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**A Few Notes**

**Sunnybank Concert**

June 2009

The first of our big three celebration concerts took place at Sunnybank Uniting Church on Saturday, 16th May at 7.30 pm.

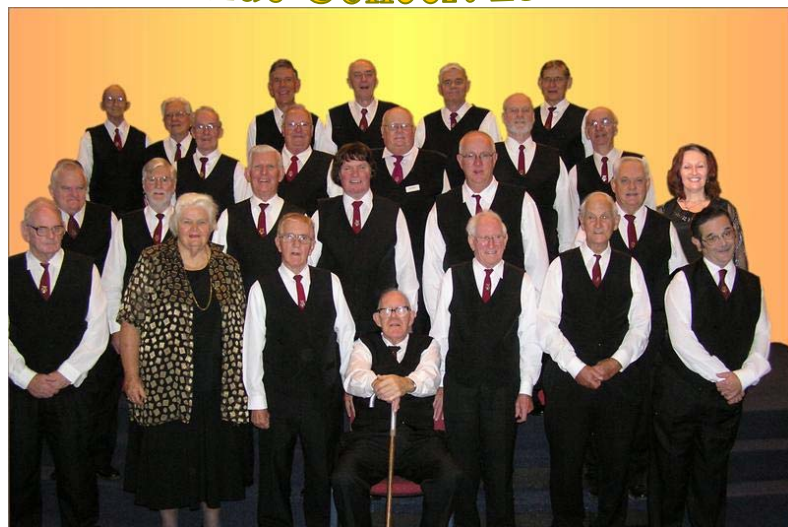
The Church was full and there was a good feeling in the air. The concert commenced with the showing of the specially prepared "125 years in 5 minutes" DVD prepared by Sylvia Pitt. The Choir then marched on and, without using their folders, sang *Stouthearted Men*. The Minister, Andrew Ross welcomed Choir and audience and the program proceeded. The three Guest Artists, Elizabeth Hood, Neil Ballment, and Peter Nam, brought an enthusiastic response from the audience each time they performed. When the final item was announced, the three of them, plus Lyn Linning (piano duettist with Margaret) were invited on stage to join the choir with *You'll Never Walk Alone*. A fine supper was then enjoyed by all who attended.

The concert was recorded and is available on CD from the secretary.



The comments made to David and Rob by the church members the following day were very enthusiastic. Some of them asked Andrew, David & Rob to sing *You'll Never Walk Alone* during the morning's service. It was appreciated and helped bring back their pleasant memories of the concert the night before.

**Chermside Concert 23rd May**



We knew before the concert that Michelle might not make it as she was suffering from a form of flu. Jim stepped in as Conductor and Malcolm took on the compere's job in Michelle's absence.

The introduction DVD again started the concert and the members marched in to start the singing. The Guest Artists were all local musicians and were introduced by Bevan Crooke, a member of the Church. His manner was jovial and he went to great lengths to reveal the (supposed) hobbies of all the entertainers. Malcolm introduced all the Choir's items in his usual entertaining manner.

The Guest artists were; Colin and Janet Brandon, (Violins), Pauline Thomas (Vocal), Lynne Backstrom (Cello), Anna Jensen (Trumpet), Isabel Backstrom (Trombone), Lachlan Crooke (Violin), Caitlin Adie (Piano), Laura Mulcahy (Vocal) - all members of the Chermside-Kedron Community Church.

