

This year Molonglo Plains aimed its Young Arts program at young musicians and singers in our area. This was a shift of focus from previous years when we had lent financial support to dance programs in small rural schools and a young artists' exhibition.

The successful applicant for our Young Arts grant was a local music school – Marie-Cecile’s Music School in Jerrabomberra, NSW. Marie-Cecile Henderson, an accomplished singer and musician herself, who proposed we support funding a professionally staged concert for her music students – 90 students ranging from the age of 6 to 17 years, and including 10 special needs students. Working in conjunction with Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council, ArtsNational Molonglo Plains supported this idea to the tune of \$2000. We believed the opportunity for these young artists to perform in the professional atmosphere of the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan would give a tremendous boost to not only their own self esteem and musical ambitions but also raise the profile of our Molonglo Plains Society as a prominent contributor to the artistic life of the Queanbeyan community.

The concert was held on Sunday 12 November and was a tremendous success with full houses for the entire afternoon's performance.



ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Young Arts Program 2024

In 2023, the ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Young Arts program supported a local music school to mount a fully professional student concert in the Queanbeyan Q Theatre. What an experience for these young singers and musicians, performing to their families and community in a 500-seat theatre with professional lighting and sound! Our own raffle funds plus a successful grant application from the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council resulted in financial support of \$2000 towards this venture. We hope to provide ongoing support to this group in 2024.

