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Auckland Company Resorts to Selling Nanas and Political Favours

Auckland, 28 August 2013: First they went to the dogs, now they are selling grandmothers and political favours. It seems Auckland's SchilMil Games will go to any lengths to raise money towards the manufacture of their upcoming game.

SchilMil wanted Winston Peters to appear in Granny Wars, but were informed by his office that Parliamentary rules could prohibit him accepting. Instead, the award-winning games company has invited Mr Peters, other MPs and members of the public to bid in an auction that is on TradeMe through September 3.

Granny Wars: A Game of Tit for Tat is a quick-playing card game of secret identities. Two to eight players try to help their Nana win a crafting prize. They subtly assist her with craft store discounts and cups of coffee while sabotaging her competitors by plying them with sherry trifle or sending unhelpful visitors to distract them--which is where the dogs and politicians come in.

"We figured a stray dog in the front yard or a canvassing politician could occupy a Nana for a long time, keeping her away from her knitting," explains SchilMil co-director Julia Schiller. This week SchilMil launched an auction on TradeMe for the right to be caricatured on the Charming Visitor card. The position is available to the highest bidder, and the winner will be free to express their personal political leanings by choosing the colour of the rosette their character will wear.

A PledgeMe fundraising campaign for Granny Wars is over one third of the way to its target, and runs through September 11. Backers can receive rewards such as the right to have their own grandmother (or other beloved senior female) included as one of the characters in the game.

SchilMil expects to release Granny Wars in late November.

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