



Capital of Australia Mandolinata

INFORMATION for COZYMO Learning Group Participants

COZYMO, the Capital of Australia 'Youth' Mandolinata, is for players who are 'young' in age and/or in playing experience and/or theory.

COZMO is COZMO's Learning Group and offers programs at two levels:

- COZYMO Learning Group (Continuing) for players with at least a year of lessons or equivalent playing ability, who would like to start playing in an ensemble setting – i.e. with other players of their instrument and players of other instruments in a mandolin ensemble. Having you join the COZMO ensemble as your playing ability increases is our goal and we hope it will be yours!
- COZYMO Learning Group (Beginning) for brand-new beginners and those with virtually no playing experience, who are keen to start learning to play mandolin or guitar, with a view to progressing to the Playing Group, and later joining COZMO as playing ability increases.

COZYMO is for people of all ages who have been wanting to learn to play the mandolin (or mandola or mandocello), guitar or bass but may have been a little nervous about actually making the start, or who have been playing by themselves but now want the fun of playing or learning how to play with others.

The AIMS of COZYMO are to provide an opportunity for people to begin to learn how to play a mandolin-ensemble instrument, to foster their interest in and appreciation of mandolin ensemble playing and to develop their instrumental and ensemble skills with a view to becoming members of the COZMO Ensemble.

COZYMO Learning Group SESSIONS are held each Sunday from 4 to 5pm in school term time at the Hellenic Club In The City, 13 Moore St., Canberra (Atlas Room). Afterwards, you might like to socialise in the club's Café or Bistro and enjoy a coffee or a meal. The first session of each term is held on the Sunday before the start of the first week of each school term, plus 7 or 8 further Sessions per term, i.e. about 16 or 17 per Semester (depending on MD's overseas commitments).

COZYMO PARTICIPANTS will get the most out of COZYMO sessions (and have the most fun!) if they:

- are keen to learn how to play the mandolin or guitar well enough to play simple tunes with others;
- want to work on developing a fair to good level of instrumental technique that will allow them to express the rhythm and mood of the music;
- are interested in learning how to read musical notation;
- make sure that they can attend most/all of the sessions – and bring their own music stand and other equipment each time;
- are able to communicate by email and can check the Members & Participants Only page of COZMO's website (at <http://COZMO.org.au>) during the week to read/act on the weekly *Session Notes*, and print PDFs of new music etc. when needed, read announcements etc; and
- bring all necessary equipment to each Session: an A4 Folder (with printouts etc), music stand, tuner, pencil, eraser.

PROSPECTIVE NEW COZYMO PARTICIPANTS are invited to book and pay for a place each Semester, at least one week prior to the start of a new Semester, by contacting the Secretary of COZMO (0421 043 082 or secretary@cozmo.org.au). Note that places are limited for our COZYMO Learning Group programs, as a smaller group size gives each of our participants the best chance to learn.

COZYMO PARTICIPATION FEE: As with most organisations or clubs, we levy fees to defray tuition and other costs. The Participation Fee is \$120 per Semester, payable during the week before the start of a new Semester program or by 'cob' of the day of our first Session. Our Semester-length programs provide 16-17 Sessions including a final end-of-Semester in-house Winter concert (Semester 1) or Summer concert (Semester 2) given by the COZMO ensemble and COZYMO Participants – no pressure, great fun!

- Semester 1 comprises Terms 1 and 2 of the school year, and
- Semester 2 comprises Terms 3 and 4 of the school year.

COZMO WEBSITE: cozmo.org.au. Password access to the Members and Participants Only page will be provided to new participants via email, upon payment of the Semester Participation Fee.