

PINNACLE 2025 Orff-Schulwerk National Conference: A Recap from the Co-Convenors



The 22nd Biennial ANCOS National Conference, *PINNACLE 2025 – Reaching Musical Heights in Orff-Schulwerk*, held in Perth from January 6-9 at the Parmelia Hilton concluded with resounding success. Hosted by Western Australia, this exciting event brought together music educators from across Australia and beyond for an innovative journey of collaboration, creativity, and inspiration.

As co-convenors, we are honoured to convene this significant event on behalf of ANCOS and WAOSA. This conference represented an opportunity to give back to a community that has enriched our professional lives and to support our members in their teaching endeavors.



PINNACLE 2025 offered a diverse program of presentations and workshops led by excellent Orff practitioners. The headline APEX presenters—Robyn Staveley, Wolfgang Hartmann, and Estevao Marques delivered sessions that captivated audiences with their energy and deep knowledge. SUMMIT presenters Alice Csabi, Andy Stewart, Marcus Perozzi, and Susie Davies-Splitter offered creative and practical insights, equipping educators with innovative strategies to implement in their classrooms. Our PEAK presenters captivated our delegates with their ideas and activities.

Various social events were included to further engage the Orff community and building connections, such as the folk-dance evening, welcome reception and conference dinner too. A special highlight was the Poolwerks session led by Michael Aquilina, which provided virtual delegates with an engaging and entertaining experience. Michael's dedication to ensuring virtual inclusivity added another layer of accessibility and connection to the event.



The conference's success was made possible by the generous support of sponsors and traders, including platinum sponsors Music EDnet, Optimum Percussion, and the Parmelia Hilton.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated PINNACLE 2025 Organising Committee and WAOSA Committee for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the success of the conference. Led by President Andy Stewart and Vice President Anita Newhouse, this incredible team included Alice Chaney, Amanda Johnston, Amelia Verlato, Annette McKerrow, Ash Bisdee, Chad Beins, Lauryn Stanlake, Eboney Yapp, Kailee Marshall, Katherine Anson, Michelle Beins, Natalie Tran, Steph Balfour, Tanya Harte, and Gavin Poole. Your collaboration, creativity, and passion made PINNACLE 2025 an unforgettable experience for all who attended. Thank you for your hard work in bringing this remarkable event to life!

We look forward to seeing you at the next ANCOS national conference in 2027 - Flow in Queensland!