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# Channel swim a boon for charities

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THREE children's charities will be over the moon after this year's highly successful channel swim at The Entrance.

An amazing \$19,000 was raised on the day when a team from The Entrance Hotel challenged a team from The Entrance police in a relay race across the channel.

It was the fourth year for the event and it keeps getting bigger and better every year.

Organised by publican Dan Campbell, this year's event attracted a huge crowd along with a couple of sporting and television celebrities.

West Tigers rugby league player Robbie Farrah, who was on the pub team, was a real hit with the crowd when he took to the stage as DJ after the swim.

Helping push the auction to new heights was Andy Raymond, of Fox Sports, who was auctioneer on the day. "He was absolutely brilliant," Mr Campbell said.

"I was hoping to reach



**Dan Campbell with Seth, 10 months, and Alex Dobson, 3, with Kim Ford, of The Entrance police.** Picture: SUE GRAHAM

\$10,000 this year so raising \$19,000 was just fantastic."

The money will be split between the Central Coast Children's Fund, Heart Kids and the Gidget Foundation.

There's no doubt next year's event will be even better and the police have

already committed for a rematch.

"They've got no chance, but for a bunch of losers they're really good sports," Mr Campbell said.

"But in all seriousness we are lucky to have such a great bunch of people looking after the community."