

ST LUCY'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

St Lucy's School in Wahroonga, New South Wales, celebrated its 70th birthday on 8 November 2008 with the help of Channel 7 newsreader and Wahroonga resident, Chris Bath.

The special needs school marked its anniversary with the opening of a multi-media museum featuring photographs and memorabilia collected since the school's inception.

The challenge has been to display the items in a way that will "speak" to former students of the school, which for most of its history was exclusively for blind and visually impaired children.

Chris Bath presented an "historical news bulletin" that told St Lucy's story through newspaper articles written about the school over the years.

The museum contains a "listening post" featuring conversations with past members of the school community and an interviewer was on hand to record anyone who wanted to lay down their recollections for posterity.

Visuals include an exhibition of the history of braille machines, Braille watches, talking clocks and a Braille world globe.

The museum is housed in a heritage-listed convent that the Dominican Sisters have transferred to the school and which has been lovingly renovated over the last 18 months.

It stands as a tribute to the nuns and their contribution to vision education as well as to the whole community on the Upper North Shore.

