chat for those who wish

Video on Bruce's uke workshops: <https://youtu.be/BTidITYqmGY>

Bruce's ukulele web page: <https://www.brucewatsonmusic.com/ukelearpower.html>

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