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A Nelson man has hit the jackpot with his new trousers.

The man realised he could not get into the Christchurch casino because he was wearing jeans.

So he bought a pair of trousers and returned -- to win a $ 161,000 jackpot within minutes of walking in the door.

The man, who has asked not to be named, was on holiday with his wife and two daughters when they visited Christchurch Casino.

He was allowed in after his wife "ordered" him to go and buy a new pair of pants at the nearest store.

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," casino spokeswoman Norma Odendaal said.

"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.

Ms Odendaal said the man had gone into a "state of shock".

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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