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Second time lucky

Pauley Healey was awarded franchise owner of the year at the national Lollypotz annual conference.
PHOTOGRAPH LAURA FERGUSON

IN a relatively short time Traralgon's Paula Healey has won the hearts of many.

The Lollypotz Traralgon franchise owner, who opened the store two years ago, recently bagged two awards at the Lollypotz national conference, inspiring her to "up the store's standard" further.

Ms Healey was awarded franchise owner of the year and the store with the highest regional sales.

"I was definitely very shocked when we won because we were up against all of Australia and New Zealand," Ms Healey said.

"I was definitely quite blown away."

When asked what the secret to her success was, Ms Healey said, "I love what I do - it's a great environment and the girls here work as a team".

What first started as finding a job that could work around family commitments soon developed into a budding business for the winning entrepreneur.

"The whole family eventually got involved in some way or the other and they're really supportive," she said.

Lollypotz Traralgon, which sells novelty chocolates, was previously awarded shop of the year.



CLUB PROFILE

The Journal recently caught up with the Royal Exchange Hotel Cork Club treasurer Rosa Agostino to find out more about the club following its recent Good Friday Appeal success.

When and how was the club founded?

The club was formed in May 1973 when three blokes sitting at the bar in the Royal Exchange Hotel decided to raise a few dollars for the Royal Children's Hospital.

A committee was formed and the REH Cork Club has continued to evolve over the past 40 years.

In the early years the club held dinner dances and car rallies to raise funds and there were several hundred members.

Today there are about 20 to 30 members and the types of fundraising activities have changed to meet the times.

What are some of the activities the club takes part in?

We run various events over a full year such as a monthly craft market in the Kay Street Gardens, raffles and catering events culminating with our Community F...

at the REH.

The Community Family Fun Day promotes goodwill within the community and also aids the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

It provides a social gathering for the community, the members and volunteers and a respite break for travellers.

Activities include music by a live band, a barbecue, local fire brigade displays, fishing games, caricature artist drawings, jumping castles and more.

All proceeds go towards the Good Friday Appeal.

Why join the club?

You learn new skills, meet people, have some fun and assist in fundraising to ensure our children continue to have access to the very best in medical care, research and technology.

You also feel good about yourself - volunteering makes a real difference to our community.

won the Good Friday Appeal Premier Fundraiser Award 17 times, the Top Country (Non-Metro) Fundraiser Award 33 times and our Good Friday Community Family Fun Day was the co-winner of Latrobe City's 2012 Australia Day awards for the Best Event.

The total amount of money we raised this year was \$79,217.24 and more than \$407,200 in the last five years. All in all, the club has raised a total of \$1,633,746.61 since 1973.

Does the club have any activities/events coming up in the future?

A key fundraising activity of the club is our Craft Market held on the second Saturday of each month from September to May, 7am to 1pm, at the Kay Street Gardens, Traralgon.

The next market day has been scheduled for Saturday, 12 May.

Raffles are also held at the REH every Friday night from 5pm to 6pm.

For more information or to join the club, please...

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