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Community Recognition Statement

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RAINBOW CONNECTION SINGING GROUP

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It's no secret that both listening to and performing music can be therapeutic, offering a powerful avenue for mental stimulation and emotional expression.

One local singing group has been making the lives of local aged care residents a little brighter by singing their favourite songs and doing some skits to make them laugh for the past 16 years.

Formed in 2005, the Rainbow Connection singing group have been voluntarily singing for residents in homes right across the Hunter.

The 16 women, Narelle Chesterfield, Hazel Pratten, Fay Holm, Pamela Fletcher, Nancy McLean, Rosalyn Burns, Roma Holmes, Patricia Kelly, Gwendolyn Adams, Moira Campbell, Liz Gibson, Kylie Bryant, Pat Oliver, Lesley Riddell, Judy Knox and Josie Broughton, aged between 47 and 83, spend every Tuesday practising their songs before hitting the road to visit local homes, clocking up thousands of kilometres at their own expense.

The COVID-19 pandemic may have seen the group have a quiet last 12 months, but they are now back on the road and have begun to entertain the local residents once again.

Congratulations and thank you for your tireless community work, entertaining the local aged care residents.