

Teacher Trainer's Report 2021

2021 proved an exciting year for bringing new violin teachers into the Association. Katherine Quirk and Kaelah Owens-Fleetwood began their Certificate III training and both are starting their own studios. Both Katherine and Kaelah grew up with Suzuki Method and are very promising teachers in the making!

Helen Ayres and Elizabeth Layton also attended my training class. Both of these ladies are prominent musicians in our community. Helen is a well-known professional violinist who grew up as a Suzuki student in Adelaide. She's now also a Suzuki parent. Elizabeth is a graduate of the Menuhin School and is currently Head of Strings at the Conservatorium. Both of them are committed to learning Suzuki Pedagogy and Philosophy and may become Suzuki teachers in the future.

I am also assisting Sonia Treagus and Nadia Buck to complete their Certificate IV and both hope to have this qualification in the first half of 2022. Both Sonia and Nadia are excellent teachers with wonderful students and we are very fortunate to have them in our community.

With the increase in enthusiastic and dedicated violin teachers in our Association, we are planning to pool our resources and plan at least four group lessons a year. We would welcome all teachers' violin students to these groups. We are talking about how to work together to make this happen.

Therese, Sonia and I are also planning an ensemble workshop in the mid-year holidays and a Christmas busking event for the end of the year.