

LOXTON MARDI GRAS INC

MARKET STALLS REPORT FOR 2024

PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19th May 2024

The 2024 Mardi Gras attracted 11 food stalls, including 2 new food vans. The variety included Burgers & sausages, Indian, Greek, Thai & Asian food, Wedges & Chips, as well as Doughnuts, Strawberries, Slushies, Ice-creams and Coffee.

Market Stalls were also in abundance, with 19 stalls participating, and once again some were new to our Mardi Gras.

Among the other attractions that we provided were large-scale games for adults & kids of all ages, as well as horse petting provided by Miracle Park Stables. The Loxton Hockey Club once again displayed their new game "JBall", with many people having a go and having fun.

Once again, we provided undercover chairs and tables, and these were well utilized during the entire Mardi Gras period. This year for the first time, we also provided tables and chairs under the large shade trees adjacent to the parade route, and these were welcomed by the public during the parade, as well as for the lunch period. We will certainly plan to provide this again next year.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the Loxton Agricultural Show Society for the loan of the tables and chairs, and also the Loxton Historical Village, for providing extra chairs for the public to use for the viewing of the Orange Bowling competition, and for general use.

This year the Hockey Club was open for any seniors or disabled patrons to use for their lunch, and we also had 3 rows of chairs under the Hockey Club verandah to view the Parade. These were well utilized all day.

As per last year, we arranged for an ATM for cash withdrawals, which was a benefit to the Community. There were 51 transactions, a total of \$4,420, with the average being \$85 per withdrawal. We like to think that this money was spent at the Mardi Gras.

Another first for this year was the SA Water Quench Bench, which provided fresh drinking water free of charge.

We also had our 2 wonderful Clowns, who wandered through the crowd, and entertained people with their antics and happy smiles, while also handing out gifts for the young ones. Many thanks to Crystal Petch and Amy Otterspoor for providing this wonderful entertainment for our patrons.

I believe the Food Vans and Market Stalls were once again very successful, and I hope they are all keen to come again next year.

Sandy Sheahan