

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### DON SPENCER AND THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN MUSIC FOUNDATION (ACMF) RELEASE EXCITING NEW MUSIC EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES

Legendary children's entertainer **Don Spencer OAM** is known and loved by families across Australia as long-time former host of ABC TV Show Play School. Don's charity organisation, the **Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF)** is excited to announce the launch of a range of educational resources that are engaging, entertaining - and support the delivery of **much-needed music education** to children across Australia. Available from April 2021 – they feature a host of Don's beloved original children's songs: like "Feathers, Fur or Fins", "Bush Tucker", "Crocodile", and more.

An expert at working with children through music and musical play, Don started the Australian Children's Music Foundation 19 years ago - when he was struck by the incredible potential that music has to engage children with learning, and to improve a child's mental and emotional wellbeing.

The ACMF's in-depth educational resource kits are packed with backing tracks to each song, **lyrics and suggested actions, sheet music, and lesson plans** that will encourage active listening, and meaningful discussion. Each resource is designed to develop students' knowledge, literacy, and creativity – offering a plethora of complementary arts and craft ideas and recipes.

For example, the ACMF's timely **Anzac Day** educational resource includes a medley of Anzac Day songs that invite students to reflect on what it must have been like for the soldiers at war. Not only are the songs enjoyable to sing (and suitable for school assemblies), but they are fabulous learning tools that introduce history, customs, and new language to children.

The challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic have highlighted the need for unique and accessible educational resources, that help keep young people actively engaged in learning. **Committed to prioritising music education**, the ACMF have responded by giving educators access to lessons that boost literacy and language, enhance fine motor skills, foster increased focus and memory, and build trust, teamwork, resilience, and confidence.

Through their new suite of educational resources - the ACMF aims to further its charitable mission, giving more children access to music education.

**The Australian Children Music Foundation's educational resource packs will be available to purchase from the ACMF website [www.acmf.com.au/educationalresources](http://www.acmf.com.au/educationalresources) from late April 2021.**

#### About the Australian Children's Music Foundation

The ACMF is a not-for-profit organisation that uses the power of music to enrich the lives of Australian children and youth at risk, particularly the disadvantaged and Indigenous. It provides free tuition and instruments, with music programs across Australia – including within Juvenile Detention Centres, disadvantaged schools in cities, remote areas, and Indigenous and isolated schools and communities.

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