



Dandenong Ranges Music Council Inc



CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
Bells of Peace

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Music inspiring a peaceful future

The 'Bells of Peace' song and Federation Bells rang out at Birrarung Marr for the International Day of Peace.

The Dandenong Ranges Music Council was centre stage as children from Tecoma Primary School, Belgrave South Primary School, Kallista Primary School, Upwey High School and members of Vocallista, Tecoma Peace Choir and Southgate Singers combined in a massed choir singing the 'Bells of Peace'.

The 'Bells of Peace' song was originally developed in 2015 through workshops with children from the Yarra Ranges Primary Schools with professional community music artist John Shortis.

In 2017 funding from Creative Victoria has supported the creative development of the song by choral arranger Kate Sadler and bells composer Karen Berger.

The Deputy Lord Mayor of Melbourne Arron Wood officially welcomed the choir and audience to the performance for the International Day of Peace, 'the City of Melbourne is proud to support events such as this, and the work of the Dandenong Ranges Music Council to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace within and among all nations and people through music. It's so wonderful to hear our magnificent Federation Bells ringing out this song straight from the creative of minds of our young students. Music is a wonderful way to teach children about the past and inspire them to lead the way for a peaceful future.'

Chair of the Dandenong Ranges Music Council Ray Yates said it was an exceptional day for community music and the DRMC. He highlighted the involvement in the choir of students from the 2015 project, 'with our creative young people a confidence in our future blossoms'

At the end of the song the bells of St Paul's Cathedral rang out to carry the message of peace far and wide.

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Mayor of the Yarra Ranges Noel Cliff was overjoyed with the performance and opportunity for Yarra Ranges to take centre stage in the City of Melbourne. 'The Bells of Peace song has reached new heights with the beautiful choral harmonies and bells composition.'



The creative development of the Bells of Peace is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.