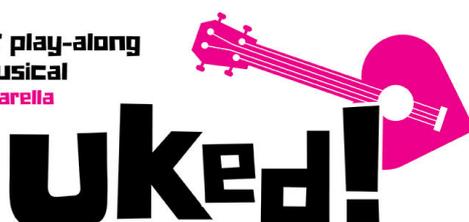


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**The FIRST play-along  
ukulele musical  
by Jane Cafarella**



***A MUST SEE! Take your uke join in, sing or smile along. A GREAT NIGHT...Laughed a lot. – Michelle Robie, Castlemaine***

***Rebecca is brilliant as Karla and Pete does an equally amazing job performing nearly everyone else! Please do yourself a favour and go see this show.- Kaye Nankervis, Eaglehawk***

## **A kooky ukey love story - coming to Newham, near Hanging Rock**

**After a sell-out premiere season in Guildford in June, *Uked!*- The first play-along ukulele musical is coming to the Newham Mechanic's Institute for three nights only - Friday August 23 at 7.30pm, and Saturday August 24 and Sunday August 25 at 3pm.**

*Uked!* is the hilarious and poignant story of Karla, who is dumped on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by her violin-playing boyfriend, Brian. Desperate to belong and prove her musical worth, Karla buys a ukulele and joins a dating site - learning that love and the ukulele have a lot in common.

Castlemaine actor/singer Rebecca Morton stars as Karla, with Bendigo musician and ukulele teacher Pete Gavin starring as all her YouTube ukulele teachers and dating interests, together with cameo appearances from Guildford's Tex 'Turkey' and Fi Chant. With direction by Natalie Bate of Elphinstone, and co-direction by Rebecca Morton, *Uked!* has earned rave reviews for its premiere season.

Writer/producer Jane Cafarella says, "*Uked!* is a story that resonates with everyone. Karla is one of those people who's fallen through the cracks of life. She's never married, never had kids and never had a career. The world is changing and she's struggling to find her place in it. I wrote the show for all the Karla's out there, and as an antidote to the misery of the news."

Audience members can sit back and enjoy the show OR they can bring their ukes and sing and play along with Karla. A screen displays all the chords and lyrics for the sing-along songs, and chord diagrams decorate the hall.

Those who have always wanted to tread the boards can register to be on stage playing Karla's fellow club members. [uked.beintheshow@gmail.com](mailto:uked.beintheshow@gmail.com) (Eight places only!)

Newham Mechanic's Institute is 8km north-east of Woodend, near Hanging Rock, and 65km north east of Melbourne near – perfect for a weekend getaway.

**Seating is limited. Don't miss out! Book now: <http://bit.ly/GetUkedatNewham>**

**More information: 0408 880 185**