

At least \$4,500 was raised from Kidman Park Church Morning Market held on 21/10/2017 reports Joan Standish



Karen Cameron

Once again, the annual Morning Market at the Church of the Resurrection was a great success, despite the fact that the 21st October was a popular date for several fetes, garage sales and church markets in the district.

The number of people strolling through was lower than usual, but, due to lots of merchandise supplied by hard working parishioners, plenty of sales were made. Special thanks must go to Karen Cameron, our Morning Market Co-ordinator. After years in this role, she knows the importance of commencing her

thinking, planning and encouraging at least three months before the market day. Karen is so calm in this

role, so most of us are unaware of her main responsibilities which include getting agreement for a date, putting notices in pew sheets, securing conveners for each of the 10 stalls, requesting donations for the raffle, updating notices and placing them in both churches, shopping centres and community halls, having the banner hoisted, contacting the media for promotions and finally all those important duties on the last few days before the market. All parishioners respect her manner and appreciate her efforts. *"The ants are not a strong people, yet they prepare their food in the summer"* Proverbs 30:25

Our plant stall is always a great success. Keen gardeners in the parish start potting cuttings etc. at least 6 months before market day. They then need to be maintained through the winter, stored and then transported and carted to the stall on the day.



Lorna & Richard carting plants to stall



Some plants that have been looked after for weeks

The parish has an active craft group as well as talented parishioners who make creative articles throughout the year. Often articles with a Christmas theme are a highlight on the stall. Most years the craft stall is one of our most successful stalls.

Fortunately, we still have many competent cooks who prepare cakes, biscuits, relish and jam etc. so once again this stall raised over \$500.



Christmas items for the craft stall



The donations from parishioners allowed Karen to present a generous raffle which was popular again.

"Moreover, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy house, I have the treasure of gold and silver and in my delight in the house of my God, I give to the house of my God." 1 Chronicles 29:3

The attractive prizes for the raffle

"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

The day before the market is always a tiring, tedious sorting day. For months, many boxes of toys, glassware, crockery and small household items have been stored, so, the shed needs to be emptied and all goods sorted and priced.



Phyl and Jean sorting



Trays of white goods sorted and priced



Wendy has the patience to make sure each puzzle has every piece

The organisation on the day starts at 7.00a.m. at the church. The shed needs to be emptied, trestles need to be set up for each stall that line the car park and sorted goods need to be carted from the parish centre to stock the stalls.



Julie and Karen emptying the shed

But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner. 1 Corinthians 14:40, 33 for God is not a God of disorder.



Team of Parishioners at 7.00 a.m. setting up the venue

At the entrance to the car park Burnside Rotary conduct our BBQ which is a great invitation for pedestrians walking past. Once inside the car park, uplifting music encourages these visitors to take a look at each of the stalls. A relaxed morning tea of tea and scones is offered in the parish centre, but, behind the scenes in the kitchen, there is a hive of activity.



Morning tea on Friday is always appreciated



Joyce in the kitchen preparing morning tea

Morning tea

"I alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too burdensome for me." Numbers 11:14-17

So, yes it was another successful market day that raised AUD \$ 4,500. Bravo to many of you worked hard to make it a reality.

... "from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love". Ephesians 4:16