



FETE NEWSLETTER #1 • 2026

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Start Your Engines! 🚩

Welcome to our first Fete Newsletter for 2026.

Buckle up — 2026 is the year of the dodgem car. We're not talking about the daily 3.20pm ritual of trying to outwit, outsmart and outlast the Whitehorse Council parking inspectors — this is the real deal!

As we start our engines in preparation for the 72nd staging of the world-famous St John's Parish Community Fete, we're calling on our ever-reliable and much appreciated volunteers to hop into the driver's seat and help navigate our course towards another record-breaking fundraising chequered flag, on **Saturday, November 21**.

Just like in Formula 1, back-up drivers are also critical for team success — this year we're on the hunt for the next generation of Fete facilitators, to buddy up with an experienced head and help drive this community juggernaut into the future.

Regeneration is needed for sustainable success. Just like the Richmond Football Club, we're looking to recruit the next generation of stars — people just like you — to propel us to glory.

Don't be frightened to put your hand up for this opportunity. Just like the dodgem cars on the day, this is a well-oiled machine that's been on course for more than seven decades. There's plenty of experience to guide you while you learn and have a good time with great people.

We are looking for

- Operations Group members — the roles that make Fete Day hum.
- Fete Operations Manager — the oil that ensures a smooth ride.
- Treasurer — the keeper of dollars and sense.
- Electrician(s) — to spark the day into action.

So, hop into the passenger's seat in 2026 and take the wheel in 2027. You'll love the experience and make a new crew of friends in the process.

For a free, no-obligation enquiry, please contact admin@stjohnsfete.org.au



Save These Dates

Donation drop-off dates & times

WHEN: Sunday, October 18 and 25, and November 8 and 15

WHERE: St Johns Parish Garage – enter via Driveway and someone can assist you

TIME: between 9am and 12pm

(Note: no Cup weekend collections)

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