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Ball may raise up to \$30,000 for hospice



Hospice Trust chairwoman Elspeth Kennedy, left, and Glenys Johnston, style coordinator from Creative Occasions during preparations on the eve of the ball.

Up to \$30,000 has been raised for the Nelson Hospice as a result of the New Zealand Army Band Ball held at the Trafalgar Centre on Friday night, Hospice Trust chairwoman Elspeth Kennedy says. She says the trust committee had "put in some long hours" working on the event for the last four months.

She says a huge range of volunteers offered their services for nothing to help make the event a success.

"Volunteers started erecting the canopy (within the Trafalgar Centre) at 10pm on Thursday night and worked through the night until 6am.

Then the next lot came to put in the tables and chairs and then the florists and chefs came."

She says the ball was a particularly impressive sight. "The Trafalgar Centre was swathed in black and champagne silk."