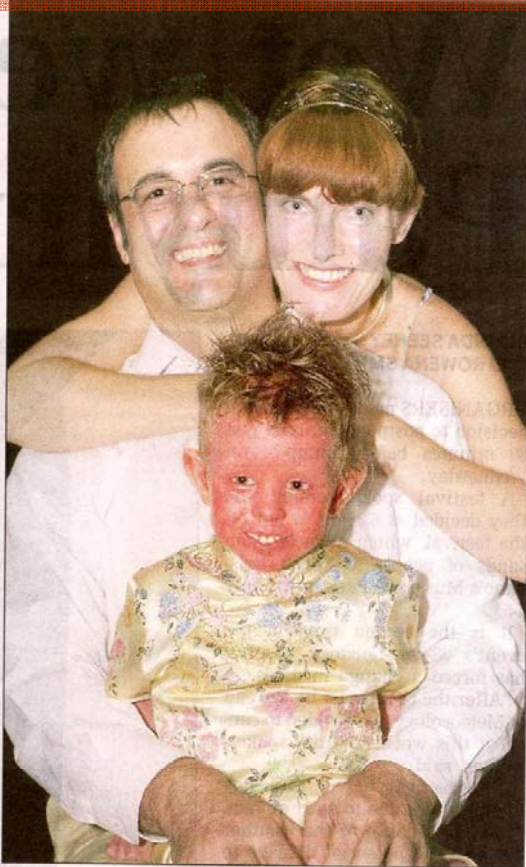
The Minister, Glenn, thanked all who took part, and acknowledged the part the Apollo Choir played in launching the appeal for the new Grand Piano and raising \$1500 at the concert held there in October -07. He was looking forward to hearing us again when we came to celebrate our 250th anniversary.

Afternoon tea was served by the church ladies and provided a fitting end to a wonderful musical event.

*This Choir has gained support from the Brisbane City Council*

**Being "over the hill" is much better than  
being under it.**

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Big step ... Francesca Durnell, Tony Canu and Lucia Durnell-Canu who are bound for Austria for medical treatment. Picture: STEPHEN ARCHER

# Quick aid for Lucia

**BELINDA SEENEY**

THE flights are booked, the money is raised and little Lucia Durnell-Canu is ready to learn how to eat for the first time.

The community's "generosity of spirit" has helped Lucia's parents Francesca and Tony reach the \$30,000 needed to send three-year-old Lucia, who has the rare Netherton syndrome, to a feed clinic in Austria.

Ms Durnell said countless individuals, community groups and organisations offered support, well-wishes and donations when they heard of her plight.

The Apollo Choir hosted a

fundraising concert in April, Coorparoo Quilters Group donated six quilts for the family to raffle, plus one just for Lucia, and a gala dinner last Friday night helped bring the tally close to the \$30,000 needed.

"What's most amazing was it was all raised in such a short amount of time," Ms Durnell marvelled.

The West End family has booked flights to Austria for May 30 and will check in to the specialist clinic on June 2.

"You really appreciate the generosity of spirit, whether it's \$20 off a pensioner or \$1000 off a businessman," she said.

**Lack of will power has  
caused more failure than lack of  
intelligence or ability.**

## Memories of Chermide Concert



### Coming up— Concerts.

**Saturday 13th June** Concert Hall , QPAC 8 pm.  
Treorchy Male Choir from Wales  
125th Anniversary Tour

**Wednesday 17th June** Ashworth House 10.30 am.  
25 Kolberg Street, ZILLMERE

**Tuesday 23rd June** Keperra Sanctuary 8.00 pm.  
998 Stamford Rd, KEPERRA

**Saturday 4th July** YURANA Independent Living Units  
129 Dennis Rd, SPRINGWOOD 10.30 AM

**Tuesday 7th. July** Main Auditorium, City Hall 12.30 pm  
Apollo Birthday Concert—Lunchtime Concert  
Auditorium available between 9.30 and 11.30 for our preparations.

Coffee  
&  
Cake  
Roster.

June . 16th.

Doug  
Kinnersley  
&  
Jim Kitchen.

July. 21st.

John Lloyd  
&  
Charlie  
McEwan

### The APOLLO sound on Web

Some of the songs recorded at the Sunnybank Concert can be heard on the Apollo Web site. On the Home page , click on "do you wish to hear the APOLLO sound.

Then, at the bottom of the page that opens, click on one of the selection of tunes available.

Someone surfing the net for a choir might hear us and decide to become part of that "sound".

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