# [***New trousers a lucky buy for casino punter***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:47KP-7CB0-01JJ-M3TN-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A NELSON man ordered out of the Christchurch casino for wearing jeans bought a pair of trousers and returned to win a $ 161,000 jackpot within minutes of walking in the door.

The man was on holiday with his wife and two daughters when they visited the casino.

Casino spokeswoman Norma Odendaal said he had been unhappy when refused entry. It was only after his wife "ordered" him to go and buy new pants at the nearest store that he was allowed in.

While his wife was parking the car, the man began playing one of the Crown Jewel machines and scooped the jackpot.

"He called his wife on her ***cellphone***, but she initially thought he was pulling her leg.

"It was only when she found him standing in front of a machine surrounded by excited onlookers that she realised he had been telling the truth," Ms Odendaal said.

Flashing lights, bells and whistles had gone off within minutes of the man starting to play the machine.

The couple and their daughters, who are believed to still be on holiday in the Christchurch area, were treated to dinner and champagne at the casino.

"No doubt the lucky pants will occupy a place of honour in a wardrobe filled with jeans," Ms Odendaal said. -- NZPA

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