



Margaret Newton and Heather Fehring.



Hugh Ryan, 5, Nelly Ryan, 8, and Noah O'Donnell, 6.



Makenzie Atkins, Mitchell and Natasha Dodos.



Golden bed pan winners, the M & S Insurance team, Brad Edwards, Paul Newman, Emma Ryan, Zane Coventry and Brendan Ryan.



Zane Coventry, Brad Edwards and Paul Newman push Emma Ryan.

Fete to be remembered

By Neil Sanders

Kyabram and district bid Kyabram Hospital's last annual fete a fond farewell on Friday evening.

The fete has been running for 51 years since being started up by the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary in 1961, with hundreds of thousands of dollars raised to help the hospital.

The ladies continued to organise the fete until about six years ago when the hospital board took the event on, but the auxiliary has continued to run stalls selling produce, plants and cakes.

Kyabram and District Health Services president Mike Sweeney thanked the auxiliary for their work over the years.

Many auxiliary members said how much they had enjoyed helping out at the fete.

Sisters Norma Roe and Marion Haw used to help their mother on the produce stall and continued the work after she died.

"We have some very fond memories of being involved with the fete," Norma said.

Beth Hartin said it was nice to know they were raising money for

good to see many customers returning year after year.

Mavis Anderson said it was a shame this was to be the last annual hospital fete after so many years.

Plant stall customer Frances King has a garden full of memories of the fete.

"A lot of the plants have been bought here and have originally come from different people's gardens around the town," she said.

Heather Fehring has been involved helping out with the fete for 30 years.

"It's a great event for getting the community together and I loved making the Christmas cakes, shortbread and yo-yos," she said.

"This may be last fete but the ladies auxiliary will continue fundraising for the hospital."

This year's fete included the popular Bed Race, for the Golden Bed Pan, which has been a feature since 2007.

In a tight contest the M & S Insurance team of Zane Coventry, Brad Edwards, Paul Newman, Brendan Ryan and Emma Ryan came out winners in a time of



The team from Casalare Speciality Pasta again won best themed bed.



Ladies Hospital Auxiliary members: Beth Hartin, Marion Haw, Norma Roe, Joyce Mulcahy and Mavis Anderson.

Repairs, while Casalare Speciality Pasta again won the best themed bed.

There were three winners in the decorated bike

O'Donnell, 6, and Hugh Ryan, 5, all taking home a prize.

Music was provided by Reg Poole and the Ambulance Pipe Band while children were en-

sidshow games and a visit from Santa.

Fete chairman Barry Norton said it was great to see so many people giving their support again and while the fete may have run