

## **Some Fun, Easy Fundraising Ideas:**

### Build your own Fundraising page

Online fundraising is a fast effective way to raise money for Dragons Abreast. After creating a team or an individual Fundraising page you can email the link to your friends and family who can simply click to donate and post a message, they will be immediately receipted by email. There is no cash, no paperwork and no hassles !! how simple is that! [Click here for more information](#)

### Work lunches

Sandwiches, rolls, or wraps – nice but can be a bit boring in winter !! how about cooking up a curry, take the rice cooker to work and set up your own “curry in a hurry” stall in the lunch room ? You could do this on a regular basis say once a month – you watch your work mates will be hanging out for their curry day.

### Gold coin a Guess

Guess how many chuppa chups, smarties, M & M's, minties, fantaes or paperclips are in a jar – lots of scope here!

### Swear Jars – always a good steady earner.

### Perfectly Pink Party

Next time you have a gathering – large or small, you can ask your guests to ‘pink’ it up for you, and ask them for a donation upon entry how simple.

### Donation dinner party

Invite your friends for dinner, rather than go to a restaurant – but what they have to do is give you a donation for each course – what a great way to find out how good your cooking is ??

### Pink up your Paypacket:

Workplace giving – why not get your employer on board with this, many people want to donate but don't like charities ringing them at dinner time so why not suggest that it can be as easy as checking in with the pay office and arranging for them to take x amount out of your pay and donate it to Dragons Abreast.

### Pink Play Day

For all the mums out there – why not have a “pink play day” – dress your pram up, dress up your babies and dress up yourself or just ask us for some pink ribbons and then ask your friends to pop in a donation.

### Escape fees:

Tackle your pals who *don't* want to paddle (how mad is that?) and fine them for NOT joining your crew.

### Joint garage sale:

What better time to declutter, and ask others to donate their clutter too – then sell all that unneeded stuff at a garage sale or sale/exchange bazaar.

### Sell it on eBay:

No place to run a garage sale? – Put your trash on E-Bay, and make it someone else's treasure

### Metre eater challenge – get sponsored for each metre you paddle

Even those who don't want to paddle will want to sponsor your race – charge them per metre! (and remember you get 3 races on the day, each 240metres!). If your firm has multiple offices email all your colleagues in all your offices for sponsorship – last year one firm even received sponsorship from overseas colleagues that way. Your workplace might even win Highest Fundraiser.

### Pink Christmas in July

Ask every second guest to bring a Present wrapped in Pink paper (you could supply the paper so all the presents are wrapped the same) for under the tree, charge them a small fee to come through the door, then you could auction off the presents, or run a raffle for the presents under the tree. Eg. 50 guests 25 presents.... Raffle tickets will go like hotcakes..

### Auction (Willing) People

At one of your functions auction off some willing participants' time and skills – eg Fred will mow your lawns and tidy your garden for two hours; Joe and Mary will cook dinner for 6 at your place; John will give an hour's golf coaching; Tim will clean your pool; George will do your ironing; Cindy will set up your computer – whatever.

### Winter Whale Watching:

Winter's a great time to see the migrating whales up close as they cruise up the coast – grab a bunch of friends for a whale watching cruise – remember to mark up the tickets a bit.

### Theatre party:

How about organizing a gang to go to a concert, or a show – add \$10 to each ticket

### Winery tour:

Google up a Hunter winery tour company then rustle up a busload of friends, adding \$10 to each ticket. Then have a little raffle on the bus on the way there (and another on the way back)!

### Discount Outlet Shopping Expedition:

Grab all the shopaholics you know and the workaholics who never have time to shop. Several companies run shopping bus tours to the brand name discount outlets – so get all your Christmas shopping done in a day and at a discount. You just mark up the tour tickets, plus the tour company will also give you a small percentage on the total sales for the day – easy!

### Market stall:

Hit up all your crafty friends for their hand knitted warmers, handmade jewellery, homemade jams etc and then set up a stall at your local market.

### Trivia night:

Always fun, easy to organize, lots of laughs – get a gang together, charge everyone a small entry fee, plus run a few little raffles on the night.

### Karaoke Krooning

Organize a night out in one of the city's Karaoke bars but add a donation to the entry cost (because Tuesday night are often half price, it'll still be a bargain).

### Cheese and Wine Party after work

Organise office drinkies on a Friday evening after work – the liquor shop will deliver and some will supply glasses too. Bit of cheese and Bob's your uncle – you make a profit on it and have fun at the same time.

### Fresh Air frolic:

Organise a golf, tennis or bowling afternoon – with a markup, and silly prizes for the winners.

### Progressive dinner

Organise a fundraising progressive dinner with participants paying a small entry fee at each venue.

### Teacher Torture or Mortify the Manager:

This one's for schools or offices. School principal/boss picks as many target people he/she feels will *willingly* participate - no party poopers! The principal/boss also has to play (to be fair of course). The principal/boss then selects an "appropriate" activity that each target has

to do such as: color hair a wild color, dress up outrageously, roller skate, sing and act 'Tiptoe through the Tulips', etc. Be creative! Have fun! The targets then vote on what the principal/boss has to do. Have a large jar for each target and the principal/boss writes the target's name and their "assigned activity". Put the jars where someone can keep an eye over them - preferably in a high traffic area. Everyone then "votes" by putting money in the jars. At the end of the fundraising event, the three (five, etc) targets with the most money in their jars, have to perform their assigned activity – perhaps at the wine and cheese party, or before a footy game or just for a finale to the fundraiser.

#### Sports afternoon

Organize a tennis, golf or bowling afternoon, put an extra \$10 per head on the court hire and have heaps of fun whilst getting some exercise at the same time.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you would like to discuss any of these ideas or have others to add please do not hesitate to contact our National Fundraising Manager:

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