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GALLERY: Crowd raises more than \$14,000

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Children's Medical Research was the big winner when more than \$14,000 was raised recently at Sculptures in the Garden at Spring Ridge.

About 200 people attended the event to see and buy works displayed by some of the state's best-known country sculptors with their work on display in the garden at The Point – home of Trina and David Ronald.

Guests also enjoyed lunch and an engaging account from guest speaker Rebecca Joyce, who told of her experiences as a world champion rower and medal winner at the Atlanta Olympics.

The Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) is best known for its annual Jeans for Genes campaign.

Every year, the local committee also holds functions which raise tens of thousands of dollars towards research into cures for genetic and childhood diseases such as cancer and epilepsy.

Sculptors who attended the fund-raiser included Tamworth's Karen Herring, Nancy Niven (Mudgee), David Sherlock (Coolah) and Nikki McCutcheon (Narromine).

All donated a percentage of their takings to the cause.

President of the local CMRI Committee, Alice Macdonald, thanked the community for its generous support and said organisers were delighted with the amount raised.