

# THE PINNACLE

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ON THE THRESHOLD

## Planning the way forward

**The Very Rev'd John Parkes, Dean of Brisbane, comments on new completion goals.**

"Having set a firm target to complete all internal cathedral space by the end of 2006, I have decided, in consultation with the fundraising Board and its Chairman, John Alpass, to report only on a cash accounting basis. Producing our cash flow to the completion budget gives a reliable tool to evaluate our performance," said Dean John Parkes.

"On this basis, we currently need \$9.3 million to accelerate the rate of construction if we are to meet our completion target by the time Master Mason, Peter Dare, returns permanently to England."

Accelerating the project involves employing at least three teams of stonemasons and labourers, resulting in the increased financial commitment from the wider community as well as from all levels of government.

The Dean is also currently exploring commercial opportunities at the quarry to supplement fundraising.

"I am encouraged by our great number of committed supporters," said the Dean, "without whom the tremendous progress achieved so far would not have been possible."

## Lord Mayor's encouragement

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman was this year's guest at the Loaves & Fishes Lunch. He encouraged guests to 'dig deep', and support fundraising for the completion, because it was in line with his dual focus for the next four years – an emphasis on infrastructure both physical and social.

For him, not only were the bricks and mortar important but so too was the soul of Brisbane. He believed this of the people who have served the Cathedral Completion Fund in the past because they have:

- brought their "own tools" their own skills;
- served their community zealously
- built a building of beauty, of great cultural, artistic and of course religious significance.

"To the many people who have given so freely to the project to date including forward pledges to 2006 of \$1.8m and our volunteers supporting this unique project, I sincerely thank you."

"I know that we, together, can bring this great work to its conclusion if we continue to play our part faithfully, with a few more doors being unlocked by you, our loyal supporters."

The Fundraising Board members and volunteer supporters are totally committed to achieving these newly set goals.

By 2006 all internal space of the West End will be complete and the cathedral will function as John Loughborough Pearson intended when he designed this great work in 1888 to the Glory of God.

Both towers on the West End, and the Central (Bell) Tower can be completed after 2006 as fundraising resumes and bequests are realised.

"We are building for the next millennium," said the Dean. "Please continue to support the cathedral completion and join us NOW at this critical time so that our new goals can be met."

*See donation form on the back of Pinnacle.*

The development of St John's mirrors that of the City of Brisbane, said the Lord Mayor because:

- St John's will probably be the last gothic-style cathedral in the world to be completed and will coincide with Brisbane becoming a world class city;
- St John's may be a piece of physical infrastructure but it will contribute for centuries to the social infrastructure of this city and enrich the city accordingly;
- as with the cathedral, Brisbane's future is dependent upon active investment, participation and service by residents.

The Lord mayor strongly urged people to get excited about what is being created and to get involved.



**Cathedral builder Joe Elisaia with jackhammer preparing space for the foundation of the major weight-bearing column of the northern tower.**

## North Tower begins

The southern tower is almost complete to the point where work will cease at the beginning of mullions and jams for the louvre opening. A temporary roof will be placed over the work, so that it may be resumed at a later stage.

Work has begun already on the major weight-bearing column for the northern tower. The foundation of granite from Harcourt, Victoria, is ready to lay once the space has been prepared.

At the Helidon quarry thousands of tons of rubble have been moved to make a large flat area ready to install the new wire saw coming from Italy. The new, advanced model runs on tracks. This will complement the robot wire saw already working full time.

As well as producing the beautiful sandstone for cathedral building, the quarry has recently been successful sending stone to China. This initiative will continue as a fundraising initiative for the completion project.

The bell tower roof was installed over the Central Tower in August. This has been designed with an acoustic lining to soften the sound of the bells.

Master Mason Peter Dare is pleased with progress and reports everything is on track to have all internal space completed by 2006.

# Gifts from children

**"Out of the mouths of babes comes truth," so the saying goes. A recent visitor revealed what a special place this cathedral was for one small child:**

Recently a young girl's dream came a little closer some 12 years after she died. From 1988 to 1991 Toni McLachlan received intensive chemotherapy to overcome leukaemia, but it didn't work. She went to meet her Jesus aged just 10 but with an understanding and a faith very much beyond that.

On the way to the hospital for treatment, we often stopped outside St John's Cathedral and Toni eagerly watched the early stages of it's completion. The work of the masons seemed to intrigue her and

she spoke often about wanting to see it finished.

Her disease didn't allow that, but recently Gloria and I, Toni's parents, were thrilled to be able to tour the building work that Toni longed to see.

