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Dear Apexians,

Thank you for considering hosting a trivia night in support of Lifeline Australia or your local Lifeline branch. This Christmas and New Years has seen an unfathomable bushfire devastation across our region of East Gippsland and into the beautiful southern New South Wales, as well as South Australia. While there are many immediate resources available including food, shelter and monies being donated, the long-term implications for these regions are more serious.

Natural disasters like bushfires, floods, cyclones, drought and other traumatic 'natural' events are extremely challenging for the people directly affected. The stress caused following a natural disaster can lead to 'burnout' and physical, mental and emotional exhaustion. Some people will need assistance to cope. Hosting an event like this trivia night offers the promotion of mental health assistance offered by lifeline, promotes general mental health awareness, and brings the community together in a social and supportive manner. In addition it can raise much needed funds for the association and attract community-minded members to your clubs.

We hope that this resource provides you with enough assistance for you to create your own successful event. Best of luck!

Yours in altruistic service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elise Malberg'.

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Trivia Night Resources

In this pack of information we have included:

- Basic checklist and roles of apex personnel before and during the trivia event
- Ideas for additional fundraising games throughout the evening
- Basic slideshow to be edited by individual clubs

Photos from previous trivia events in Bairnsdale:



Getting Ready for a Trivia Night Event

Roles before the event:

- Book venue. Generally trivia nights are a BYO alcohol and snacks event. However, this will depend on the venue that you select and the licences you possess.
- Decide on theme (will you have a theme at all? Bairnsdale Apex have recently done a sea (fundraiser for the coast guard) and a sports (fundraiser for our playground) themed trivia events in the past. Best dressed prizes are always involved if there is a theme.
- Promote event.
- Organise raffle/ other games including collection of raffle prizes
- Write questions
- Download and/or link music to the slideshow
- Budget (decision about cost per person and number of people per table)
- Book/ organise technology (if not available at venue); microphone, speakers, projector, appropriate cords etc.
- Print question sheets, slideshow for MC and answers for the members who will check and collate the points.
- Organise and collect prizes for first, second and third and wooden spoons for last place.

Other fundraising initiatives throughout the evening

There are a number of activities you can have running alongside your trivia. Some of these include;

- Raffles
- Spinning wheel
- Pin the tail on the donkey or the like (gold coin per play)
- Heads or tails coin toss game (gold coin to play)
- Toss a coin closest to the bottle of alcohol
- Happy Gilmore- putt the golf ball closest to the bottle of alcohol or other prize (gold coin to putt) or
- hole in one putting game- elimination activity
- Wine pull



Participants become very competitive throughout the evening and toilet breaks are also required. Make sure you have a good number of breaks and games and also time to socialise.

Decide upon rules for the evening

These rules can be decided by your club. These may include initiatives like;

- Double or nothing (table can decide on which round the table will perform best and elect to receive double to points for that round).
- Time limit to each question
- Buy an answer (set price to buy or bid to buy a question)
- Swap your score sheets with the table next to yours at the end of the round.
- Bonus points or how much each question is worth
- Penalties for phone use and spying on other tables.

It is a good idea to have a set of rules printed and laminated for each table as well as part of the slide show.

Set up your trivia tables

Over the years we have found a set-up in the following way to work well:

- 8 people per table
- Table number
- Paper tablecloth so participants can scribble ideas and thoughts throughout the evening
- Raffle ticket tub containing raffle tickets and pens in the centre of the table to be collected late in the evening. Reminders throughout the evening. All coins for additional games played throughout the evening to be placed in the tubs.
- Variety of pens and textas
- All question sheets already on the table at the beginning of the evening
- Complimentary snacks like a bowl of chips and a bowl of lollies on the table for those who have not brought their own.

Useful links:

Trivia Questions:

<https://www.triviaquestions.com/fun-trivia-questions/>

<https://www.opinionstage.com/blog/trivia-questions/>

<https://hobbylark.com/party-games/FreeFun100QuestionQuiz>

<https://trivia.fyi/categories/>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/quizzes/general/>