



Walkers back new church



The Pink Ladies take part in the Seven Churches Walk.

MORE than 300 people participated in the first Barneys Seven Churches Walk which raised \$125,000 for a new St Barnabas Church at Broadway.

There were about 200 people on the 9km walk and 100 people on the 5km walk on September 18.

Walkers relaxed back at Victoria Park with lunch, and children enjoyed face painting and a jumping castle.

Event co-ordinator the Rev Caroline Evende said the day had been blessed with great weather and by the support of six local churches.

"Our thanks to the hundreds of people – family, friends, former Barney's members, col-

leagues, neighbours and workmates – who sponsored the walkers," Ms Evende said.

"We had sponsors from as far away as the US, Singapore, China and Hong Kong and many states throughout Australia."

The six churches who opened their doors to the walkers included St Benedict's Broadway, Christ Church St Laurence, Chinese Presbyterian Church, St Saviour's Redfern, Newtown Mission and St Stephen's Newtown.

"It was great to visit such interesting and beautiful buildings along the walk and learn more about their history."

The new church is due to be completed by the end of 2011.