

Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Research

On Thursday 25 June Montmorency Bowling Club hosted the Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for cancer research, prevention and support. The event was initiated by Shamse Willmott and Gail Grieve and very rapidly joined by numerous other ladies, and Peter Rubira.

A number of teams were organised to plan and manage different aspects of the event.

Lots of meetings were held, and lots of discussion as to what should be done and who will do it.

In the days before the event the teams were flat out organising how to cater for 100 people!

Club sponsors were asked if they would donate goods and/or services.

Many donations were received from other businesses.

All donated items went into the 'Silent Auction' on the day.

A major donation was the provision of all the bread for the meal from Bakers Delight in Montmorency. A certain lady going to Scaffidi Hairdressers in Lower Plenty mentioned that we were having the Morning Tea, and the hairdresser immediately gave a voucher.

This was typical of the response from all donors.

Many individual members, or their family and friends donated many items. One of the items eventually sold in the silent auction for \$300!

The buyer was a club member! Thank you.

Peter Rubira, Shamse, Marilyn Miller did a great job of creating signs for every item for sale or auction. This was quite a job, as there were items coming in right up until the event!

A table full of 'succulents in teapots', prepared by Gail Grieves, attracted a lot of attention.

They were displayed near the "raffles and Guessing Games" table, managed by Bev Sorenson, Marilyn Miller and Glenda Swann. They coped extremely well with all the people wanting to spend their money on chance! There was a large collection of prizes, including bottles of wine!

The Decorating Team of Margaret Austin, Jenny Melton, Peter Rubira and Shamse, did a great job in the room. This included furniture layouts, decorations for all the activities, and then re-arranging after the event. There were many positive comments on the decor from attendees.

The Catering Team eventually consisted of 9 ladies under the direction of Josie Hall, and included: Lyn Frayne, Nola Cruze, Sue McKenna, Glenda Worth, Sharon Roxby, Jenny Melton, Margaret Austin, and Barbera Brown.

Apparently the kitchen was a frenzy of activity and lots of humorous banter!

It had been decided beforehand that interested members or friends would be asked if they would like to bring a 'cake', And many did!

Apparently the cakes, scones, slices, lamingtons, cupcakes and many more were delicious and well appreciated!

The food was beautifully plated and presented, with many favourable comments.

A musical ensemble, Monica Edwards on Cello, and Sonia Ziad on Vocals, entertained us for a spell of classical music. They provided a very pleasant interlude.

Peter Rubira was the MC for the morning and kept the people engaged and in good humour. He was the auctioneer for all the 'silent auction' items, and there were only a few items not sold on the day. Wine was a popular choice, with a 2-bottle donation by the Bendigo Bank, and a couple of single bottles of high worth! The best price for an individual item was \$300 for a hand made queen-sized quilt, a lovely item. The other quilt also did well.

The clean up at the end of the day was done by those left standing after a very busy but satisfying day!

The efforts by so many volunteers, whether it was washing dishes, selling raffle tickets, feeding everybody or just making sure all the visitors enjoyed themselves, has to be applauded by the money raised on the day.

Keith Armstrong did a great job looking after the money, from entry fees to raffle and auction money, and closing off at the end of the day, ready to confirm that:

The Montmorency Bowling Club raised the fantastic sum of:

\$6400.00

Brilliant!!

