

WA's first Lotto winners for 2017 are millionaires!

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The weekend's Saturday Lotto draw produced three Division 1 winners across Australia – two of those from Western Australia.

WA's winning tickets mark the State's first Division 1 prizes for 2017. These Lotto tickets were sold at Lesmurdie Chemmart Pharmacy and News and Good Fortune Lottery Centre in Maddington and are both worth \$1,359,925.

Lesmurdie Chemmart Pharmacy and News has been buzzing with excitement over the weekend since learning of the exciting news and knowing they turned one of their customers into a millionaire.

"This was a big surprise for us, we've never sold a Division 1 winning ticket before! We have no idea who the lucky millionaire is but we're so excited for them," said owner of the store, Trang Nguyen Le.

"We've had the store for about ten years and we're really different. There aren't many places with a pharmacy, post office and Lotterywest outlet all in the one place. It's a real community here."

The excitement is also flowing over at Good Fortune Lottery Centre in Maddington who sold the State's other \$1,359,925 weekend winning ticket.

"It's been about two years since we last sold a big winning ticket and I think it's the positive attitude of my boss and all the staff that keeps luck flowing throughout the store," said Lucy Marciano who works in the store.

"We have a little in-store Buddha whose belly is worn out from customers rubbing their tickets on it, who knows if the new millionaire rubbed their ticket on it too!"

WA's first Division 1 prizes for the year are unclaimed.

Cloverdale \$1.3 million Megadraw win claimed!

A retired couple from Midland have visited Lotterywest to claim their \$1,347,826 Division 1 prize from the \$31 million Saturday Lotto Megadraw on New Year's Eve.

The couple said it was a miracle they were able to get their winning ticket to Lotterywest confessing they generally misplace Lotto tickets.

"We usually lose our Lotto tickets; in fact we found some old ones on the top of our fridge the other day! We're glad we didn't lose this one," said the couple.

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The winners said they had been finding things tough financially and said their million dollar win was life changing for them.

"We've really been struggling. We were even thinking we would need to sell our house and get part time jobs. Sometimes after we'd paid all our bills we'd only have \$20 left. But we've always persevered and now here we are!" said the couple.

"This win means we can be mortgage free, travel overseas and my dream of owning a boat before I die will actually come true."

When you play with Lotterywest, you're not only in with a chance to win a lottery prize; you're also helping to raise funds to support the WA community.

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