

Community rallies around referendum day fundraiser at All Souls'

The large parish hall of All Souls Anglican Church in St Peters was a polling station in the recent Voice Referendum. To raise funds for a community garden on the church site, the parish organised a Sausage Sizzle and Plant Stall that raised close to \$3 000.

A local artist, Rehana Usman of Studio Rags also provided a free art activity in the church to entertain children while their parents voted.

Organiser of the project, People's Warden, Emma Robinson, said: "We had a wonderful day engaging with our local community, selling sausages and plants, and having people go through the church enjoying its beauty. There was a really positive atmosphere, and people were very excited about the idea of a community garden."



Priest's Warden Pauline "on the tongs" at the popular Sausage Sizzle with People's Warden Emma (third from left) assisted by Kirk (far left) and Nicole.



The impressive plants stall caught voters' attention as they exited the polling hall. From left: John, Sara, Fiona and a customer.



Children enjoy a free art activity provided by Rehana Usman (right) of Studio Rags art and craft studio.



Some of the handmade items on sale including lavender bags, gluten free chocolates, cards, calendars and items decorated with indigenous designs.

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