

# Mystery Lotto millionaire lost in Leichhardt

A mystery Lotto millionaire is being sought in Sydney following a big win in Saturday night's draw.



The winning ticket, worth just over \$1 million, was sold by the Norton Plaza Newsagency at Shop 24 Norton Plaza, Norton Street, Leichhardt.

The winner was one of four winners nationally who shared Saturday Lotto's \$4 million first division prize pool. Two winning entries were also sold in Queensland, and one in Victoria.

The manager at the Norton Plaza Newsagency, Alan Hakim, said that they were already on the lookout for the mystery millionaire.

"We're very happy to sell such a big prize at our shop. We have good staff and they look after our customers.

"I've been managing lottery agencies for 20 years and I've seen a lot of big wins. It's always nice to sell a winning ticket," Mr Hakim said.

The winner's identity is mystery because they failed to register their entry with a NSW Lotteries Players Club Card. For just \$3.30 a year, players can protect their prizes with Players Club, and

ensure that they automatically receive payment or notification of any unclaimed wins.

The winning numbers from Saturday night's \$4 million Lotto draw were 21, 24, 34, 22, 28 and 17, with the supplementary numbers 6 and 35.

NSW Lotteries officials are still on the lookout for another mystery lottery millionaire.

An anonymous winner is yet to claim a \$7.025 million prize won in the \$2 Jackpot Lottery on 20 January 2009. The winning ticket in draw 9202 was purchased from the Twin Towns Services Club, 1 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads.

# New Resources by MMHA

*Multicultural Mental Health Australia (MMHA) recently accepted \$2.7 million in funding from the Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA).*

**MMHA** Chair A/Prof Abd Malak AM, and the Chief Executive of Sydney West Area Health Service (SWAHS), Prof Steven Boyages, joined the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services, the Hon. Laurie Ferguson MP, to accept the funding at a special event at the SBS studios in Sydney.

A/Prof Malak said the new funding will allow MMHA to continue enhancing the mental health and wellbeing of Australia's culturally diverse communities.

"This funding announcement shows the Federal Government's commitment to meeting the unique mental health needs of these communities. It allows MMHA to continue its hard work and innovations in multicultural mental health. MMHA will continue building on its partnerships and developing more mental health resources for these communities," A/Prof Abd Malak said.

During the funding announcement, MMHA launched two new mental health resources for CALD communities. Stepping Out of the Shadows:



More than 80 people attended the launch at the SBS Studios in Sydney

Reducing Stigma in Multicultural Communities is a training package that has been developed for CALD community workers to educate their communities about mental health. The kit aims to help individuals, families and communities from CALD backgrounds deal with mental illness and address the stigma associated with it, as well as increase their knowledge about different mental illnesses.

MMHA has already piloted the training kit nationally through a team of Expert Trainers from each state and territory. MMHA will continue rolling out the stigma reduction training kit by

training more Community Trainers during its new funding term. The Community Trainers will be responsible for working at the grassroots level in raising awareness and acceptance of mental illness.

During this special event, MMHA also launched its series of multilingual mental health CDs. These were produced in partnership with SBS Radio and are available in Arabic, Assyrian, Amharic, Khmer, Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Korean, Krio, Macedonian, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Swahili, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese. The series covers over 10 mental health topics such as schizophrenia, depression, suicide and eating disorders.

The Director of SBS Radio, Paula Masselos, said SBS Radio was very proud and excited to produce such an invaluable resource for so many different communities.

"MMHA and SBS Radio identified the need for this series to better reach and extend these important mental health messages to the entire community, especially those with low literacy levels," Ms Masselos explained.

During the last funding round, the DOHA funded MMHA to translate its "What Is..." series of mental health topics into over 20 languages – the series has since been expanded into audio formats and adapted for those living with a print disability. It is also available in braille, large print, elec-



Prof Steven Boyages from SWAHS presenting MMHA Consumer Advocate, Vicki Katsifis, with a SWAHS medallion

tronic text for the internet and audio formats such as CD and Daisy.

MMHA Consumer Advocate, Vicki Katsifis, who lives with bipolar disorder, said the multilingual audio part of the series is most needed in non-English speaking communities.

During the launch, Ms Katsifis openly shared how she lived without proper medical attention or medication for an entire year because of the stigma towards mental illness.

"The Greek community finds it hard to accept mental illness - even my own mother. She can't understand that it's actually a medical condition. Mum still thinks she can talk me out of spending money or acting weirdly. She doesn't understand that I have no control over my behaviour.

"Such resources were never available when I was first diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Had they been, my Greek family would not have suffered as much from the shame and stigma towards my illness from our community," Ms Katsifis said. "I hope these CDs and the new Stepping Out of the Shadows training kit increases the ethnic community's knowledge about mental illness and encourage people, like myself, to seek medical help."

For more information about Stepping Out of the Shadows: Reducing Stigma in Multicultural Communities and the new multilingual audio series, please call MMHA – 02 9840 3333



(L-R) Vicki Katsifis, MMHA NPM, Georgia Zogalis, A/Prof Abd Malak, Paula Masselos - SBS Radio, Clarissa Mulas, Harinder Singh and Leanne Toubia from MMHA