

Brisbane Apollo Male Choir

125 years entertaining the citizens of Brisbane



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A Few Notes

May 2009

BIRTHDAY!

Sinnamon Village



Our visit to Sinnamon Village on May 6th was unusual in many ways. Firstly, due to some last minute arrangements, Carolyn became our conductor with Margaret on the piano. Michelle had a last minute engagement which prevented her from being there with us on the day.

Malcolm introduced us to the residents but before we could commence, Raewyn, the Activities Coordinator, interrupted the proceedings by wheeling in a large cake and wishing us a happy 125th birthday. She suggested we give the audience a



brief history of the choir and this was supplied by the secretary. She then told us she would share the cake with the residents while we

sang and we could enjoy ours after the concert was completed.

We then proceeded, Carolyn filling the role of conductor adequately and the choir enjoying themselves as they usually did. We finished at 11.22 and Raewyn requested one more item (she needed more time to finish cutting the cake).

We sang *Stouthearted Men*—from memory—and then retired to enjoy our birthday cake.



Our President, Ross Lovell, was pleasantly surprised when a cake appeared (on the monthly Coffee & Cake night) to help him celebrate

his 88th. birthday. Ross thanked all present, Keith in particular, for the gesture, and told of his enjoyment of being part of the Apollo Choir.

George Hancox, to the right of Ross, also had a birthday recently. He would not tell anyone how old he was, only that he was born in 1912.—Wow!

Today has never happened before.

Lucia Bella.



The Choir was contacted, following the successful fund raising concert we took part in, to join in another fund raising effort at Victoria Park Golf Complex on 8th May. Unfortunately, we were singing in concert at that time. We hope the organisers were successful in their fund raising effort.

The Seniors Magazine for May featured an article on the Apollo Choir and their 125 year celebrations this year. The article included a mention of the medical problems faced by Lucia Bella and of the funds the Apollo Choir helped to raise for her, and gave a contact number should the readers wish to send in donations.

An recent evening T.V. current affair program also had a segment on Lucia Bella which resulted in viewers ringing in donations; and a leading Airline donated free air travel for the family to go to Austria.

The Choir members continue to pray for this brave little girl and her family as they move toward a cure for her illness.

This Choir has gained support from the Brisbane City Council

From ANCA:

In his President's report for June 2009, Paul Holly includes this quote from *A Choral Singer's Survival Guide* by Tony Thornton.

"The human voice is our original instrument . There is not a culture on the planet that does not have singers.

Singers join choruses for a variety of reasons. Some find a creative or social outlet in singing together. Many people sing in a chorus to enrich their own lives and to touch the hearts and souls of their audiences. Still others sing for the intellectual stimulation that comes from learning the choral masterworks. One of the most wonderful rewards of choral ensemble singing is the opportunity to create something more beautiful than any one singer could create alone".

Slow the World Down !!.

Every 2 to 3 years the knowledge base doubles.

Every day, 7000 scientific & technical articles are published.

Satellites orbiting the globe send enough data to fill 19 million volumes every 2 weeks.

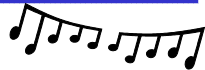


High School graduates have been exposed to more information than we grandparents are in our lifetime.

There will be as much change in the next 3 decades as there was in the last 3 centuries.

Cold weather Uniform: Vests will be worn at concerts from now till the return of the warmer weather .

Anyone for surfing?



The internet isn't just for the young. There are web-sites that exist only for the elder members of the community.

Here are some of them.

Grandparents network is a popular online destination that has more networking features than Facebook. It steps users through numerous functions after a seamless signup process. Blog, chat, take quizzes, participate in polls, post news and announcements, and keep friends posted on what's happening.

About Seniors provides technological advice on various topics including how to connect to the network—and to other people on the net.

It's My Time is all about retirement, how to live better, and remain social. The site has tips on gardening, travel, and health and beauty.

Try one of the sites and see what happens.

www.itsmytime.com.au

www.aboutseniors.com.au

www.grandparentsnetwork.net



Treorchy Male Choir Concert Hall, QPAC

The seats for our theatre party have been booked and paid for by Bill . If you haven't done so, please reimburse him before the concert.

125th Anniversary Tour

13 June 2009, 8.00pm

Specially for Mothers.

We accepted an invitation to sing at Centenary Memorial Gardens at Summer, on 8th. May The theme was a Tribute to Mothers. The concert comprised poems, various short prose about Mothers, our choral contribution, and a painting that was started and completed while we sang our 40 minute segment. You can just see Zoe painting in the far right of the room.



When the entertainment finished, the Director, Peter Ship, invited all present to come forward and choose a rose from a large selection at the front of the chapel. The Choir was then treated to some fine food to make their night complete.

About 120 attended the event.



Coming up-- Concerts.

Saturday 16th May Sunnybank Uniting Church 7.30 pm.
Cnr. Hellowell Rd & Hillcrest St,
SUNNYBANK HILLS

125 years Special Concert

Saturday 23rd. May. Chermshire Kedron Community Church 2 pm
Gympie Road, CHERMSHIRE.

125 years Special Concert

Saturday 13th June. Treorchy Male Choir. 8.00 pm.
Concert Hall . QPAC.

Wednesday 17th. June Ashworth House. 10.30 am
25 Kolberg St, Zillmere.

Tuesday 23rd. June. Keperra Sanctuary 8.00 pm.
999 Stamford Rd. Keperra.

Coffee & Cake Roster.

May. 20th

George Hancox &
Richard Hall

June . 17th.

Doug Kinnersley &
Jim Kitchen.

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