

Email from The Victorian Recorder Guild, sent 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Dear friends

We are writing to let you know that the organising group has decided we need to postpone Recorders 2015 to a later year, hopefully not too much later. We are still actively working on the planning, in conjunction with a new Australia-wide reference group.

Our difficulty is that we need to get external grants to subsidise the cost of bringing international performers to Melbourne, so that the event is affordable for prospective participants. Almost all the bodies we could approach for grants require us to have tax deductible (DGR) status – being a not for profit organisation isn't enough.

In July 2013, the VRG applied to be included on the Register of Cultural Organisations, which would give us DGR status, but our application is still with the Government and we still do not know whether or when it will be approved.

We need more certainty about our finance before we can book tutors, purchase airfares, and advertise registration.

We will keep you posted. In the meantime, do keep an eye on our Facebook page (still titled [www.facebook.com/recorders2015](http://www.facebook.com/recorders2015)). We are currently using this breathing space to rethink the shape of the program and we would appreciate your ideas.

It would be great if you could pass on this news to people you know, and encourage them to join our mailing list and contribute to the Facebook discussion.

Best regards

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