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KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Australia

Place	State	Dedication	
Bowral	NSW	Uniting Church	Location/supply of two bells.
Bundaberg	QLD	Christ Church	Location/supply of a bell.
Camden	NSW	St Paul	Location/supply of two bells.
Darwin	NT	St Mary's, Star of the Sea	Location/supply of four bells.
Eastwood	NSW	St Philip	Location/supply of five bells.
Fremantle	WA	The Roundhouse	Location/supply of a bell.
Fremantle	WA	University of Notre Dame	Location/supply of a bell.
Goulburn	NSW	St Saviour	Location/supply of a bell.
Green Point	NSW	Chapel	Location/supply of a bell.
Griffith	NSW	St Alban	Location/supply of two bells.
Hobart	NSW	St David	Location/supply of a bell.
Ingleburn	NSW	Holy Family	Location/supply of a bell.
Katoomba	NSW	St Canice	Location/supply of four bells.
Katoomba	NSW	St Hilda	Location/supply of three bells.
Lismore	NSW	St Andrew	Location/supply of a ring of bells.
Manuka	ACT	St Paul	Location/supply of three bells.
Menangle	NSW	St James	Location/supply of seven bells.
Orange	NSW	Holy Trinity	Location/supply of five bells.
Palmerston	NT	Our Lady Help of Christians	Location/supply of four bells.
Parramatta	NSW	St Patrick	Location/supply of a ring of bells.
Perth	WA	The Bell Tower	Location/supply of exhibits.
Perth	WA	Karrakatta Cemetery	Location/supply of a bell.
Richmond	NSW	St Peter	Location/supply of six bells.
Rosemeadow	NSW	Our Lady Help of Christians	Location/supply of five bells.
Singleton	NSW	All Saints	Location/supply of five bells.
Sydney	NSW	St James	Location/supply of a bell.
Sydney	NSW	St Augustine, Balmain	Location/supply of four bells.
Sydney	NSW	St Gabriel, Bexley	Location/supply of three bells.
Sydney	NSW	St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill	Location/supply of a bell.
Sydney	NSW	Holy Family, Lindfield	Location/supply of four bells.
Sydney	NSW	St Leonard, Naremburn	Location/supply of a ring of bells.
Wagga Wagga	NSW	St John	Location/supply of three bells.

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Bowral, NSW, Uniting Church



During 2013 the Australian TV network “ABC” broadcast a program about the bell installation project at Naremburn, NSW. Interest was aroused at the Uniting Church and a light ring of six bells was installed during 2014.

We located the 5th and tenor bells of the ring of six. The 5th came from the now demolished hospital chapel at Devizes, Wiltshire, UK and the tenor is an ex-Trinity House buoy bell. The 3rd & 4th were formerly part of the Canberra carillon and the two trebles are new bells. The ring was dedicated on 27th September 2015.



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Bundaberg, QLD, Christ Church



Prior to 2019 Christ Church had a single bell weighing 14.5cwt hung for full-circle ringing. During 2018/19 five treble bells were added to create a ring of six. The Diocese of Chichester donated a bell from the redundant church of Holy Trinity, Hove which is now the 4th of the ring and four newly cast bells were added to complete the ring.



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Camden, NSW, St Paul



A light ring of six bells with a tenor weight of approximately 150kg was installed during 2015 at St Paul's RC church. The Trust donated the tenor and supplied the 2nd bell. The remaining bells were newly cast during 2013.



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Darwin, NT, St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral



A ring of six bells with a tenor weight 282kg has been installed and rung for the first time on Saturday 20th August 2022. The Keltek Trust donated the heaviest four bells which were cast by Taylor's of Loughborough during 1935. The ring is the first ring of bells hung for full-circle ringing in the Territory. Photograph courtesy of Ron Shepherd.



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Eastwood, NSW, St Philip



It is planned to install a light ring of six bells with a tenor weight of approximately 200kg. We have offered several bells including the proposed tenor bell.



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Fremantle, WA, The Roundhouse



We have located a bell for the former prison. Photo © Shirley Burbidge.



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Fremantle, WA, University of Notre Dame



We have supplied a bell to replace a cracked bell at the chapel of Holy Spirit. Photo © Carol Eaton.



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Goulburn, NSW, Cathedral church of St Saviour



The ring of ten bells was augmented to twelve during 2005. One of the trebles is a surplus bell located by the Trust.



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Green Point, NSW, Chapel



A bell ex-Upton, Somerset, St James old church was installed for chiming in the chapel during 2016. The historic bell was cast by Roger Semson circa 1550. Photographs: the chapel © Ron Shepherd and the bell © Bob Parker.



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Griffith, NSW, St Alban



The Trust located the 5th and tenor bells of the ring of six. The 5th was part of the ring of eight bells removed from Gosport, Holy Trinity in 1990. The tenor came from Bath, St Saviour when the ring was remodelled into a lighter eight.



