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HAPPY FAMILY: It was wedding bells this week for Durban songwriter David Marks's daughter Lisha (centre), and Greg Donnelly (with the guitar). David, left, is holding the bridal

couple's daughter Cheyenne. At the back are David's wife Fran (right) and his mother-in-law Leonie Downing. Quite a day, except that baby slept through it all.

Songwriter Dave hits new high note in life

There's a new arrival in a very musical family, writes a Daily News Reporter.

DURBAN musical maestro David Marks has hit a new high note in his life.

The composer of that charming international chart-topper of yesteryear, Master Jack, has become a grandfather.

It would seem inevitable that music is going to play an important part in the life of his granddaughter, Cheyenne Donnelly.

Just about everyone in the family is musical.

David's daughter Lisha is Cheyenne's mum, a classical piano student. And her dad is Greg Donnelly, a guitar player with a popular Cape Town band.

And then there's Cheyenne's great-grandmother, Leonie Downing, Durban choir mistress and music teacher.

David's wife Fran is a speech and drama teacher — and also a pianist.

Cheyenne was born earlier this week, and the musical family got together for the wedding of the

happy parents, Lisha and Greg, at Durban Magistrate's Court.

David has many strings to his bow. Songwriter, sound engineer, "alternative" record company director and co-organiser of the Splashy Fen music festival, he has been a tireless crusader for homegrown music.

He recently turned 50, and after becoming a grandfather it would seem fitting that he plans to bring out a record, Rocking Chair.

He will get some of the well known musical artists he has worked with over the years to contribute to the record, a compilation of his songs.