

Eastern Hills Anglicans

Events and Promotions Team Report 2009

In 2009 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.

The year kicked off on a very positive note with a thank you morning tea to the Brisbane City Council for the installation of the kindy lawn in the children's play area. Brisbane City Council and Playgroup Queensland representatives attended along with parishioners and many Norman Park Playgroup families. Father Martyn blessed the play space before a light morning tea was served.

Our major event was the Cake Stall held at the Morningside Fair in June. Parishioners donated a considerable amount of baked goods, jams and sauces and a small but enthusiastic team of workers manned the stall. Overall the stall raised over \$700 and just as importantly promoted the parish to the wider local community.

Eastern Hills Anglicans were asked by Councillor Shayne Sutton to host a fundraising sausage sizzle at the re-opening of Perth St Park, Camp Hill. Since this was a truly local event we gladly accepted the invitation. Unfortunately rain washed out the first date in May but in June the event went ahead. We were well patronised by the families that visited and aided in expanding our exposure to those in our neighbourhood.

Taking advantage again of the Norman Park Centre hall (maybe sadly for the last time) with its spectacular city views another "Riverfire" family evening was held on Saturday 5th September. This event was well attended by parishioners and local families, especially those with young children. Once again we were well supported with raffle prizes donated by Kevin Rudd PM, Councillor Shayne Sutton and Di Farmer Member for Bulimba.

Wayne Elliot hosted an Aromatherapy party in the Camp Hill Church and; later in the year Robyn Casey organized an Enjo demonstration that were both well attended by parishioners and friends. From the Enjo demonstration the Fundraising Team received hostess gifts which will be used as future raffle prizes. These events will continue throughout 2010 as fundraisers and casual social gatherings.

We continued with the usual hot cross buns, pie and Entertainment Books 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 Earth Day Mass and Parish Christmas barbecues were all well attended, and many thanks to those who provided the hospitality. Unfortunately the parish picnic at Minnippi Parklands was not well attended and we may have to look at how we can encourage parishioners to participate in the future.

The Events and Promotions Team did achieve much throughout the year however with all three organizing members with school age or young children, family and career 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

Once again I wish to acknowledge the work of my fellow team members Wayne Elliot and Robyn Casey. They are always a joy to work with and their commitment to our church is a true demonstration of their strong faith and their desire to help others. Robyn is the driving force behind the organization of all parish social events, especially the catering whilst Wayne and Robyn Elliot continue to organise the weekly morning tea, a very important component of our church fellowship. I look forward to continuing working with these good friends.

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 now look forward to embracing the enthusiasm and support from our friends at St John Bulimba in doing greater pastoral awareness through hosting events in our local area.

We pray that in 2010 God will continue to direct us to serve his church and community with vigour and purpose.

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