

Garden Clean Up – Blair Dickie's (December 05)

It was a fine Sat morning in Dec, a small but enthusiastic group of Dragon Boaters turned up with their clippers & spades to a usual fundraiser. We had been warned about 'Blairs Gully' but how bad could it be right? Well! After being shown 'a way down there' & 'a way up there' & 'move that to there', we got stuck in. Clearing scrub & undergrowth, chopping trees and moving topsoil. A few hours of hard work had seen up pull Cirina from the 'cavernous gully lows' and Tama in the 'mountainous trailer heights' and well I had a great time with the 'limb removing loppers'. After being feed & watered (BBQ'ed & beered), we had the unanimous advise to Blair, "Bobcat"!!

~ Brenda

Quiz Night (March 06)

This was a successful fundraiser & a very interesting night. Some of the bar staff were also partaking in the Quiz night & hence were in costume which made for a fun night. However, a big "Thank You" goes to those who manned the bar for the majority of the evening. Along with the team that stayed behind to do the final clean up - there were plenty of helping hands at the end of the night.

~ Helen and Karyn



Balloon Festival (April 06)

Quite a different type of fundraiser & it came our way thanks to the EW Land Transport team. Also, many thanks goes to Allan Halse who did a lot of the organisation for this. This event ran extremely smoothly thanks to the instructions & training that we received from external organisers & Go Bus.

The idea of the Park & Ride locations for this event was an attempt to reduce previously experienced traffic congestion and to encourage people attending the 'Balloons over Waikato' event to travel by special buses that would take them directly to the site.

Our job was to man the eight 'Park & Ride' locations around the outer suburbs of Hamilton, to get people safely onto the bus, answer questions & provide information about bus timing & return times etc.... The day started with only a trickle of passengers – but the last couple of bus departure times saw a huge number of passengers turn up to use the 'Park & Ride' facilities. The queues were extremely long and the people waiting seemed to be in good spirits. I think everyone experienced what it is like to be popular!! The Park & Rides proved so popular that the bus company had to put on several more buses just to get the people who were waiting to the event.

The weather also came to the party – in that it held up until the very last of the passengers got on the buses. We had just hopped into our cars to head home after another job well done when it started to rain !!

~ Helen and Karyn

Stadium Clean Up (April 06)

This fundraiser was a crazy idea from the beginning. I mean who in their right mind gets up before 10am on a Saturday? Well our crazy Dragonboaters did. We got up to be at the stadium at 7am. We split up into people with large brooms sweeping out the majority of the crap and those that followed behind to pick up the rest of the mess. It's amazing how much rubbish people just get up and leave behind!