



**MUSICAL MAYHEM:** Composer Ralph Hultgren beside the new percussion instrument created to perform the new musical piece *Cyclone*. Picture by NATASHA HOLLAND nh4/404/2

## World firsts

By NATASHA HOLLAND

YEPPOON launched not one but two world premiers of musical compositions at the weekend.

Yeppoon State School and Taranganba Primary School bands played for the first time their own musical compositions written for them by composer Ralph Hultgren.

Mr Hultgren held a workshop/competition a year ago for high and primary school bands and the two Capricorn Coast schools were the winners.

Mr Hultgren, head of pre-tertiary studies at Queensland Conservatorium, said he was thrilled with the musical talent of the two bands. *Cyclone* was written for the high school band and a new percussion instrument was also developed for the piece to give new sound effects.

"*Cyclone* is a very theatrical piece that involves loud sounds and lights of the journey of the cyclone," he said.

*Cinque Quattro — alla Marcia* was written for and performed by the Taranganba Primary School band.

"It's a majestic concert march that is very uplifting," Mr Hultgren said.