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Christmas comes early for Co-op giveaway winners

Hastings Co-op's centenary year came to an exciting climax at the Wauchope Community Christmas Carols, with three lucky locals winning a Mitsubishi Mirage, \$10,000 Hastings Co-op charge account and \$7,500 holiday voucher.

Well-known Wauchope woman Beryl Ward says she is still recovering from the shock of winning the \$17,000 car more than a week later.

"I never imagined I'd win, but I do shop regularly at Wauchope IGA and the Department Store. I always shop local," she said.

"I'm very, very grateful to Hastings Co-op. It's just lovely just before Christmas."

The \$7,500 holiday winner, Joan Witchard, has been madly sifting through Wauchope Travel's brochures for the trip of a lifetime.

Mrs Witchard has lived in Byabarra for 54 years and says she has never won anything, let alone an all-expenses paid holiday.

"I didn't sleep much the night I found out. It was such a huge surprise," she said.

Meanwhile, Wauchope man John Shrubbs said he was "thrilled" with the \$10,000 Hastings Co-op charge account.

"I've always been a shareholder and regular shopper and this will go a long, long way for us," the father of four said.

"I'm at the IGA nearly every day."

Interestingly, Mr Shrubbs worked for Hastings Co-op in the dairy factory days and is still runs the pasteuriser at the factory.

Hastings Co-op's chief executive officer Allan Gordon congratulated the winners and thanked all valued customers for supporting the Co-op and entering the competition.

"Our annual giveaway is always popular, but in our 100th year we decided to dig a little deeper because this is our gift to our loyal customers," he said.

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