

# Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

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## Magnificent Donation to Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

The **Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre** is the proud beneficiary of a new **Roland KR-577 keyboard** valued at \$9000, which has been donated free to the centre courtesy of **Roland Australia**.

This magnificent instrument will enable the **Penrith Conservatorium of Music** to introduce into their teaching program their new computer course in Term 2 entitled **Mastering Music**.

**The Roland KR-577** newly developed sounds, is the most expressive keyboard available with easy operation through an easy-view touch screen combine to literally place the KR-577 in a class of its own. A maximum 128 notes, means that even the most complex of piano passages will be re-produced exactly as you play them, including while a fully orchestrated backing accompaniment is playing.

This innovative instrument utilises new musical styles ranging from simple piano to rock groups, jazz ensemble to full orchestrated big bands. It has a score display feature; after recording your performance, the notation will display on the screen. Additionally, it also helps when composing and arranging using the on-board multi-track recorder, as it displays your musical sequence.

**John Kirkman, CEO of Penrith Performing & Visual Arts** said *"The Roland KR-57 keyboard is a magnificent musical instrument on every level and will be a wonderful addition to the learning facilities available at the centre. Importantly it will become an integral part into the new computerised technology course for students attending the Penrith Conservatorium of Music"*

**For more information about the Mastering Music course at the Penrith Conservatorium of Music contact Valda Silvy on 4723-7604.**

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