

Australia v Rest-of-the-World – 5 February 2025

Raffle Mayhem

The raffle draw at this year's Australia v Rest-of-the-World event could hardly have been any more dramatic. With \$50 first prize there was much anticipation as the first number was randomly drawn on the machine – 69511. The number per se is of no particular significance other than being within the range of ticket numbers sold – all in the high 60000s.



When no-one initially claimed the prize, the two organisers got excited – surely it had to be one of their tickets, given no-one from the floor was claiming. A quick check of their tickets doused that excitement - they too did not hold the winning number.



A bit of a mystery because all tickets handed out were somewhere in the room.

Judy Brooks then proclaimed her tickets all began with the number 3, that is, in the 30000s. It was suggested that she most likely had an old set of tickets from a previous event in her handbag, but Judy and Ron were having none of it. Ron insisted these were the tickets handed to him at the desk today.



When no-one presented the winning ticket after all this kerfuffle, a second number was drawn, this being instantly claimed by a very happy **Pio Caon**. Just as he was about to be handed his winnings, Judy Brooks, somewhat sheepishly, waved her 'other' set of tickets in the air.

You guessed it. These were indeed today's tickets found hiding elsewhere in her handbag. And, yes, they included the winning number. Judy got the \$50 first prize, with Pio getting \$40 second prize.