

## **Events and Promotions Team Report 2008**

In 2008 the Events and Promotions team continued its vital work of raising much needed revenue for the Parish and promoting the church to the local community.

Our major event was the Garage Sale held at the Camp Hill Centre on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Parishioners donated a considerable amount of used goods for sale and these were sorted and priced by a small but very industrious band of workers. A cake stall, sausage sizzle and tea and coffee stall were also provided. The event was advertised in the Saturday Courier Mail, the South Easter Advertiser and a letterbox drop of residents in the surrounding streets was also undertaken. As a fundraiser it was very successful raising \$2 205 which was much more than anticipated.

Although many parishioners worked hard to organize and execute this event we would publicly like to thank Vivienne and Mike Cowie for much of their behind the scenes work, collecting and erecting the portashades, organizing and staffing the cake stall and giving insightful and practical help with the Garage Sale, all their efforts was very much appreciated. Overall the Fundraising Team would like to thank all parishioners and their families who donated, worked and patronized this event.

Taking advantage again of the Norman Park Centre hall with its spectacular city views another "Riverfire" family evening was held on Saturday 30 August. Although reasonably well attended many guests, who indicated on the RSVP they were attending, did not attend, therefore we did over cater which reduced our profit margin. It has been decided that in the future tickets will be sold prior to the event rather than on the night. We were however well supported with raffle prizes donated by Kevin Rudd PM, Councillor Shayne Sutton and the Carina Leagues Club.

In 2008 Robyn Casey and Lesley Thurlow hosted a Friday night Tupperware Party as a women's social event and fundraiser. As hostess gifts and sales we acquired several products which were used as raffle prizes throughout the year. An Intimo Lingerie party was also held which was not well supported but was a pleasant social event for those who attended.

We continued with the usual hot cross buns, pie, Entertainment Books and sock and gift catalogue drives. These drives although not hugely lucrative do provide a service to those families wishing to purchase consumable items that also support the parish. We ask all parishioners to consider purchasing some items from our drives throughout the year as the profits go back into sustaining and growing the church.

Parish social events such as the Parish AGM and Passover Dinners , the outing to Mt Cotton Rainforest Gardens, the Earth Day Mass and Parish Christmas barbeques were all well attended, and many thanks to those who provided the hospitality.

In December 2008 we received the welcome news that the Parish was successful in acquiring \$3 762 from the Brisbane City Council's Community Grants Program to install kindly turf near the hall. Due to the drought and use by two weekly playgroups the grass had deteriorated greatly, exposing bare earth which had become a hazard and looked very unsightly. In early February 2009 the kindly turf was installed and a public event to thank the Brisbane City Council will be organized shortly.

The Events and Promotions Team did achieve much throughout the year however with all three organizing members with either school age or young children, family responsibilities limited our capacity to do more for the parish. Therefore, we welcome and encourage interested parishioners to join our team to stimulate new ideas and spread the workload. Please speak to Janelle, Wane or Robyn Casey if you are interested.

Although long overdue I would like to acknowledge the tiresome work of Robyn Casey who has been almost a lifelong member of this parish and year after year does amazing amount of upfront and behind the scenes work organizing social functions for the parish. Thank you Robyn. Wayne and Robyn Elliott must also be acknowledged for their hospitality, including the weekly organizing of the parish morning tea and the provision of supplies and the setting and clearing up. A big thank you to John Boadle who has also helped with the morning tea and to Catherine Hope for her regular contribution of delicious home baked treats. New and additional helpers are very welcome to lighten the workload along with any contributions of tea, coffee, milk and biscuits.

In closing the Events and Promotions Team would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support and labours throughout the year and Father Martyn Hope for his encouragement and guidance.

We pray that in 2009 God will continue to direct us to serve his Church and community with vigour and purpose.

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