Hackett preschoolers in 1969.

Mr Whippy in Brennan Street with Suzi and Pamela Fox in 1968.

Happy days in Hackett

HACKETT will celebrate its 50th birthday at the inner-north suburb's shops over the September 21-22 weekend.

Centenary creative director Robyn Archer will launch the celebrations at noon on the Saturday in a ceremony that will include a happy birthday chorus from local pre-school children and a birthday cake.

A "reminiscing corner" with early photos will provide an opportunity for present and past residents to recall the suburb's earlier times.

"In previous birthday parties, we have attracted thousands of people and we are anticipating similar numbers for this birthday party," says Hackett Community Association chairman Greg Haughey.

"There will be stalls selling books, craft items and food, together with kids' activities including a jumping castle, face painting and a visit by Constable Kenny Koala.

"During the course of each day there will be live performances by dance groups, school groups and street entertainers. There will also be live music by various bands and a local DJ from 5pm to 10pm on the Saturday."

Hackett is named after Sir John Winthrop Hackett (1848–1916), who was a newspaper editor and worker for the Federation of Australia. Streets in Hackett are named after scientists.

Snow falls in Hackett in 1965. More photos at hackett.org.au/history/hackett