Toni was a really very special young girl. She knew she was dying, but had a wonderful childlike faith that left no doubts that she was going to meet her Father in heaven, and in her own way taught us too about what a childlike faith was really all about

A very big thanks to Tim Mould (an ex cathedral guide) and Peta Nagle, for making Toni's dream come a little closer. The Cathedral will always be a reminder to us of our daughter who taught us to love as Jesus loved.

**Brian McLachlan**



## Foundation gifts

Many children processed past the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York when the Foundation Stone for St John's Cathedral was laid 22 May 1901. The children had collected money towards the building which they then placed into an Alms Box - now in the Lady Chapel. It is said that the money raised by the children, approximately 360 pounds, was used to pay for the construction of the Lady Chapel.



## Today's children

Students from Hillbrook Anglican School are pictured in the courtyard after their school's annual cathedral Service.

Each year, many of the Anglican schools bring students for special Services.

The cathedral is a source of knowledge and inspiration to thousands of children from schools all over Brisbane, who visit for tours by cathedral Guides.

See worksheets

[www.stjohnscathedral.com.au/community/](http://www.stjohnscathedral.com.au/community/)



## Cathedral Buzz

A program for children on holidays will be held again in the cathedral, 15 - 21 January 2005.

Music, art, brass rubbing, bell ringing, and tower climbing are all on the program. Watch for details. The accompanying adults on these activities get to see the cathedral through the experience of children.

## Choristers

Practicing in the Choir Room is a common sight on Friday afternoons during school term. The long tradition of church music has enabled many young men to contribute to the worship of the cathedral community. Along with their musicality, these choristers bring much energy and youthful playfulness into the cathedral precinct.

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## Strength from the past

It is timely to look back one hundred years, to the congregation of the old St John's pro-cathedral making a tremendous step in faith, to sell its church dedicated 50 years earlier, and begin a building at the other end of town, in Ann St.

Did that congregation really believe even the younger members would see a cathedral completed in their lifetime? I don't know the answer to that question, but must assume that the faith encouraging this radical action must have been founded on their confidence in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to bring new life out of past experiences.



St John's, The Pro-cathedral on William St

## Centenary celebrated

A hundred years ago the pro-cathedral next to the old Treasury (now Conrad Treasury Hotel) was demolished as a step towards moving into the new St John's Cathedral in Ann St. The last Service was held in the pro-cathedral on Monday 8 August 1904.

From *The Church Chronicle*  
September 1, 1904

Retrospect

A grant of land was acquired in 1850, the plan of the proposed church was approved by the Bishop of Newcastle, Dr Tyrell.....

...One forgotten fact about the building is that while it was still in progress, the gold fever broke out, and the men at work (deserted) in a body....

...There have been three stages in the St John's in question: the first, that beginning with the laying of the

At the last Service in that church on Monday, 8 August 1904, the preacher, The Rev'd T. Jones, used as a text for his sermon, "Behold, I make all things new" Revelation 21:5.

We are, historically, in a position to look back at all the good things that have come from that act of faith. St John's Cathedral, as we know it, has grown and with it we have seen expressions of God's love as people have wrestled with the ebb and flow of life.

I thank God for all our supporters and builders whose work has achieved so much since 1904. In particular I am grateful for people who have made possible the third stage of completion begun in 1988. As the projected date of 2006 approaches, I am conscious of all that is yet to do.

foundation-stone, when a portion of the William Street name was built: the second, when this was extended by the length of two bays, and the third when a duplicate nave with chancel were added, giving its queer lop-sided appearance to the interior.....

...The church was dedicated to St John The Evangelist by Bishop Tyrell on the 29th October, 1854..

The Last Service

...there was something about old St John's which now that the hand of the destroyer is upon it, appeals with a force, almost a passion.....

...stray remarks (from people attending the Service) "I was confirmed there"; "We were married, and all our children baptised there"; "I can remember our sitting there ever since I was a child," ....

...and yet, as the Service developed,... the real note was progress, that if there was the retrospect there also was the looking forward.

Take heart from our predecessors whose faith in God led them to begin this great building, and may we always see our endeavours as part of God's desire to "make all things new."

+Phillip Aspinall  
Archbishop of Brisbane

## 150th anniversary Service

The Annual Donors' Thanksgiving Service which takes place around the time of the dedication of the first St John's in William St, takes on additional importance this year. It is 150 years since the pro-cathedral was dedicated on 29 October 1854 by Bishop Tyrell, Bishop of Newcastle, under whose jurisdiction this congregation was formed.

Marking this special occasion, the Donors' Thanksgiving Service will be held at the **9.30am Service, Sunday 31 October** in the cathedral.

