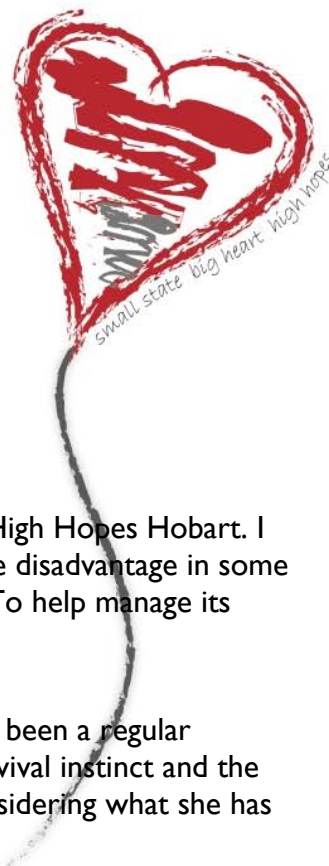


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Rebuilding lives through song



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To whom this may concern

My name is Jenny Chapman and I am the Founding Music Director of the Choir of High Hopes Hobart. I established the choir late in 2007 to assist people in the community who experience disadvantage in some way to discover the joy of singing within a shared and non-judgmental community. To help manage its growth and success and ensure it is sustained long into the future, Choir of High Hopes Hobart became incorporated in 2008.

I met Lucy in February 2008 when she attended the choir for the first time. She has been a regular member since and has become an important part of the fabric of the choir. Her survival instinct and the desire to improve her situation and rise up above it is nothing short of amazing considering what she has been through and continues to battle with.

In the 2 years she has been with the choir, Lucy has trained and performed as a soloist, initiated small group rehearsals and formed a busking group called *Resilience*. She has undertaken a number of speaking engagements as a spokesperson for the choir and chaired a workshop taken by myself and Helen Todd at the 2009 National Mental Health Services Conference in Perth. Recently she set up a resource table at the choir home so that other members can access helpful information. In October she received the *Pride of Workmanship Award* from the Hobart Rotary Club.

All the above testifies to Lucy's genuine desire to make her life count and to reach out and help others. As a capable communicator, she is a living example of hope despite the odds and is an inspiration to all who come across her.

I am thrilled that Lucy is planning to do the Point to Pinnacle walk and impressed with the work she has already done which includes fitness training, acquiring shoes and clothing and website training to handle the sponsorship side of things. It is typical of Lucy that she is considering using this event to raise funds for a worthy cause in the *Burns Unit at the RHH* and one that she is qualified to speak about.

I highly commend Lucy and her proposal to the Hobart Media Centre. Through it, Lucy's journey before, during and after the walk will bring hope and inspiration to all who follow her and especially burns victims.

Yours sincerely

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