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Christmas Carolling 2005 Toowong Village Shopping Centre

Brisbane Concert Choir members perform a cappella Christmas favourites from Saturday 10th December to Thursday 22nd December.

It's a great place to sing - and a great place to shop ... one of Brisbane's most relaxed shopping venues. Why not give it a try!

Session Times:

10am - 1.00pm	Sat 10th December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Thu 15th December
12 noon - 3.00pm	Sat 17th December
12 noon - 3.00pm	Sun 18th December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Mon 19th December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Wed 21st December
5.30 - 8.30pm	Thu 22nd December

[Carolling picture gallery.](#)

Farewell to Bronwyn & Graeme Brown

A function was held in late November to say goodbye to two people who have been with the choir since its inception.

Graeme Brown served as Chairman from 1996 to early 2004, in addition to being a valuable member of the bass line. [Bronwyn Brown](#) has been our accompanist from 1996 until 2005, and also served on the committee for most of that time. Though their talents will be greatly missed by us, they are sure to be appreciated by new friends and audiences in Canberra.

The photo shows Bronwyn and Graeme receiving a gift from the choir, a "lazy Susan" server made from native Queensland timber. We wish them well in their new life in the south.



Our Christmas Concert was enjoyed by a church full of people on Sunday 4th December. Thanks to everyone for making it a very special event in spite of the heat!



Click on the pictures for larger versions.



The other BCC (Brisbane City Council) decided to have a Christmas party to launch the rejuvenation of Gregory Park at Milton and we were delighted to be invited to perform on Saturday 3rd December ...



Click on thumbnails for larger images.

ANCA, in association with South Burnett Chorale, staged the Big Sing for 2005 at Kingaroy from 9th to 11th September, 2005. Many of our choir members were able to take off for the weekend to join with over two hundred singers from around South-East Queensland. Our Musical Director, Debra Shearer-Dirié, was the conductor-in-residence. Click the thumbnails below for more details



All over for another hundred years ...

"Hymn of Praise" 21 August 2005
St Andrew's Centenary Concert

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Our performance and rehearsal venue, [St Andrew's Uniting Church](#), is 100 years old this year. Click the thumbnails below to see larger photos of the performance.



HAYDN's Nelson Mass 'from scratch' EVENT on Saturday 16th July 2005 was a great success!

Over 200 singers, full orchestra and professional soloists, all lead by Debra Shearer-Dirié, raised the roof at St Andrew's! It was a year of centenaries, with our building being 100 years old, and 200 years since Lord Nelson's death at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Click [here](#) to see all the fun.

Melissa, one of our normally reliable altos missed not only the rehearsal, but also the performance. You might like to check out her [novel excuse](#).

Our guest singers said -

"Our choristers have been raving about the experience - we all had such a great time." - Nicki C.

"Thanks for such a great opportunity to spend an afternoon & evening singing with such a committed and talented group. It was a huge buzz to have professional soloists and a first class orchestra. I thought that Debra was absolutely brilliant, and got the best possible performance out of us." - Marion G.

Hamper Raffle: Thank you to all who supported us. This raffle was conducted in accordance with rules for a Category 1 Game, Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming / 1999, Queensland. It was drawn on stage immediately after the concert.

Result of Draw: Winning ticket Yellow F 92 G. Hines

See below for feedback on 2004's very successful Fauré Requiem 'from scratch'.

Permanent Musical Director Appointed!

Following a very successful concert performance on 22nd May 2005, [Dr. Debra Shearer-Dirié](#) was announced as the new permanent Musical Director of the choir. We look forward to an exciting future with her.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the other candidates for their valuable contributions to the choir throughout 2004.

OUR PREVIOUS CONCERT

6pm - Sunday May 22nd 2005



"Purcell & Pizza!" [view flyer](#)

with Guest Conductor - [Debra Shearer-Dirié](#)
the Sinfonia of St Andrew's
and soloists

- Elizabeth McBride, soprano *
- Nicki Jenkins, alto
- David Muller, counter tenor
- Neil Mason, tenor
- Richard Grundy, bass *

* (courtesy of Opera Queensland's Young and Developing Artist Program)

Purcell *Come Ye Sons of Art* (The complete work)

Stravinsky *Pater Noster, Credo, Ave Maria*

CPE Bach *Magnificat*

Tickets: \$20 \$16 conc. (Children under 12 admitted free)

Our concert was well received by an enthusiastic audience, most of whom joined us below in the hall for pizza, wine, and other goodies.

St Andrew's Uniting Church, cnr Creek & Ann Streets, Brisbane



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