All donors and supporters are invited to attend what will be a magnificent celebration in the context of Sunday worship. The Cathedral Choir will be singing and music will be specially chosen for the occasion.

## Family history revealed

Not only is one wedding day remembered by the prompt in the last *Pinnacle*, but an extended family association has been revealed by Peter Campbell and Valerie Thomas, who were married at St John's Cathedral in May 1973.

Peter's two sisters were also married in the cathedral, and one sister, Gloria Wood, tells of her wedding day in 1960 when she walked to the cathedral from her home at the Fire Station headquarters near Wharf and Ann Streets.

Gloria was also bridesmaid for her cousin at the cathedral, where her daughter too was married.

But that is not all. Peter and Gloria's parents, and grandparents (married 1902 in the pro-cathedral) were also married in St John's.

All together the family can remember seven weddings and seven baptisms. What a great chain of family history is caught up in the story of this significant cathedral.

**Any other wedding stories to tell?**  
Contact Ph 07 3835 2224.

# Another successful Loaves & Fishes



Archbishop Aspinall presenting a certificate of appreciation to sponsor, Chris Derrick, Brumby's. Picture courtesy Elizabeth Ling

The annual fundraising luncheon was successful in June, thanks to the efforts of so many people. Special mention must be made of the young kitchen staff who come back each year to support the Executive Chef, Richard Braim.

Regular helpers included Michael Connor (7 years), Robyn Adams (10

years), Jimmy Lu (6 years), Warren Spiteri (7 years) and new recruits included Craig Geddes, Ty Reik, Kate Adams, Anthony Richards, Ben Grundy and James Overall.

Special thanks to all volunteers, totalling more than 60, for ensuring delivery of 460 meals in 17 minutes. Delivery time gets faster each year.

Tim Samway's ever persuasive ways ensured a record financial outcome. Thanks to the generosity of so many guests \$127,850 was contributed for cathedral completion.

Sincere thanks to sponsors

Breakfast Creek Wharf, Yalumba Wine of Australia, Neals Hire & Special Events, Energex, Ivor Fritz Removals, Kingsbury Design, Queensland Pest Management Pty Ltd, Anglican Financial Services (ANFIN), Cooloola Limes. Welcome to new sponsor, Brumby's.

Davis & Grant fine chocolates were enjoyed by all guests. For your order contact Rosalyn Whiteley Ph 3350 6700.

This year a Plain Stone has been allocated to each sponsor and to Executive Chef Richard Braim and his staff, acknowledging generous and continued support for cathedral completion.

## Tower Club grows

New members since the June issue include:

Mr Cedric and Mrs Mary Holland, ANFIN (Anglican Financial Services), Mrs Mona Lavery, Martin, Briony and Tom Williams, Metropolitan Funerals, John and Helen Luker.

Join the Tower Club with a tax deductible gift of at least \$10,000 paid as a one-off gift or spread's' over a number of years, or through a bequest.

Enquiries: Peta Nagle (07) 3835 2224

## The Great 3,000

Membership now totals 370. By giving a tax deductible gift of \$300 a year for 3 years your name will be recorded in the donors' book and be remembered for hundreds of years.

Gifts can be made monthly, quarterly or annually.

Give us the courage to complete a magnificent heritage building for the next millennium.

See the gift form on this page.

## Peta's Kokoda Trek

At the time of writing Pinnacle, Peta Nagle, the Fundraising/Development Manager for the completion fund, is on her challenging walk along the Kokoda Trail in PNG. The December issue will have pictures of Peta's achievement, but in the meantime she thanks all her sponsors

To date, more than \$3,500 has been promised to aid cathedral completion.

As well, the Rotarians Peta is joining on this arduous journey have raised \$45,000 for Legacy Queensland. This has funded an outward bound adventure for 20 children of Legatees as well as put funds to additional use for Legacy services.

A special function will be planned when Peta returns, enabling her to tell her story and thank her sponsors for their faith and confidence in her ability to take on such a challenge as trekking Kokoda.

## Join the Great 3,000 NOW

Give us the courage to complete a magnificent heritage building for the next millennium.

### For Tax Deductibility:

Make cheques payable to: The National Trust St John's Cathedral Completion Fund.

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## Thrift Shop sponsor

**Talbot Hotel Group** is the new sponsor for the running and maintenance costs of the Thrift Shop vehicle. **Mr Ken Talbot**, for the sponsor, is pictured with the Thrift Shop Manager, **John Stafford**.

Profits are well up on previous years.

Please remember the call for "more Bric a Brac. *See advert on back page.*

## Festive Music

A series of recitals by cathedral organist Christopher Cook and supporting artists.

