



# BER PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

## LEADS TO EXCITING NEW MUSIC BUILDING

Dandenong Ranges Music Council is now on the cusp of vibrant and exciting new creative initiatives with the completion of the Monbulk Arts Centre. This innovative building is the result of a partnership with Monbulk Public School. Principal Ray Yates went to bat to get the government to set aside its rules and agree to an innovative design that would serve the particular needs of the community and the partnership.

Ray says 'The whole school and wider community can't wait to enjoy this amazing building and all it has to offer for visual arts and music education, workshops, rehearsals, after school care and performances'.

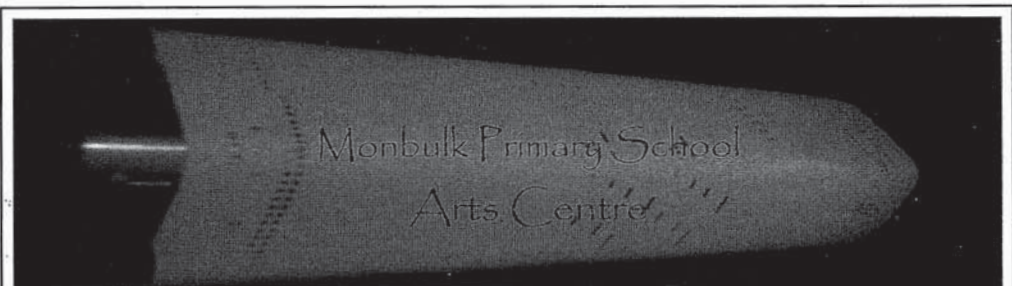
Dandenong Ranges Music Council chair Norma Durrant comments that 'The partnership between DRMC, MPS, the government and the community shows what can be done when we all work together, share resources and harness the energy of schools and community music'.

Ray Yates is our sort of principal. He believes that it is through the Arts and particularly music that we complete the education of the *whole child*.

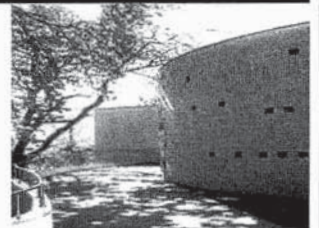
'Music gives children:

- Success in society
- Success in school
- Success in developing intelligence
- Success in life.

'That is why we used our BER funding to create a Music Arts centre to be shared with our students and the community. We have completed a unique partnership with the Dandenong Ranges Music Council.'



A school and community shared facility funded by the Federal Government Building the Education Revolution. The Centre is a partnership between Monbulk Primary School and Dandenong Ranges Music Council serving the Yarra Ranges community.



The design of the Centre has been a collaboration between Mantric Architecture, Monbulk Primary School and Dandenong Ranges Music Council. The building is a strong expression of the arts representing the form of a grand piano and façade embellished with reproduction of a pianola roll playing our National Anthem of "Advance Australia Fair".

The Centre will provide for integrated programming of school and community music programs. It features a large performance space, acoustic instrumental rooms, community music office, before and after school care, and a visual arts studio. Adjacent to the 'Monbulk Primary School Arts Education Centre' is the 'Learning and Living Centre' developed by the community in 2010 with the support of Federal & State Government, Shire of Yarra Ranges and the School. The new Centre provides Council offices, Preschool Centre, Maternal and Child health, Senior Citizens Club Room, multipurpose rooms for community use and Library Services. The co location of community, education and Shire services will foster multi disciplinary communication, new networks, innovative projects and creative industry development.

