

Hospice's Chatham Islands Trip raffle drawn

The Sunshine and a Plate 2019 raffle for a 5 night trip for 2 to the Chatham Island has been drawn, and the winning ticket was purchased by staff at the Haddock's Spraypainters and Panelbeaters office.

The winner was drawn out on the 15th of March live on 1xx radio and phoned to let them know. The prize includes flights to the Chatham Islands with Air Chathams, a 5 night stay in the executive Hotel Chathams Suite overlooking the ocean, continental breakfasts and a crayfish meal at the Hotel Chathams Restaurant.

This year's raffle sold more than double the efforts this year, thanks to a longer sales period and the efforts of volunteers and sponsors selling them too, said Fundraising Manager Anna Meredith. "We had some dedicated volunteers taking the tickets around to their networks, and one volunteer sold over 200 tickets going door-to-door around businesses. Harcourts took 100 tickets and sold them on our behalf, a number of our other sponsors took them too. We also sold them through the shops and at events." The raffle has raised over \$12,000 for Hospice EBoP, a big help towards their \$500,000 shortfall.

"We were really pleased to see someone we know well as a hospice supporter being drawn out of the barrel" said Ms Meredith. "Haddocks have been loyal supporters of Hospice, and this year co-sponsored two of our Sunshine and a Plate events, and buying the raffle tickets too. It's great to see them reap some rewards for their huge community spirit."

Craig Pinkerton, who bought the ticket in the Haddocks office, said that everything they do is as a team and that supporting the community is part of that. "If you want teamwork and good quality work, see us first".

Hospice CEO Peter Bassett has extended his thanks to all involved in the raffle. "The generous donors Air Chathams and Hotel Chathams, everyone who bought their share of the 1,233 tickets and the volunteers who put their time into distributing them have all helped us raise funds. Everything we raise stays locally in the EBoP and helps us to support patients in their final months, helping them to live every moment the best they can."