

Eastern Hills Anglicans

Events and Promotions Team Report 2007

In 2007 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 inaugural "Norman Park Heritage Fair" held at the Norman Park Centre on Saturday 14th July. Since the parish had not undertaken a fair for over 20 years the organization of such an event had to start from scratch which proved a major task for the Event Organisers. However with thorough planning and support from the parish the event was organized on time. The stalls included a Breakfast Café, Trash & Treasure, Cakes, Crafts, Baby Wares, Heritage Display, Raffles and Cent Auction & Children's Activities. Displays were also provided by Councillor Shayne Sutton, the Norman Park Playgroup, 4MBS, The Corner Bistro and Drinx Morningside. The Organisers gratefully acknowledge the financial support of Councillor Shayne Sutton and the Morningside Livability Grant for \$1700 which covered the costs of equipment hire, Animal Farm and Jumping Castle.

Also many businesses, clubs and local Members of Parliament showed their support with the donation of goods and services which considerably reduced our costs. The Fair was advertised with a letter box drop through Camp Hill, Norman Park and Seven Hills.

However, without the support of many parishioners and their families this event would not have succeeded. Many donated money, provided items for sale, attended planning meetings and working bees, organised stalls, assisted with setting up and dismantling and worked tirelessly and cheerfully on the day in chilly winter conditions.

Overall the Fair was a financial success delivering a profit after costs of \$3000. More importantly it demonstrated to the local area that we a vibrant active church and to ourselves as a united parish we can achieve great things.

Another successful event was the "Riverfire" family evening at Norman Park in September. Approximately 80 parishioners and guests including many families with young children enjoyed a casual dinner and the spectacular fireworks display. This function event will become a regular feature on the Events calendar.

Just as in 2006, October saw our CHANT wine tasting night held in the Norman Park church. An evening with a blend of tranquil surroundings, fine wines and fine food. Unfortunately this event was not well attended which was disappointing. Despite this a profit was made including sales of wines. The organizers assessed the situation and agreed that future CHANT functions require more lead time preparation and an extra draw card such as an art exhibition or entertainer and increased marketing. Not to be deterred Wayne Elliott also hosted an intimate wine tasting featuring the wines of a boutique winery which resulted in further sales. To quote Edgar Allan Poe 'All you need is wine and good company'. We welcome you and your friends to join us in Chant 2008.

To finish the year the ladies of the parish were invited to a shopping evening at "Botanical Grace Homewares" in Camp Hill. Complimentary champagne was served to sustain the serious

shoppers and all agreed it was a great social night that offered a different form of easy fundraising.

The usual Hot Cross Buns, Cake, Pies and Christmas Food Drives were run throughout the year as were several raffles. Abrisca Coffee also continued to be sold. Although not highly lucrative, these ventures do help to raise reasonable funds throughout the year with minimal effort.

Parish social events such as the Passover Dinner, the outing to Orminston House and the Christmas barbeque were all well attended, and many thanks to those who provided the hospitality.

The Events and Promotions Team did achieve much throughout the year however 2008 presents further challenges such as actively promoting our new services and venues to the wider non-church community. It is hoped that the appointment of a Parish Media Officer will assist in taking on these important roles.

We would like to thank all the parishoners for their continued support and labours throughout the year and Father Martyn Hope for his encouragement and guidance.

We pray that in 2008 God continues to provide this team with the energy, ingenuity and good humour required to achieve its varied goals.

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