

Raffle win has Frances feasting on seafood

FRANCES Chapman and her family, of Gracemere, are still feasting on the seafood from their winning ticket in the RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Christmas Seafood raffle.

"We are still eating the seafood, which we had to store in a friend's freezer because of the huge quantity," Frances said.

"There were eight 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," she said.

"We shared the win with our family and friends over Christmas, but there is still more in the freezer including three large fish which we are planning to barbecue and share with friends."

Prior to Christmas

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 from the trawlers for the winners to collect just before Christmas Day.

RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service executive officer Kay Becker said the raffle proved an unbelievable success with people calling in daily for tickets.

"Takings from the raffle exceeded \$7600.

"It was so successful we are hoping to hold another raffle again next year," Kay said.

"We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Chris and his trawler mates for their wonderful support of the service," she said.



WINNING COMBINATION: Seafood vendor Chris Hall, RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue executive officer Kay Becker and winner Frances Chapman of Gracemere are thrilled with the success of the Christmas raffle.

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