

Fundraising Ideas A-Z

A

Aerobics: Organise a sponsored aerob-a-thon with the help of your gym, leisure centre and sports shops.

Afternoon Tea: Put the kettle on and get baking! Entertain guests with raffles, auctions and live music.

Arts/Crafts Stall: Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors etc to sell on a stall.

“As new” Sale: Hold a market stall and sell as new items.

Auction: Auction off original items, get your local businesses to each donate a prize.

Australia Day Function: Arrange a BBQ, party or event to celebrate Australia Day.

B

Bad Tie Day: Charge your colleagues a gold coin to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner.

Barbeque: Organise a sausage sizzle. Bring along a stereo, football and bats and balls to make a day of it.

Barn Dance: Swing into action by hiring a caller and traditional country band. Serve food and drinks.

Bingo: Hold a one-off evening or make it a regular date.

Board Games Night: Invite friends over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and more. Have an entry fee or game fee.

Boat Trips: Organise a cruise or boat trip, with entertainment and refreshments.

Book Sale: Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may even buy left over stock.

Bowling: Arrange a day out for Lawn Bowling with teams. Have a BBQ to raise extra funds. Or arrange a Ten Pin Bowling night with teams too.

C

Cake Stall: Hold a traditional cake stall, but make sure you check health and safety regulations first.

Calendar: Get your work mates together for a photoshoot to make a funny or raunchy calendar and start selling!

Car Wash: Wash cars at local shopping centres, office blocks or market days.

Carnival: Arrange a street carnival in your local area, with entry fees for floats raising funds.

Carol Concert: Encourage your local Council to support you. Host a festive concert for your local community. Earn extra by selling Christmas themed food and wares.

Charity Dinner or Luncheon: Organise a dinner and sell tickets, inviting friends, family, colleagues and local community. Boost your fundraising by holding a raffle or an auction.

Children’s Party: Organise children’s parties or activities, but be sure to check relevant child care practices.

Christmas Draw: Sell tickets and ask local businesses to supply prizes. We’ll supply you with the correct rules for raffles in your state.

Chocolate Boxes: Sell charity chocolate boxes to your workmates, neighbours and friends.

C

Cinema Screening: Arrange with your local Cinema to hold a charity screening of a new movie. Hold a stall in the foyer with raffles etc.

Classic Car Show: Are you a member of a car club or just love cars? Well organised car and bike shows are great crowd pleasers and fantastic fundraisers.

Coffee Morning: Raise extra funds with a raffle. Bring along some cakes and muffins to sell too.

Cricket Match: Assemble teams and have a cricket test.

Cupcake Drive: Put out order forms and then get a group together for a fun afternoon of making cupcakes.

Cycle for Charity: Arrange a bike ride and gain sponsorship. Alternatively, join a cycling event and get a team together. The more the merrier.

D

Dance nights: Barn dances, discos, salsa night, ballroom...All dancing is fun.

Dinner and Cabaret: Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy and magic.

Dine at Mine: A dinner party with a difference! Hold a dinner party for friends and family with guests bringing along a donation for the privilege of sampling your gourmet cooking.

Dog Show: Charge proud pet owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.

Donate a Day's Pay: Encourage workmates to donate a day's pay to the Foundation.

Dvd Nights: Invite your friends over for a dvd marathon night and get them to make a donation for the privilege.

E

Easter Egg Hunt: Edible hide and seek. Charge an entry fee and ask a chocolate company to donate the eggs.

Exhibitions: Encourage local artists to get together and hold an exhibition. Include an entry fee to raise funds.

Easter Basket Raffle: Ask each workmate to donate one easter egg, then raffle off the basket full of eggs.

F

Face Painting: Get creative with face paints at local markets, fairs and at your next party.

Fancy Dress: Jazz up your event or a work day with a fancy dress contest with an entry fee.

Fashion Parade: Get some local designers involved to show off their talent.

Fete or Festival: Reach the whole community by holding a local fete or festival in your area with stall holders, food, arts and craft.

Football Game: Get local teams together to play for charity. Organise a BBQ to keep the hungry players going.

Fun Day: Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.

Fun Run: Organise a corporate or community run. Or participate in a registered run and gain sponsorship. Get your friends together and get sponsored as a team.

G

Garage Sale: Get your friends and family to get all your unwanted furniture and knick-knacks together and sell them to raise funds.

