

Biggest Yet! The Abbey Medieval Tournament 2005



In spite of inclement weather only days before the event, that left the school oval looking like a moat, the **Abbey Medieval Tournament** was a resounding success, attracting some 15,000 or more visitors. As well as all the favourite events — jousting, archery, hand to hand combat, street theatre and music — for the first time **Turkish Oil Wrestling** was included, and proved to be one of the real crowd pleasers. The **Allegorical Tourney**, performed for the first time in 600 years, also attracted a crowd of some 2000 people and sets the standard for future night performances. Crowds thronged the markets and performance areas. The number of people who attended the festivities dressed in full **Medieval Costume** was a delight to behold, and the quality of the markets was excellent. Look for *Tania's Illuminations* or the *Flaming Gargoyle* next year. The latter stall won the most improved stall for 2005.



This year the **Medieval Banquet** was held on the Saturday prior to the **Tournament**. Some 350 people attended and voted it the best banquet ever. There was wonderful food — lots of it — and



the entertainment was fantastic. Next year people will be beating the door down to get in! It is important to remember why we hold the Tournament. It is the only thing that keeps the Museum doors open! Plans are already in place for the 2006 **Tournament** to be held on **Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July** and we will keep you informed with developments.

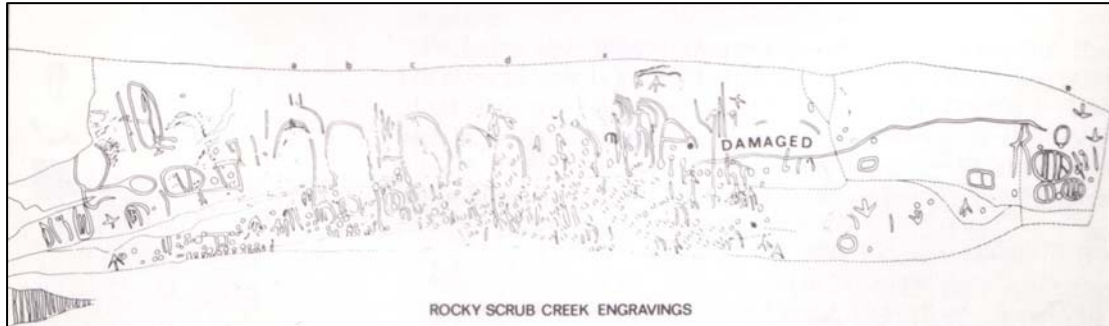
THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

On Saturday, September 24th 2005 at 6.30 pm, a Baroque music recital will be held at **The Abbey Church, Abbey Place, Caboolture**, comprising compositions by **Schubert, Vivaldi, Pacalbel, Albinoni, Bach, Mozart** and many more, to be performed by a superb classical group, **'Bird's Apprentices'**. This forthcoming attraction is not to be missed and it should be noted that a light supper is included in the admission price of \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Primary Students. Limited tickets are available. Book seats by phoning the Museum on 07 5495 1652.



TOOWOOMBA HERITAGE TRIP

A possible forthcoming attraction is a proposed bus trip on Saturday August 27th 2005 to Challawong Rockshelter, a 6000 year old Aboriginal art site in a lonely valley south of Mt. Sylvia, where Michael Strong, the director, will discourse on possible interpretations of the rock engravings.



We then plan to lunch at in one of Toowoomba's parks (the spring flowers are all out) and then stop to see the **Cobb & Co Museum** in Toowoomba.

This trip is being arranged by **FOTAM** but at the moment we are only looking for expressions of interest to gauge possible numbers to work out the costs. The outing is open to anyone interested. Pick-ups can be arranged from both Caboolture and Brisbane. If we use a 21 seater mini bus the cost would be approximately \$40 per person, including entrance into the **Cobb**



& Co Museum. If we can fill a 53 seater bus the cost reduces to approximately \$25 per person. We are looking for expressions of interest and approximate numbers. If you would like to come, please advise by phoning the **Abbey Museum** on **5495 1652** or emailing us at admin@abbeymuseum.asn.au.



The **ABBAY MUSEUM** is a thriving cultural and educational institution. Every year more and more schools are taking advantage of our Egyptian or Neolithic digs provided on site at the Museum. Our educational programmes, especially the **archaeological digs**, are in great demand, and our high standards in all that we do, does not go unrecognised.

However, in order to maintain this level of service we need to balance it with the necessary funds to be able to carry on, and at the same time progress to the next stage of anticipated development, i.e., the building of an **Art Gallery**, a **Changing Display Gallery** where we could embark on showing travelling exhibits etc., and our ultimate goal of building the **Medieval Village Project**.

With all this in mind we need to explore other avenues for funding. We are looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to take on a role of **FUNDING OFFICER** for the **ABBAY MUSEUM**. Although experience in this area is not an absolute necessity, skills in administration and communication and ability in the completion of Grant Applications and seeking out new funding situations would be most welcome. Please contact **Edith Cuffe**, at the **Abbey Museum** (**07-5495-1652**) if you are at all interested or could help in any way.