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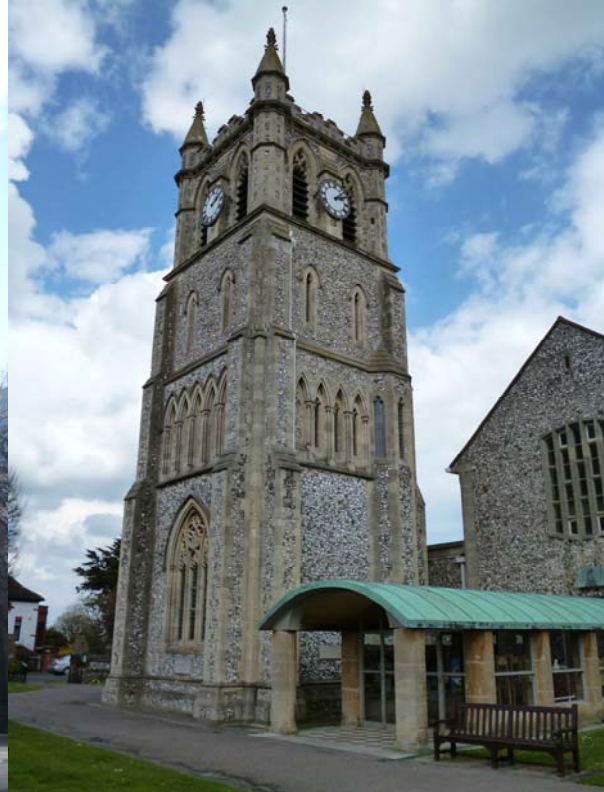
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Hobart, Tasmania, Cathedral church of St David



St David's Cathedral, Hobart



St John, Meads, Eastbourne

The ring of eight bells at St David's Cathedral were augmented to ten in 2004 by adding a treble, tenor and replacing the old 2nd and 6th bells. The new tenor bell previously hung at St John's church, Meads, Eastbourne until it was removed in 1997. The pre-2004 bell-frame has been installed at St Leonard, Naremburn, NSW when the ring of six bells was installed during April 2013.



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Ingleburn, NSW, Holy Family



A light ring of six bells has been installed at the church of the Holy Family. The tenor bell is an ex-Trinity House buoy bell donated by the Keltek Trust. The bells were rung for the first time on Sunday 18th November 2018.



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Katoomba, NSW, St Canice



It is planned to install a light ring of five bells with a tenor weigh of approximately 3cwt (150kg) at the RC church of St Canice. The back four bells are being donated by the Keltek Trust. Photograph courtesy of Tom Perrins.



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Katoomba, NSW, St Hilda



A ring of six bells has been installed at St Hilda's church and rang out for the first time on Christmas Eve 2016. A bell cast by Taylor's in 1949 was the first bell to be located for the ring and it together with a newly cast bell were donated in memory of Sarah Stonehouse. The tenor bell was also located and acquired by the Keltek Trust.



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Lismore, NSW, St Andrew



Lismore, Australia, is a regional city situated on the Wilson River on the far north coast of New South Wales, approximately 40 kms inland from Australia's most easterly point, Cape Byron. Lismore was first settled in 1845 by William Wilson and understood to be named by his wife after her Scottish Island home of Lismore in Loch Linne, near the island of Mull. Lismore was proclaimed a village in 1856, a municipality in 1879 and a city in 1946. The latest population figures (1995 census) suggest that 29,280 people reside in the urban area and a further 16,160 reside in rural and village areas within the Lismore City Council area which covers 1,267 sq kms. The Coat of Arms granted in 1947 recognises Lismore's Scottish origins, and belief in the progress of the city. The legend reads in ancient Gaelic; "*Am baile rach teid air adaigh theid e air ais.*" These sentiments are transferred in Latin to the Seal of the City of Lismore, "*Qui non proficit deficit*" meaning *He who does not advance retrogresses.*

The ring of bells at St Andrew's was installed in 2002 and comprises a ring of six previously hung at Wilton, Salisbury and two newly cast trebles.



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Manuka, ACT, St Paul



The ring of eight bells were installed during 2003. The Trust located the 3rd, 5th and 6th bells of the ring of eight. The first bell was located in 1996 and the other two during 1998.



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Menangle, NSW, St James



The Trust has been closely involved with several projects to install bells into churches in Australia. One of these projects is at Menangle, NSW where a ring of six bells has been installed. The Trust donated the tenor bell (which came from Rode Hill in Somerset). We also located bells the treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th. The bells were rung for the first time on Christmas Day 2004.

During 2011 the bells were augmented to eight by adding a treble and tenor and slightly retuning one of the existing bells. These bells came from Upper Beeding, Sussex and Charminster, Dorset.



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Orange, NSW, Holy Trinity



A ring of eight bells was installed during 2007 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the church building. Holy Trinity church like many other church buildings in Australia was designed to hold a ring of bells but they had yet to be installed. The Trust had been actively looking to locate and acquire bells for this project and we located five of the eight bells. The old 7th bell from Kidderminster cast by Abel Rudhall in 1754 is the tenor; a surplus bell from All Saints, Wokingham is the 7th; a bell ex-St Mary, Sittingbourne the 6th; an ex-Trinity House buoy bell is the 4th and a bell from a redundant church in Scarborough the 3rd of the octave.



