

Fundraising



Park and Rides

The fundraising got underway with the Xmas Under the Stars Park n Ride. Many of us were old hands at this Park n' Ride business after helping out with the Balloons Over Waikato event the previous season. The EW transport team were well organized with wonderful big banners, clear layout instructions for each site and plenty of support. The dragonboat team had a huge turn out and were able to man each site with 3 people, ready for the onslaught of the masses. Despite our anticipation and preparedness the event was a bit of a fizzer and not many people used the buses at all. So much so they no longer needed our help to get people home that night. We didn't mind and sat back together to enjoy our wonderful Indian dinner that we had all congregated for.

Despite the disappointment the Xmas Under the Stars was a perfect dry run for the Balloons over Waikato this year. Again many paddlers stepped up to the challenge and did the team proud, escorting hundreds of people safely on and off buses. The professionalism, reliability and commitment of the team have ensured that we will be the first port of call for all future Park and Ride events. Great effort.



Blair Dickie's Gully

I wasn't stupid enough to help out at the Gully of Death this year so can't talk about that one – all I will say is I think everyone should have to do this at least once as some kind of weird initiation rite.

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Yes I got roped into doing one of these as well. I ended up doing a fundraiser, working at Lollipops on Claude Street for a morning doing some weeding. Allan and I exchanged stories while pulling out some weeds. There were also a few heavy lifting tasks like relocating a rabbit hutch which no longer has a rabbit in it. Others got to sand down and paint toddlers chairs. The morning went very quickly and before we knew it the hard work was over and a yummy lunch was provided.



Sarah

Memorable Moments #13



Leaving the pub head first and airborne.

Jane Davidson

Memorable Moments #14

Winning gold in Chch!!

Karyn Hopkins



Memorable Moments #15



Arriving in Christchurch and getting straight into the tequila pass the parcel

Kelly