

Board Report re 2020 Christmas Raffle

With some trepidation (and also not being sure quite how) I became the organiser of the Christmas Raffle for 2020. Having been a member of the Club for a number of years I knew that it was a substantial job, but I probably didn't appreciate the number of members that get involved in various ways. I must start my report with some acknowledgements:

1. Brian Clarke who made the initial connections with the Mall to ensure the raffle could go ahead
2. John Matthews for organising (and donating) the printing of the tickets
3. Ron Hunter who sourced the wonderful prize contents for the trailer at a remarkable wholesale price
4. Colin Alford who also contributed prizes for the raffle
5. Members who made donations to the Charitable Trust towards the cost of the raffle prizes
6. Brian Klee who organised for the use of the trailer free of charge from Mitre 10 and who had a contact at eftpos so that we could hire the eftpos machine at a reduced cost.
7. John Matthews who collected the trailer from Mitre 10 and fitted the canopy (which had been stored in his garage all year).
8. Ron Hunter who put some of the raffle prizes together so they could be shown off in the trailer (including the BBQ – without having any pieces left over).
9. Ron Hunter, John Matthews, Dave Wilson, Mike Fackney who loaded the trailer at Avalon Pavilion and got the trailer into the Mall
10. Brian Lummis who delivered the table and chairs down to the Mall
11. Mike Fackney, who did an amazing job with the roster and for sending emails each night to remind people of their duties the next day.
12. Eastern Hutt Rotary and Inner Wheel members who completed shifts at the Mall selling tickets
13. Eastern Hutt Rotary Members who purchased and sold to friends and family the tickets they were allocated.
14. Brian Klee who sent out my messages to members and Mike Fackney who sent them out to the Inner Wheel members.
15. Christine Meredith for lending us her battery pack to use with the eftpos machine
16. Mike Fackney and Christine Meredith who were available to fill in and do extra shifts when people ran into problems and couldn't do their allocated shift.
17. Tony Cornelius who banked takings (and kept me sane)
18. David Thompson, Tony Cornelius, Mike Fackney and Brian Lummis who helped to get the trailer out of the Mall
19. Tony Cornelius who came with me to the police station to draw the raffle
20. Brian Lummis who lent me his big van so that Tony and I could go and deliver the prizes to the winning family
21. David Thompson and Mike Fackney who returned the trailer to Mitre 10.

I hope I haven't left anyone out, but as you can see a huge and truly whole club effort.

I delivered letters to the shops in the Mall and was a little disappointed to get only three replies of donated items. Thanks, must go to Bed, Bath and Beyond, The Body Shop and Acquisitions for their donations. New World Lower Hutt also contributed \$250 towards the second prize voucher of \$500.

As in the previous year, we kept the value of the prizes under \$5000 so that the raffle did not have to be audited.

Preliminary Financial results:	2020	2019
Total Takings	11,733	10,552
Members Donations	600	
Sponsorship	-	1,000
Costs (Newspaper Results expense to come)	(3,383)	(600)
Available to Distribute	<u>\$ 8,950</u>	<u>\$10,952</u>

This year we reduced the number of printed tickets to 7,000. This proved to be the right amount as we only had 10 books of unsold tickets.

We trialed an eftpos machine this year. It took a little while to get the bank details sorted, so it was the 5th December before we had it up and running at the Mall. The takings through the eftpos machine were \$2,468. (The cost of hire was \$245). I think all members were able to follow the instructions and felt comfortable to use the machine.

We also (on encouragement from the Mall) took the trailer out of the Mall before trading on Christmas Eve. Doing this, returning the trailer and delivering the first prize took almost 3 hours so I was very pleased we did not complete this after the Mall closed at 6.00pm.

I think this is something we should continue to do as it gives the winners an opportunity to do something with the raffle prizes and also for our members that are involved, most of us would rather be doing something else at 8pm on Christmas Eve I am sure.

Something else that we could look at adjusting for next year, is the timing of some of the duties, There were a few evenings in particular, where Mall traffic was very low and it was frustrating to be sitting at the Mall not selling any tickets.

We also need to find somewhere to store the 2 pieces that make up the canopy for the trailer. (I may not be married next year if it stays in my garage for too long.....).

In conclusion, after there being some uncertainty as to whether the raffle would go ahead, I am pleased that we did proceed, and we now have some funds available to distribute to the community.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Kathy Bryant