Experience the beauty of music in St John's Cathedral.

**Sunday matinees 3.30pm**  
10 Oct, 28 nov, 12 dec

**Monday evenings 7.30pm**  
11 Oct, 29 nov, 13 dec

**Tickets \$12, conc \$6**  
**Bookings ph 3835 2290**

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### Christmas Cards

A great range of cards are ready to buy.

Please see the order form enclosed

### Wine

Jimbour Station wine can be ordered by downloading the order form:

[www.stjohnscathedral.com/completion/downloads/rose\\_orderform.pdf](http://www.stjohnscathedral.com/completion/downloads/rose_orderform.pdf)

### Calendar 2005

The Calendar is now available, and orders received since the last Pinnacle will be forwarded in early September.

\$26.95 includes the superb photography, plus a greeting card and six bookmarks.

Enter the competition to find the Australian animals hidden in the pictures. Thanks to Mary Ryan Bookshop for prizes.

These special calendars will be available in **Mary Ryan Bookshops at Milton, Paddington, New Farm, Noosa, Gold Coast and Toowoomba.**

Also available in The Cathedral Shop.

Order Forms can be obtained by

- download from [www.stjohnscathedral.com/completion/guide/cathedral\\_calendar.html](http://www.stjohnscathedral.com/completion/guide/cathedral_calendar.html)
- call the Cathedral completion Office
- included in September issue of Focus

## Cathedral Brass



### Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band in the Lady Chapel

Brisbane Excelsior Band will fill the cathedral with the glorious sound of brass instruments at a concert on **Saturday 13 November at 7.30pm.**

Currently rating third in Australia, this Brass Band will be augmented by internationally acclaimed Euphonium virtuoso, Riki McDonnell and St John's organist Christopher Cook.

Musical Director, Howard Taylor, as well as being a skilled cornet player, brings a wealth of experience from U.K., N.Z. and Australia.

Band member, Amanda Casagrande, will perform a flugal horn concerto.

The program will include well known works by Parry, Bizet, Saint-Saens, Bach, Elgar and Wagner, and be performed in the presence of Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs Quentin Bryce.

**Tickets on sale 13 September.**

<b>A Reserve</b>	<b>\$27 + booking fee</b>
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Proceeds will benefit St John's Cathedral Completion Fund.

Bookings at Ticketek Ph 131931. for groups of 10 or more, Ph 3404 6633. [www.ticketek.com](http://www.ticketek.com)

Don't miss a glorious experience in the cathedral.

## Summer Fashion Affaire

Wintergarden, Brisbane Arcade and Emporium are amongst the major sponsors for this spectacular fundraising event in St John's Cathedral, Friday 10 September 6.30pm – 9pm.

Compering the parade will be local fashion identity Di Cant.

Cocktails will be served from 6.30pm in the Courtyard and entertainment will be provided by the Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band.

**Tickets \$85. Proceeds aid the cathedral and its completion.**

**Enquiries: Mrs Lorraine Stafford**  
Ph 07 3202 7460  
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## Dedication Dinner

The 13th annual Dedication Festival Dinner will take place in the cathedral **29 October, 2004.** A Black Tie (POSH) dinner, this year looks like being up to the high standard set in the past.

Musical Entertainment is produced by St John's Arts and stars Jeffrey Black, John Colwill & Liza Rintel. The theme, Wilde about Coward, Custard & Country Life, highlights music from an age of charm and wit in the early part of the C20th, which is bound to transport diners

into an evening of poise and glamour benefiting cathedral completion.

**Tickets \$150, includes a tax deductible donation.**

**Bookings and enquiries:**  
Ph 07 3835 2224

## Diary Dates

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SUN 31 OCT	DONORS' THANKSGIVING SERVICE 9.30AM
SAT 13 NOV	BRISBANE EXCELSIOR BRASS BAND & CHRISTOPHER COOK, ORGANIST 7.30PM BOOKINGS TICKETEK PH 131 931
WED 24 NOV	TOWER CLUB FUNCTION IN THE CATHEDRAL 5.30PM BOOKINGS PH 3835 2224

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### HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 7.30AM,  
9.30AM\*, 5PM  
MON – FRI 7AM, 12.30PM  
SATURDAY 7AM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9.30AM

### CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY 6PM\*

### EVENING PRAYER said

MON – FRI 4.30PM

### MORNING PRAYER said

MON – FRI 8.30AM

### PRAISE, PRAYER & HEALING

TUESDAY 1.10 – 2PM

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Peta Nagle,  
Fundraising Development Manager,  
Ph 07 3835 2224

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