

**St Luke's Hall, Toowoomba,
Centenary Appeal 2010**

The Treasurer
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I/We would like to make a donation of
\$.....
to the National Trust of Queensland and
request that the donation be used for the
Hall restoration project.

Please tick the following:

- I/We enclose a cheque payable to
National Trust St Luke's
Toowoomba Appeal Account
- I/We authorise ANFIN to withdraw the
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my/our account. A completed Direct
Debit Form is attached.

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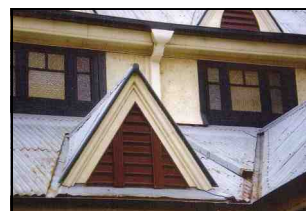
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*All donations of \$2.00 and over will receive a receipt
which may be tendered for the purposes of tax deduction.*

Why a Centenary Appeal ?

In recent years inspections have revealed not only the need for repainting of the exterior but also problems developing where roof sheeting, guttering and associated plumbing require attention as well as replacement of missing downpipes. Staff from Ken Ball Plumbing restored a roof section but emphasised the need for maintenance now. Environmental Resources Management Australia finalised roof repair guidelines in February 2010. Tenders for the work, to include other external maintenance and finally repainting, will be called as soon as funds are available, hopefully later in 2010.

The target of the Appeal is \$100,000 which may also enable work to begin inside the Hall as well – the ageing floor in particular will require attention.



Roof and guttering needing attention



Conservation Appeal Committee

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**ST LUKE'S HALL
CENTENARY APPEAL**



Please help to maintain one of Toowoomba's outstanding buildings dating from 1910. The Hall is listed on the Register of the National Trust of Queensland and the Queensland Heritage Register, and was chosen for the book of Toowoomba's Heritage Treasures in 2008.

After 100 years timely maintenance of the Hall is required now to restore it to its former glory . Donations to the Appeal, target \$100,000, are allowable as deductions for income tax purposes.

Significance of the Hall

The building was described originally as 'St Luke's School and Parish Hall' and was designed by the innovative Toowoomba architect Harry Marks. The foundation stone was laid on 28 May 1910 and it was dedicated on 15 May 1911. Its unusual external appearance is suggestive of an eastern orthodox origin, capped by ventilators topped by crosses 'reminiscent of Byzantine onion cupolas' and patented by Marks. The handsome ornate interior has gothic features. From an architectural point of view it is the stucco construction of the walls that is most noteworthy. This form of construction - namely cement applied over chicken wire affixed to a wooden framework - was pioneered in Toowoomba by Marks. The clerestory lighting, triple casement windows and porches are special features.

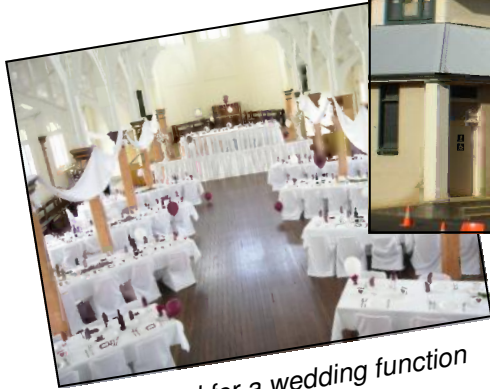
The Hall has continued to serve the community for varied celebrations, meetings of community groups, concerts, and as a place where the less fortunate may obtain assistance. It was recognised as a Toowoomba Heritage Treasure in 2008. On 28 May 2010 the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone was celebrated and the Centenary Appeal was launched to fund essential maintenance and ensure that the unique Hall will continue to serve the community indefinitely.



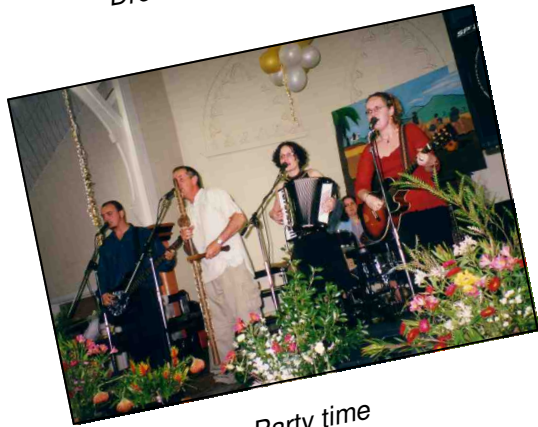
The Hall under examination



Harlaxton Band on the balcony

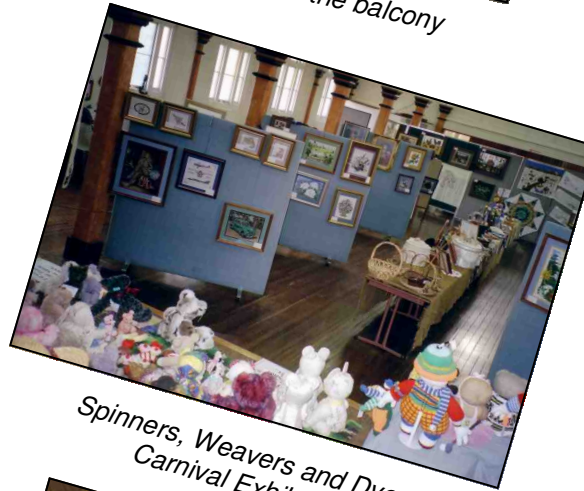


Dressed for a wedding function

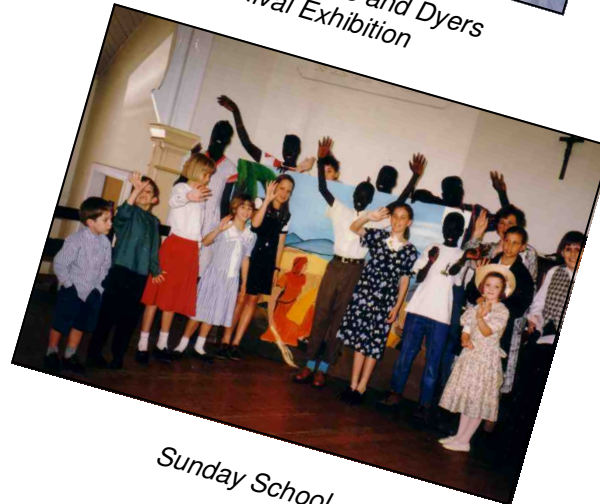


Party time

Community Events in the Hall



*Spinners, Weavers and Dyers
Carnival Exhibition*



Sunday School



Milne Bay Celebrations 2005

The history and varied uses have been summarised by Dr Max Brightman in his book 'A History of the Anglican Parish of St Luke, Toowoomba', published in 2009.

Copies are available from the Parish Office