

Anyone looking for a musical instrument that's portable, relatively inexpensive and easy to learn would be well served by the recorder. Recorders have probably received a bit of bad press through primary school concerts over the years, however when played well they are an absolute delight.

Bathurst University of the Third Age (U3A) conducts three recorder classes, facilitated by Kay Campbell. The classes range from beginners (Discover Recorders) through somewhat experienced (Intermediate Recorders) to expert (Experienced Recorders).

Discover Recorders

An introduction to recorder playing for people who have little or no experience playing them. Easy techniques in breathing, finger placement and basic note reading is covered, gradually advancing to duet and easy ensemble pieces. Progress is kept to the ability of the beginner player.

Intermediate Recorders

This group is for people who can play recorder and read music with either descant, treble, tenor or bass recorder. Slightly more challenging pieces are played including duet and ensemble pieces.

Experienced Recorders

This group is for people who are experienced recorder players and can play one or more, either descant, treble, tenor or bass and some can play all types of recorders. More challenging music compositions are played.

These groups are a collaborative effort keeping pace with player ability. Once proficient the music is chosen by the players covering a wide range of classic, popular or sacred pieces. The classes are relaxed and offer not only musical training but also happy social interaction. A most rewarding experience for those who participate. The Bathurst U3A Recorder group perform at functions from time to time. If you have the opportunity to hear them, don't miss it.

Bathurst U3A conducts over 40 classes for people aged over 50. For more information visit Bathurstu3a.com or contact the Secretary, Sue Lasky on 6331 6968.