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The ORC turns TEN

The Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) certainly knows how to put on a party and, celebrating its tenth birthday this year, director Graham Sattler is inviting the community to share in the festivities.

Since 1999, the Orange Regional Conservatorium has been operating as the Community Music Resource for the Central West region.

From modest beginnings, as a response to the community's desire for locally-based, quality instrumental and vocal tuition, the organisation has developed as a comprehensive centre of music education excellence, accessible to all, providing music education and performance opportunities to the Central West and beyond.

Now, with ten years of music education and providing the community with more than 300 memorable performances, the ORC is having a party.

"The children's prom concert – The Little Symphony has been a major event for the ORC for several years," explains ORC assistant director Andrew Baker. "We thought it would be fitting to hold our birthday party while our youngest supporters are at the venue."

"The two Little Symphony concerts give children an educational and inspirational insight into classical music and this year we'll make sure a classical version of Happy Birthday is included in the repertoire along with a piece of birthday cake for every audience member."

Prior to these concerts, the Friends of the ORC will hold an early morning fete in the extensive ORC carpark. ORC Friends committee member Juanita Howeth is looking forward to a festive day.

"We're holding an old fashioned fete with stalls, a sausage sizzle, Devonshire tea, a jelly bean competition and Minties rapper tearing competition," she says. "It's a great opportunity for the community to get together and celebrate this fantastic resource that makes Orange such a cultural attraction to families."

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Media note: The ORC birthday fete, the ORC carpark, will run from 8.30am to 11.00am on Saturday 6 June and is free to attend. The Little Symphony concerts are on at 11.00am and 1.30pm. Tickets are available from Book City, Summer Street (next to the post office) and cost \$8 for adults and children. Children under 18 months are free.

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