



Dear Members 2024

I am extremely happy and proud of what DEAI has achieved over the past 12 months.

The hub in Loganholme has again had another 12 month lease extension to Oct 2025, allowed us to stay connected and continue brainstorming on a regular basis. Warren and Stephan are well established with their individual and group music studio's where they rehearse and coach their students. Warren has been coaching Kibria vocal training along with enhancing his guitar skills and his confidence has excelled, as can be seen in his performances at Swara and the KBF. Stephan has been tutoring Caleb with Caleb doing a wonderful job assisting at the KBF events. Gary our ukulele man, only on occasion now has been coming in to jam with Waz which gives us a greater understanding of what frequencies he resonates too, helping to enhance these young individuals' lives. We still hear Warren warming-up his vocals for gigs and rehearsing for many hours on some days.

The equipment relating to a second grant (Round 117) from The Gambling Community Fund for an additional \$25,747, has been purchased and well established. Many other grants have been unsuccessful, but Jen and I are learning heaps about grant applications. DEAI is now well entrenched with Logan Council and the Kingston Butter Factory venue, where we have just finalized our first (Series 1) workshops. ETC for their \$5000 pre-production support, T-shirts, coming to one of our events with their filming crew and much more. Blue Bus, Phoenix and CVH for their continued support.

We're still partnered with Swara, with currently DEAI developing its business and marketing model to hopefully return to fortnightly performances ASAP. Swara management are always impressed and enthusiastic about growing and sharing this concept.

Much more has happened this year and I would like to sincerely thank our Committee Members for all your input, time, and work over the past 12 months, each, and every one of you play a huge role in DEAI and I look forward to what we achieve over the next 12 months.

- Thanks, Peter, for supporting us when required.
- Matt and Shane for supporting our financial system.
- Warren for all creative development and the many hours of discussions of an evening at the hub.
- Stephan for stepping up to manage and help develop DEAI to a more productive and credible NFP organisation..
- Bernie for your research, technical and analytical support.
- Jen for your many hours at the computer grant writing, doing research, composing newsletters, minutes etc.

This project and with our greater understanding of the complexity of this venture, we are allowing many people living with disabilities to enjoy and interact with live musical entertainment.

Well done everyone!

Regards

Mick Lissemore (President)