

ST. MARGARET'S FETE AND BOOK SALE SATURDAY 10TH NOV. 2018

This year the fete was very different. Gone were all the stalls selling preloved goods. The only survivor was the Book Stall. The books had been neatly sorted and stacked by Robert O'Shea and the stall was managed on the day by Graeme Leaver, Graham Ray and Anne-Marie Leaver. Graeme said they made "a great team."

The decision was taken early in the year to have a "lower key" fete. We focussed on food, plants, children's clothing and gifts and the competition.

To add a bit more interest Colleen from "Made Locally" (Colleen has a craft type gift shop in the Ringwood Nth Shopping centre) came along with a wide range of gifts to sell. Colleen also took home all the left-over children's knitwear and will try to sell it on our behalf.

Alison Brown set up a small stall selling attractive novelty hair clips and head bands – Alison said she had her financially best day ever at a fete. We allowed the Walmsley Village Auxiliary to sell their trading table items as there will be no home for them when the rebuilding program begins. Bill from the village looked after the stall but business was slow.

Thanks to the group who set up and looked after the Children's clothing and gift stall. There were some left overs from last year's fete plus some new stock. Thanks to Yvonne, Carolyn and Jenny who did the selling and Jean Curnow and Denise Greenhalgh who had been busy knitting, etc.

Joyce Dodge was pleased that plant sales were brisk and the team who assisted - Joyce Booth and Judy and Noel de Voogd were pleased with their effort. Thanks to folk who provided the plants. A good rain during the week has made it ideal to do some planting.

Also located outside were the BBQ and drinks. Organiser Stephen White was assisted by Ewan McRobert. They needed to purchase more sausages and onions during the morning so business was brisk. Janet Cundall ran the drink stall. Thanks Janet.

We also appreciated the augmented Band who provided great toe tapping music during the morning - thanks to Ken and Katharine Davies, Jean Lardner, Doug Williams and versatile visitor Henry. The sound System was kindly organised for us by Jim Davies. Many thanks Jim!

As usual Merle presented a stall full of delicious jams, jellies, sauces etc. Graeme was a great assistant particularly with the preparation & sales.

Merle's daughter Meg made the popular Worcestershire sauce that "Sold out" and Jean Lardner provided the Tomato Relish. Well done Merle and helpers.

Thankyou to the folk who helped me stock the Cake stall. Jean Curnow, Nancy Isherwood, Joyce Dodge, Pat Hamilton and Merle Munday. I was able to make 50 Christmas cakes this year and was grateful for the support of members of the Mooroolbark Probus Club who bought 25 of them. Members and friends of St. Margaret's purchased the others and I thank them for their support.

Thanks to my helpers, Nancy, Pat and friend Yvonne who do most of the serving on Fete day. Bev.Trollope and daughter Vicky sold the Competition tickets. Carolyn Dunkley had prepared three clothes baskets full of the gifts generously provided by the congregation, many thanks to those who contributed. Carolyn, the baskets looked fantastic and resulted in lots of folk keen to win one. The first prize was won by June Bennie. We didn't know the other delighted visitors who won the other two baskets.

The café had a "Cast of thousands" and had a busy morning. Thanks to chief organiser Karen White ably assisted by Faye Norris, Jean Curnow, Judy Bass, June Bennie, Denise Greenhalgh, Betty McRobert and Nicole and Ella McCurdy. Ella won the "youngest helper award" and was a great worker helping her mum with the washing up. Apologies to anyone whose name is missing! Thanks to everyone who generously provided funds enabling the café and the BBQ food to be purchased.

Lastly thanks to everyone who participated in the extra tasks necessary. To Arnie who provided the copy for the Large notices willingly donated by Max Brown Real Estate. Arnie also provided the colourful design for the flyers that Express Card Printing of Boronia generously donated

through Mark Phillips. Thanks also to Rex who organised Mark and who printed cake labels and price tickets. Lastly to Treasurer Ann Gaudion for all her work with the finances.

A big thankyou to the great team of helpers who helped set up the furniture and stock on Friday and Saturday morning and who helped pack up and put away on Saturday afternoon and finally we must not forget the support of our local community who faithfully visit, meet up with friends and provide great customer support.

We look forward to Church Council distributing the financial results of our efforts including funding our participation in the Kids Hope program at Kilsyth Primary school, the Religious Instruction programs at two local schools led by Joyce Dodge and Lentara Asylum Seeker Support program.

The net total for each stall is listed below.

<i>Band</i>	\$ 24.45
<i>BBQ and Drinks</i>	\$ 187.00
<i>Books</i>	\$ 529.60
<i>Café</i>	\$ 514.80
<i>Cakes</i>	\$ 1,987.90
<i>Gifts & Ch. Clothing</i>	\$ 103.50
<i>Hampers</i>	\$ 395.80
<i>Plants</i>	\$ 443.20
<i>Produce (jams)</i>	\$ 1,382.50
<i>Hair clip stall rent</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>"Made Locally"</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 5,608.75