



BACK: Hackett residents Dorothy MacKenzie, Tony Hussein, Terry Deluca and Mike Hettinger. FRONT: Hackett children Natalie, 3, and Patrick Miller, 7, Jack Dunlop, 7, Tristan Miller, 6, and Willow Smith.

# Hackett hosts a party

HACKETT residents will celebrate the 45th birthday of their suburb this Saturday.

Last year, about 1000 people turned up for the event and organisers expect about 3500 this year.

Party convenor and Hackett Community Association archivist James Walker said they had also launched Back to Hackett to encourage past residents to join in the celebrations.

Mr Walker, who has lived in the suburb for 30 years, described Hackett as a mixed community with young and old

and people of all financial situations.

"People are glad to be living in a place like Hackett with bush on two sides," he said.

"Who would want to live anywhere else?"

The Hackett community is very active, with the Friends of Mt Majura and Sustainable Hackett groups succeeding in encouraging many households to be involved in saving their environment.

This year's birthday bash will include all the local schools.

The Canberra City Band and the Warrani Chorale will also perform.

There will be folk dancing, stalls, a raffle, a barbecue, an old fire engine and an interfaith service.

The highlight of the day will be when one of Hackett's oldest residents Eileen Pateman, 98, will cut the birthday cake with the help of her great-granddaughter.

Hackett's birthday party will take place on Saturday, May 3 at Hackett shops on Maddigan Street.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

- Welcome to Country
- Ecumenical Service
- Flag raising
- Scouts Display
- Barbecue
- Warrani Chorale
- Cutting of the Cake
- Hackett Pre-school sings Happy Birthday
- Canberra City Band
- Folk Dancing
- School bands and performers