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Palmerston, NT, Our Lady Help of Christians



A light ring of six bells with a tenor weight just under 3cwt has been installed and they were rung for the first time in December 2023. The Kelttek Trust donated the back four bells. Photograph courtesy of Ron Shepherd.



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Parramatta, NSW, St Patrick



A ring of eight bells has been installed at the RC Cathedral church of St Patrick. The treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th bells of the former ring at St Paul's church, Widnes have been tuned to be the back six of the ring of eight and two treble bells cast to complete the octave. The bells were rung for the first time on Christmas Eve 2020.



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Perth, WA, The Bell Tower



The Trust has helped to locate exhibits for the Bell Tower. They include a medieval bell from Upton Grey, Hampshire and sets of tubular chimes from Christ Church, Prestatyn, Clwyd; Hardwick, Northamptonshire and Hugh Town, Scilly Isles.



Photograph of the medieval bell
from Upton Grey reproduced
courtesy of Michael Church.



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Perth, WA, Karrakatta Cemetery



Photos © The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board.

We located a bell for the mausoleum. The provenance of the bell is unknown; the Trust acquired it from an Antiques and Chandlery dealer in Devon, England.



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Richmond, NSW, St Peter



A ring of eight bells has been installed at St Peter's church. The bells include several bells acquired at auction when the Whitechapel Bell Foundry closed. The bells were rung for the first time on 5th July 2025.



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Rosemeadow, NSW, Our Lady Help of Christians



A new church has been built at Rosemeadow, NSW, Australia; the ring of eight bells rang out for the first time on Friday 8th March 2019. The treble, 5th, 6th and tenor bells are second-hand/surplus bells. The tenor bell came from the redundant church of All Souls, Southport and has been donated by the Kelttek Trust. We have also supplied a Bourdon bell.



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Singleton, NSW, All Saints



The Trust had been looking for suitable second-hand and/or redundant bells for this project for some years. The breakthrough came in 1997 when Rev. Chris Boyce, vicar of New Brighton asked if we could find a “new” home for the bell from the redundant church of Emmanuel. This we acquired using our *Bell Rescue Fund*. The following year we were offered a bell from Rangemore Hall, Staffordshire. We then had two bells to go with Singleton’s existing clock bell. Three bells available, five to go!

After the project launch three more surplus bells were offered , giving the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor of the proposed ring of eight bells – all of which are “modern” bells cast by the same bell-founder. The Trust donated the ex-New Brighton bell to the Singleton bells project.

The bell project was completed on 5th January 2001.



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Sydney, NSW, St James



The Trust donated a bell which came from the redundant church of St Paul's, Bristol to the project. It was cast by John Rudhall in 1793 and is the tenor of the ring of eight. Seven new bells have been cast and installed to complete the octave. St James is the oldest standing church building in Sydney. The architect, Francis Greenway, designed the tower to hold bells but only a single bell hung for chiming was ever installed. The Trust has also been involved in locating a surplus bell-frame in which the bells are hung.



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Balmain, NSW, St Augustine



It is hoped a ring of bells will be installed at St Augustine's church. Four bells have been identified and could become the treble, 3rd, 4th and 7th of the proposed ring of eight. The Trust has offered to donate the 7th bell.



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Bexley, NSW, St Gabriel



Photograph of Bexley church © Tom Perrins.

It is proposed to install a light ring of six bells. Three bells have already been located for the project; the proposed tenor bell is an ex-Trinity House buoy bell; the 5th is a bell acquired in 1995 from a UK bell-hanger and used as a bell-ringing demonstration bell in Australia; the 4th was acquired in 1986 and used by Dave Kelly to understand how bells make their sound and used in our “Sound of Bells” article.



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Sydney, NSW, St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill



Photo © Father Kim Ha.

A bell ex-Christ Church, Bath has been installed for swing chiming at the church of St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill during October 2015.



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Lindfield, NSW, Holy Family of Nazareth



A light ring of five bells has been installed at the church and rung for the first time on 15th July 2017. Four second-hand bells have been incorporated into the ring. The tenor bell is an ex-Trinity House buoy bell; the treble is from the redundant church of St Mark, Edgeley, Cheshire; the 2nd from the redundant church of Christ Church, New Houghton, Derbyshire and the 4th a surplus bell from St Francis, Cowley, Oxford.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

<https://youtu.be/nUdjZ2DO2Rs>



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Naremburn, North Sydney, NSW, St Leonard



A ring of six bells has been installed at St Leonard's and rung for the first time during April 2013. The bells were formerly a chime of six at Our Lady & St James, Bangor, Wales.



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Wagga Wagga, NSW, St John



The Trust has helped Wagga Wagga in New South Wales acquire several surplus and redundant bells, which are now the 5th, 6th and tenor of the ring of eight.