

Gavan Moncrieff

Gavan was born in Melbourne but started learning music when he moved to Queensland at the age of 10. He began learning the Clarinet and playing in concert bands at school. A highlight for Gavan at that time was performing at the Expo 88 opening ceremony for the Queen.

As the years passed Gavan became interested in playing the drums. It was in Year 7 while on music camp that Gavan first developed his love for percussion. Soon after, he saved up all his pocket money for his paper round and purchased his first drum kit and started a rock band. For the rest of his high school days Gavan play clarinet and percussion in school concert bands, community orchestras, brass bands and rocks bands.

After secondary school Gavan studied and successfully complete a Bachelor of Music Performance in Percussion at the Victorian College of the Arts. It was in his last year of the course that he started teaching at schools in Melbourne and, following the completion of his University degree began teaching in Bendigo at Girton Grammar. During the last 15 years Gavan has lived in Bendigo and has been teaching at Girton Grammar (1997 – 2008) and for the Bendigo Instrumental Music Program (2001 - present) where he now co-coordinates the program with Jane Geddes.

Gavan has been performing in Bendigo over the last 15 years in many bands and ensembles playing various styles of music including orchestral, symphonic band, big band, jazz, rock and blues. Gavan currently plays regularly in The Regular Joes (Cover Band) and Mockbells (Blues and Funk). 🎵