

Media Release

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A day of faith, hope and action

Jesuit Mission's Maytime Fair returns on Saturday 3 May to Xavier College Kew for a joyful day of fundraising and empowerment!

This beloved grassroots event attracts over 5,000 participants each year, uniting families, friends, and supporters to create a more inclusive and just world.

The Maytime Fair promises a packed day of delicious food, live music, rides, games, face painting, raffles, showbags, a wine auction, and much more. There's truly something for everyone—young and young at heart!

"The Maytime Fair brings us together in faith, hope, and action—supporting communities to break free from poverty and build brighter futures," says Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission.

Since 1952, the Maytime Fair has brought together the community in support of Jesuit Mission's work in over 10 countries across Asia and Africa, including Cambodia, Timor-Leste, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Malawi, and more. Proceeds empower vulnerable communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, providing clean water and emergency relief.

"Every raffle entry, ride ticket and donation at the Maytime Fair helps us stand in solidarity with those in need, fostering hope and opportunity," says Ms Forde.

"The day would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of our volunteers who prepare tirelessly year-round, giving their time and talents to create such a joyous occasion. Their commitment brings our mission of solidarity and justice to life."

Join the Fun! Bring your friends and family to experience a day packed with excitement, community spirit, and meaningful impact.

When: 9:00am – 4:00pm Saturday 3 May 2025

Where: Xavier College Kew, 135 Barkers Rd, Kew VIC 3101

For more information on the Maytime Fair including purchasing rides passes, raffle tickets, donating wine for our popular wine auction and more, please visit:

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/maytimefair/>

If you would like an opportunity to profile your business at the Maytime Fair, please

get in touch with Katrina Tucker at Jesuit Mission to discuss sponsorship opportunities. katrina.tucker@jesuitmission.org.au

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Caption: Proceeds from the day will support vulnerable communities around the world, including helping to provide access to clean water in rural villages in Timor-Leste.



Caption: Bumper cars are always a laugh at the Maytime Fair.



Caption: Get your rides passes now!



Caption: Volunteers on the BBQ at last year's Maytime Fair.

Supporting Links:

Maytime Fair information – Rides passes, Raffle tickets and more
<https://jesuitmission.org.au/maytimefair>

Maytime Fair Facebook event:



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1015674943604689>

About Jesuit Mission

Jesuit Mission works in over 10 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable. Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief.