



2009 - A Year We Will Find Hard To Forget...

Wow, what a year! The Abbey Museum team has celebrated great success and enjoyed a busy and eventful year. The staff would like to take this opportunity to share with you some special moments of 2009...

*In early 2009 we launched our first major fundraising campaign for the year, 'Keep the Artefacts Cool'. The campaign encouraged supporters to donate \$45.00 to keep the Museum air-conditioning on for a day. An **air-conditioning system** is critical to the preservation of collections in museums and maintains the artefacts in optimum conditions, keeping the humidity at an ideal level. We'd like to thank everyone who supported this Appeal throughout the year, and report that that the Museum collection enjoyed cool temperatures for 101 days!



*This year the Museum celebrated the 20th Abbey Medieval Festival. The Tournament was a great success with a highlight event sponsored by the Moreton Bay Regional Council that closed the Saturday night of the Festival in a spectacular display of fireworks.

*The Abbey Museum joined communication sites Facebook and Twitter and attracted a large following of supporters. (Click the links at the top of the page if you'd like to check out the latest Museum news!)

*The Friends of the Abbey Museum invited the public to take part in a special Pilgrimage *Walk for Winchester* in late August. The walkathon was held to raise money for the restoration of two panels of medieval glass, originally from Winchester Cathedral, England. The walk raised just over \$6000 and we sincerely thank those who participated and all the sponsors for contributing to this worthy cause.

*September saw 140 excited guests visit the Museum for a lovely Regency event, an *Afternoon Tea with Mr Darcy*. The afternoon was held to help raise funds to build an Art Gallery to house the fabulous collection of Old Masters and Icons in the Abbey Museum collection.

*Moreton Bay Regional Council awarded the Abbey Medieval Festival with an Australia Day Community Event Award.

*The Abbey Museum's educational program *Archaeology on the Move* and CEO, Edith Cuffe were both awarded special commendations at the Gallery & Museum Achievement Awards in November.

[2009 IN ALL ITS COLOURS... TO CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS VISIT
http://roost.chickenmail.net.au/download/files/25963/1041274/IMAGES%20OF%202009.pdf!](http://roost.chickenmail.net.au/download/files/25963/1041274/IMAGES%20OF%202009.pdf)

2009 Support For Museum

The Abbey Museum would like to sincerely thank these grant funding organisations for their generous support throughout 2009...

- Queensland's Gambling Community Benefit Fund
- Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund
- Moreton Bay Regional Council Festival Events Scheme
- Regional Arts Development Fund



Medieval Family Fun Week



GREAT MEDIEVAL KING TO VISIT THE ABBEY MUSEUM IN JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

King Edward III, medieval England's greatest king will be appearing at the Abbey Museum along with his entourage and special guests as part of the Family Fun Week in January. Sir Justyn, a loyal knight of Edward III said, "This is the first time that King Edward III has held court in Caboolture and it will be an exciting time to see him as he has just received news of victories abroad. I would encourage all subjects and visitors to come and see this great monarch, it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

The Abbey Museum will entertain children under five years with storytelling and playtime, from 10.30 to 11.30 each morning. Our six to twelve year old visitors can take part in fun and authentic medieval activities such as archery, braid making, crowns and cloaks, each afternoon between 1.30 and 2.30pm.

Pop in anytime – bring the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and babies for **great school holiday fun!** We have beautiful gardens. Why not bring your picnic and rug to enjoy them?

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
http://www.abbeymuseum.asn.au/MedievalFunWeek_A3_Poster_01A.pdf

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- Self confidence building
- Exposure to different cultures and point of views
- Learning through objects to help understand their world.
- Learning through costumes, instruments and story starters to encourage character development and expression of ideas.



Bookings for Term 1 have just opened... limited spaces available so book now!

For more information email Suesann Vos at marketing@abbeytournament.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
<http://roost.chickenmail.net.au/download/files/25963/1042798/Artful%20Toddlers%20poster%20cropped%202.jpg>

A Medieval Christmas



Guests on the evening were treated to a beautiful performance by Gregorian Chant Choir, Schola Cantorum. After an hour of soaking up the captivating sounds in the delicate candlelight of the Abbey Church, guests then proceeded to the Abbey Hall, where they enjoyed a light feast of medieval delicacies. The event was a great success and the Abbey Museum would like to thank Schola

Cantorum for once again delivering an unforgettable performance.

Next year's Medieval Christmas will be held on Saturday 27th November 2010. If you missed out this year be sure to book your tickets in August 2010!

Dates For Your Diary!

Saturday 3rd July 2010 – Medieval Banquet

Tuesday 6th July 2010 – Kids Medieval Fun Day

Saturday 10th July 2010 – Medieval Tournament

Sunday 11th July 2010 – Medieval Tournament



TOURNAMENT & BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE: 1st February 2010



Celebrate the New Year with stunning images of the award-winning Abbey Medieval Festival!

For **\$7.50** we will post you a fabulous 2010 Medieval Festival Calendar!

To Order your 2010 Calendars email miriam@abbeymuseum.asn.au

Festival Site Update

There was great excitement this week at the Abbey Museum as the grass seeds were finally sown on the new Festival site. We're hoping for a special Christmas present of gentle rain to encourage the little seeds to burst forth and grow into a thick carpet of grass ready for the Tournament weekend on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of July 2010. We would like to sincerely thank all the Museum volunteers and staff who assisted with the very tiring task of picking up roots and stones and also planting the seeds, which as you can see from the picture was done by walking up and down the site.



From all at the Abbey Museum we wish you a safe and happy Christmas. Thank you for your support during the year and we are all looking forward to an exciting 2010!