# Bruce Watson



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## Bruce Watson — Ukulele teacher

Bruce Watson is an icon and longtime favourite of the Australian folk scene. As a singer-songwriter he has performed at more than 200 music festivals as well as 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 of original songs, and appears on over 20 compilation albums alongside artists such as Yothu Yindi and Christine Anu.

Bruce has been a ukulele lover for many years, leading ukulele groups, and running ukulele workshops at many music festivals and other events. He has written several songs for uke, and adapted many more of his original numbers.

Bruce runs the highly successful <u>Ukelear Power!</u> uke groups where he teaches all levels with his typical infectious enthusiasm and has created a community of keen, increasingly skilled players.

Bruce also runs what he calls 'Ukeoke' sessions, where participants choose songs from a huge playlist, with songs projected onto a big screen. Just like karaoke, except we all do it together at the same time. Lots of fun and silliness to be had by all!

### **Reviews**

#### Workshops

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

We were all delighted and amazed, at our instant virtuosity. Please keep workshopping, mentoring, coaching. It's brilliant.

Chris, Cygnet Folk Festival, Tas

#### Ukeoke

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 Great fun and interesting. Love all the resources you provide. — Bridget

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

Bruce's web page: www.brucewatsonmusic.com







