

Peel region produces instant millionaire after lucky Lotto win

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Mandurah has been gripped by Lotto fever after one lucky player took out the \$1 million Division 1 prize in last night's Wednesday Lotto draw.

The winning ticket was sold at Nextra Forum West Newsagency – marking the thirteenth Division 1 ticket sold by the retailer.

Owner Glenn Cornish said the store was abuzz with excited customers checking their tickets.

"We've got an instant millionaire out there somewhere," Mr Cornish said.

"Hopefully they're local to the Peel region," he added.

The overnight win brings the yearly tally of Western Australian Division 1 winners to four.

Lotterywest spokeswoman Pina Compagnone said more than \$5.8 million in prizes had been won since ringing in the New Year.

"We're three weeks into 2017 and already we've given away around \$2 million a week in prize money," Ms Compagnone said.

"Lotterywest is still waiting to hear from WA's latest Lotto winner," she added.

Ms Compagnone said winners had 12 months from the date of the draw to claim their prize.

"We actually have a Division 1 winning ticket that was sold at Bunters We Never Sleep in East Victoria Park that is yet to be claimed," she said.

"The ticket, which is worth over \$800,000, is from a draw held on 23 January last year."

Ms Compagnone said in WA unclaimed lottery prizes go back to supporting the local community through Lotterywest grants.

"Obviously we would love for the winner to come forward but the good news is that any unclaimed prize money goes straight toward supporting not-for-profit and community organisations in WA," she said.

Last year Lotterywest delivered \$281 million in Lotterywest grants.

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While Mandurah residents wait to learn of the area's latest millionaire, Mr Cornish said the win was a reminder that you have to be in it to win it.

"All of our winners have one thing in common – they purchased a ticket," he said.

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