



STILL FEASTING ON SEAFOOD WIN!

Frances Chapman and her family are still feasting on the seafood from their winning ticket in the Christmas Seafood Raffle.

Frances said "We are still eating the seafood which had to be stored in a friend's freezer due to the huge quantity. There were 8 mud crabs and we lost count of the sand crabs and bugs as there were too many to count."

"Peter, my husband just loves seafood and was thrilled by the high quality and flavour. We shared the win with our family and friends over Christmas but there is still more in the freezer including 3 large fish we are planning to barbeque and share with friends," said Frances.

Chris Hall, a local seafood supplier, approached RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue with the idea of holding a seafood raffle with local fishermen supplying the prize. Prizes were donated by fishermen as far away as Bundaberg and were received fresh for the winners to collect just before Christmas.

Executive Officer Kay Becker said "The raffle proved an unbelievable success with people calling daily for tickets. Takings from the raffle exceeded \$7600 and we are hoping to hold another next year." A big "thank you" to Chris and his trawler mates for their wonderful support of the service.

IMAGE: Chris Hall (seafood vendor) Kay Becker (Executive Officer CHRS) and Frances Chapman of Gracemere (winner).



The BK 117 Helicopter used by CHRS since last May featured in the movie – Japanese Story starring Toni Collette.



ACCIDENT VICTIM RETURNS TO SAY THANKS

Last July, Warren Offord of Raglan was mustering when his horse fell and he incurred a compound fracture of his left leg and massive blood loss. Due to the extent of his injuries the ambulance were reluctant to move him and called the helicopter to the site of the accident.

"I'm pretty lucky to be here, I lost so much blood," Warren said. "I owe my life to the rescue helicopter."

Vince Corcoran, Senior Base Pilot said that the helicopter had attended a total of 10 horse riding accidents over the past four months, luckily none as serious as Warren's.

Image: Frances Bowkett and Warren Offord of the Bajool and District Working Horse Club Inc. thank Executive Officer Kay Becker and Senior Base Pilot Vince Corcoran.



LARA SHINES IN NON-TRADITIONAL ROLE

One of only a handful of women in avionics maintenance in Australia and the only one servicing helicopters, Lara Jones from Jayrow Helicopters has been conducting modifications on the new Sikorsky S76 helicopter to install a winch, medical equipment and night vision goggle capabilities.

Lara is qualified for both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft and has worked as an engineer for the past 7 years. Based in Brisbane, Lara will visit the hangar regularly to service and maintain the new aircraft and equipment.

Image: Lara Jones working on the new Sikorsky S76. Inset: Lara inspecting the new Night Vision Goggles)

TWO CALL OUTS IN 30 MINUTES

In late December the helicopter was called to assist with a four person motor vehicle accident south of Agnes Waters. While the helicopter was in flight it was re-tasked to a second four person motor vehicle accident approximately 10 kilometres from the initial accident. The helicopter airlifted two patients to Rockhampton, one with chest bruising and respiratory distress while the other suffered head injuries and lacerations. Power lines prevented a landing at the accident site so patients were transported to a nearby paddock to board the helicopter.

Image: Patients from the motor vehicle accident being loading for transfer to Rockhampton.)

SHARK ATTACK SURPRISES DIVERS

John Pengelly and a couple of his dive mates had gone spear fishing at Lamont Reef near Heron Is. He had just ascended from spearing a fish when he was hit.

"It was something like being tackled in football and it came out of no where," said John.

The bull shark, which they estimated to be 8 ft long, inflicted severe lacerations to John's left hand and arm.

He was transported to Heron Is for treatment and then airlifted by the helicopter to Rockhampton. John was subsequently transferred to the Royal Brisbane Hospital for specialist treatment and is now recovering at home in Gladstone.

(Image: John being prepared to be air-lifted to Rockhampton)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are grateful to individuals and organisations that support our vital life saving service. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference as we strive to reach \$1Million each year. It is reassuring to know that these valuable contributions help maintain a FREE and vital service to all residents and visitors to our region.

SPONSORSHIP

CHRS highly values financial support from companies of all sizes. Corporate Social Responsibility is becoming an increasingly important part of business. Sponsorship has taxation advantages and organizations benefit from the goodwill of employees and the general community.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION SCHEME

Payroll giving is the most tax efficient way for PAYE tax payers to give to charity directly from their salary. It is tax effective because the amount you decide to give is deducted from your pay before tax is calculated (the tax savings are even greater for higher-rate payers).

For CHRS, payroll deductions economize on both time and money and ensure a steady cash flow for the service to continue its vital work. The 'Target 10,000' campaign aims to enlist the help of 10,000 employees in the region who are willing to donate just \$2 per week to help achieve our annual \$1Million target. However, every dollar helps and you can give as little or as much as your budget allows.

DONATIONS

Gifts to CHRS make a significant difference to the lives of those in need. Many of our donors contribute on a regular basis, monthly, quarterly or half-yearly. Donations can be made by post, phone or bank transfer.

BEQUESTS, IN MEMORY AND GIFTS

Making a Will is not about death or dying - it is about the satisfaction of sharing your good fortune with a cause close to your heart. We have seen a growth in bequests and 'In Memory' giving. Increasingly, people are also donating in lieu of birthday, Christmas and farewell gifts in the workplace. These donations have a lasting impact on the lives of others.

GENERAL FUNDRAISING

Why not hold your own fundraising event? Doing your own fundraising can be hugely successful, and is always good fun! Events such as golf days, auctions, sausage sizzles are just a few ways to have fun and help others.

In an emergency, it is vital to get help to the scene as quickly as possible. With your support we can continue to be there, bringing help and hope to those who need it most.



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