



Over time, many great orators have spoken of the need for parents, community members and supporters to come together as one for the annual St John's Parish fete.

Winston Churchill was once thought to have proclaimed: "We are masters of our own fate. We are captains of our souls."

What he was actually saying, to all of you reading this right now, was: "We are masters of our fete. We are captains of our stalls."

Just as Winston was rallying the troops, so too is the St John's Parish Fete committee.

Many people simply wouldn't know the level of planning, preparation and devotion that goes into staging this event each year.

And, we know how busy you all are with the rigors of everyday life.

But, we ask this of you – if you are going to volunteer for anything this year, if you can spare some time, offer your expertise, be on a stall or help in any way, then please make the St John's Fete your philanthropic focus.

There's plenty of ways to play your part, as you'll see as you read further.

And, if Winston's inspirational call to action didn't whet your appetite for community service, we'll leave you with another famous quote from renowned Mitcham philosopher, Professor Shane Laffin:

"Teamwork makes the dream work. Armed with just a fluoro vest and a walkie talkie, together we can create a brighter future for our children, one lob-a-choc, sausage, baked good or pre-loved knick knack, at a time."

Drop it (off) like it's hot

Like Churchill, AFL Grand Final entertainer, Snoop Dogg, was referring to the need for donations to the famed St John's Bric-a-Brac stall when he wrote his hit song 'Drop it (off) like it's hot'.

We still need your contributions to Bric a Brac, preloved clothes and pre-loved toys. So, please – rid your house of these items and drop it off on the fete collections days. Complete the cycle by returning on Fete day and buying someone else's.

Drop off dates for Bric a Brac, Pre-loved Clothes and Pre-loved Toys:

October: 12, 19 and 26 & November: 9 (No cup weekend collections).

Time: 9am – 12noon. Where: Parish garage behind the Parish Office.





Seeking Couture Connoisseurs

Every Hollywood star, big name musician and glamorous socialite has a team of fashionistas behind them to ensure they look their best at all times. You can add the world-renowned St John's Fete to that exclusive list. Each year a finely cultivated club of couture connoisseurs take it upon themselves to dress Mitchamites and dictate the outer-eastern suburbs fashion trends for the coming Summer season.



This team is out there. Like the glamorous clothes that define their unique sense of style, they know that this role suits them. They're just too shy and modest to acknowledge their expertise in this field. Our message to you is – don't be! We need you, Mitcham needs you – help us get a team together to take on this tour de force. Contact admin@stjohnsfete.org.au for more info.

Don't dye wondering

We're still cut up, we haven't found someone yet, but we won't fold until we do. The crafts stall is the glue that holds this fete together. Put your hand up and contact admin@stjohnsfete.org.au



Raffle

Tickets are now available and will be on sale from 10 October. 10 prizes. 1st prize a \$1500 Visa card, tickets \$2 & only 10,000 tickets. Sell them to your friends, your family, your next door neighbour and your colleagues.

Become a feted business

It's a well known local fact that businesses and business owners who sponsor the St John's Fete generate greater community good will, self worth and most importantly, bigger profits thanks to increased spending from grateful customers. A little sponsorship can go a long way. Do you remember that local business who declined to sponsor the fete last year? Of course you don't, no one speaks of them.

Be the business they talk about – just like some of our beloved current sponsors – Biggin & Scott, Manchester Road Dental, Whitehorse Medical Centre & Bucatini Restaurant. Sponsorship can also include **donations for our Silent Auction**. If you have a prize or voucher you'd like to contribute, we'd love to hear from you! It's a great way to **promote your business** while supporting the fete. Hit us up with an email at admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

Save the date – 15 November 2025 | 10am - 4pm

Put it in your diary now and be ready to volunteer when the online sign-ups come out.