

Fun(d)raisers

Fundraising is a critical & fun part of the EW Dragon boat team as it ensures that the team can attend as many out-of-town competitions as possible along with keeping individual costs to a minimum. It is also an integral part of building a strong team unit and builds comradeship between the paddlers.

The 2005-06 dragon boat season saw the whole team focus strongly on fundraising as the intent was initially that our team of 25 paddlers would be heading off shore to Australia early in 2006 to compete in the Sydney regatta. Hence, we saw a lot more fundraising activities compared to previous years which were handled by the ever diligent Karyn Hopkins (fund-raiser co-ordinator). We had a very successful year with a variety of the fun & entertaining fundraising events which resulted in a net income of approximately \$8,400 for the team.

The fundraising events that we participated in include:

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| 2005 | (Jun) | - Stadium Clean up and Chocolate Fundraising |
| | (Sept) | - Jazz night , Telephone Book Delivery, Rob Brodnax Garden Clean up & Elections |
| | (Nov) | - Junine and Stephen Cooper's Garden Clean up, EW Idol, and Rachel Kelleher's Window Sanding |
| | (Dec) | - Blair's Garden Clean up |
| 2006 | (Mar) | - EW Quiz Night |
| | (Apr) | - Balloon Festival (Park & Ride) |
| | (Apr) | - Stadium Clean up |
| | (Jun) | - Signage Cover (Stadium Black Out), Telecom Back Seat Campaign & LTCCP Party Celebration |
| | (July) | - Social Pool Competition |

Attendance at the fundraisers varied from event to event – with the highest turn-out being at the first Stadium clean up closely followed by the more recent Back Seat Campaign. The numbers of volunteers were a lot less for the Gully clean-up at Blairs place (and we wonder why?). But all in all we had a great and successful year for fundraising – bring on next year!!!!

Every fundraising activity gave as many memorable moments – so here are just a couple of those highlights and those damn right funny things that happened along the way...

~ Karyn, Brenda and Helen