

BONDI JUNCTION

# Music man strums up help

## GUITAR SWAP BRINGS HOPE

Zilka Grogan

WHEN Philip Feinstein arrived at Villawood detention centre, its music room was an empty double garage with only a ping-pong table.

More than three years on, Mr Feinstein has sourced five pianos, 45 guitars and other instruments to teach music to the stressed and often dispirited detainees.

And he owes much of his work to generous donations from members of the eastern suburbs community.

He recently received a saxophone which he deemed unsuitable for the detainees, many of whom come from Middle Eastern backgrounds.



Lucy Romain has swapped a sax for five guitars to give to Villawood detention centre music teacher Philip Feinstein.

Picture: JOHN APPELYARD

Bondi Junction music shop Prestige Musical Instruments has agreed to exchange the sax for five new guitars and five cases.

This time, the guitars will go to Hobart detention centre Pontville.

"It just goes back to my philosophy that people in

detention, whether young or old, have a lot of stress. I really do believe that music helps," Mr Feinstein said.

"I don't get involved with

the political side; I get involved on the human side."

**CAN YOU HELP?** Email philip9@bigpond.net.au

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## Give one of our workers a job

JOB seekers have responded – now it's time for employers to come to the party in NewsLocal's Vote 1 Jobs campaign.

Businesses have been urged by our campaign partner, non-profit employment agency WPC Group, to forget the election and start hiring again.

"We are overwhelmed with people looking for work," WPC chief executive Nicholas Wyman said.

"But many employers are sitting on their hands waiting to see the result of the election before making any hiring decisions.

"For astute employers, now is a great time to pick up some talent."

Vote 1 Jobs aims to find 50 new jobs for NewsLocal readers during the election campaign period, with the focus on young people.

To register go to [votel1.jobs.com.au](http://votel1.jobs.com.au).

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