

RSL ART UNION – DRAW NO 275

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RSL Art Union Gives Gold Coast Local \$3.6 million Birthday Present

A Mermaid Waters resident received the birthday call of a lifetime when phoned to be told the RSL Art Union \$3.6 million Golden Treasure prize was his.

The 59-year-old man's winning ticket for the seven unit-apartment block was drawn on Wednesday in front of a record crowd at the luxurious property, located just 200 metres from the winner's current residence.

Gold Coast phone lines ran hot as neighbours at the launch tried to track down the winner and tell him that he was a multi millionaire.

For purchasing a \$50 ticket book, the winner also receives \$80,000 in gold bullion.

After being unofficially informed by a friend that he had won, Mr S* received a confirmation call from RSL Art Union General Manager Lotteries Luke Traini on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr S* said he was overwhelmed upon hearing the good news which meant his family, based in Sydney, could now move north and reunite.

"I still can't believe it and haven't been able to sleep since," he said.

"I have been purchasing RSL Art Union tickets for 35 years and it's amazing that I won the day before my birthday."

"My son and daughter flew up from Sydney to celebrate and have already chosen their new homes."

Mr S* said he supported several charitable lotteries. However, the RSL Art Union was important to him as he had two uncles who served in World War II.

In its 53 year history, funds raised by the RSL Art Union have contributed to the development and maintenance of RSL nursing homes and retirement complexes as well as providing welfare and advocacy for ex-servicemen and women and their families.

Tickets for the latest draw, which closes on 22 June, are available for \$5 by visiting www.rslartunion.com.au or calling 1300 775 888 (within Australia).

*Mr S - name changed for privacy reasons.