Garden Party: Sell tickets or invite guests to give a donation at a garden party – think great Gatsby and have a ball.

Gardening: Offer to spruce up local gardens for a donation.

Gala Ball: A black tie evening with raffles, entertainment and auctions.

Go Karting: Arrange a go karting day and charge a little over the entrance price. Include prizes for fastest lap etc.

Golf Day: Organise local businesses and community to enter teams in a charity golf day, raising extra funds by holding a raffle.

H

Halloween Party: Another excuse to dress up and have fun! Charge an entry fee and raise funds.

Hat Day: Have a competition to see who wears the silliest hat to work.

Headshave: If you are bold and brave enough why not shave your head and ask friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you.

J

Jail your Friends: Set up a jail at work or neighbourhood and have people pay to put someone in “jail” charging different amounts depending on the length of their “sentence”. Jailbirds can also post “bail” to get out early.

Jazz Festival: Play your own brand of jazz, or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.

K

Kilometre of Coins: Make a kilometre of coins in your main shopping square – ask shoppers to help by donating coins.

L

Lamington Drive: Put out order forms and then get a group together for a fun afternoon of making lamingtons.

Line Dancing: Arrange a line dancing night with a caller and live music.

Long Lunch Day: Get everyone to pay for the privilege of having an extra long lunch.

M

Marathon Event: Get sponsored to run/ride/walk/skip a marathon. Or a mini-marathon. Or form a team and do a marathon medley relay!

Market Stalls: Arrange for a stall at the local market – sell anything from cakes, old things from the garage, books or clothes.

Medieval Evening: Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.

Melbourne Cup: Arrange a function for the Melbourne Cup or run a Sweep for charity.

Mini-Olympics: Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional and silly sports with an entry fee.

Mufty Day: Come to work in your casuals – charge your colleagues a gold coin to leave those suits at home!

Music Concert: Entertain the crowds with your own concert or get some like minded musicians together!

N

Name the Baby Competition: Get each work colleague to bring in a baby photo and charge a fee for each guess to correctly identify each baby. Have a prize for the person who gets the most correct.

Nature Trail: Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.

O

Open Garden: Open your garden to visitors – sell tickets, refreshments and plants.

Opera Night: Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big production at your closest concert venue.

Outward Bound: Go climbing, hiking, camping and gain sponsorship. Arrange a group and train together.

P

Pet Show: Charge proud pet owners to show off their cats, dogs, rabbits and mice. The cutest/fastest etc wins.

Plant a Tree: Plant a tree and raise funds. Get a group together – let's get green.

Puppet Show: Pull in the local crowds with a traditional Punch and Judy show, or something more innovative.

Q

Quiz Night: Test your colleagues' knowledge or persuade your local pub to help by donating the takings from a regular quiz night.

R

Raffle: Use the car spaces in the office car park as a valuable prize.

Recipe Book: Ask each family member/ work colleague or friend to supply their favourite recipe and put them into one book to sell.

S

Silent Auction: Offer donated items for auction at an event or at work. The highest written bid wins.

Slimming Contest: Arrange with your local gyms, with participants being sponsored a gold coin for every kg lost.

Sports Competition: Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets and organise stalls, raffles, BBQ.

Staff Olympics: Organise a week of fun – play hall cricket, office putt putt competitions and office chair races.

Swap Shop: Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes – charge swappers a fee to participate.

Swear Box: Spend \$1 for every #@**! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the pub.

Swimathon: Get sponsored per length, km, minute or hour that you can swim.

T

Talent Competition: Discover Australia's next big thing with your own talent competition. Charge entry and offer prizes.

Toy Sale: In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.

Treasure Hunt: Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.

V

Valentine's Day Function: Arrange a dinner or party to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Variety Show: Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers and acrobats all under the same roof.

W

Walkathon: Arrange a walkathon in your local area or along the beach. Get sponsors for each kilometre covered.

Walks: Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.

Windscreen Wash: Charge to wash windscreens at service stations — ask permission first.

Wine and Cheese: Ask supermarkets to donate the wine and cheese. Sell tickets and enjoy the event.

X

Xmas Evening: Stock up on crackers, puddings and mince pies. Break tradition and have it in July.

Xmas Hampers: Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers.

Y

Yacht Racing: Participate in local or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses.

Z

Zany Hair-dos: If you can't bring yourself to shave your head, colour it a crazy, bright colour using temporary hair colouring and get your friends to sponsor you.