



Two reasons to celebrate LegaSea support

LegaSea is celebrating the generosity of people and their vision to support an abundant fishery for future generations. In the latest developments people from the Hibiscus Coast have contributed over \$4000 to LegaSea and Building LegaSea Hawkes Bay has been launched to address declining fisheries in the southeastern area.

Fun quiz night

In mid October the Hibiscus Coast Boating Club held a fund raising night for LegaSea. The event was based on the classic pub quiz format, with plenty of prizes on offer and a great deal of hilarity from the MC and appointed Joker.

Mandy Kupenga from the TV show 'Get Your Fish On' was guest for the evening and was auctioned off to join the highest bidding team. LegaSea was humbled by the generosity of all those who contributed to the prize table and attended on the night.

Simon Yates, LegaSea representative, expressed LegaSea's gratitude to the contestants.

"Aside from having a fun night, it was pleasing to receive such hearty support for the work that the LegaSea team does to protect our fishing interests. The \$4645 raised will be put to the best possible use."

LegaSea appreciates the effort of all involved, the event organisers and in particular Jo Davis and guest Mandy Kupenga.

Sponsors include Daiwa, Penn (Pure Fishing), Top Catch, Marine Deals, and Fuel360 who donated the main door prize of a game fishing trip for two out of Tutukaka.

Hawkes Bay initiative underway

Over 350 attended the launch of Building LegaSea Hawkes Bay at the Sports Fishing Club in Napier, on October 29th. A dedicated team of locals has committed to advocating for more abundant fisheries in the Bay and tighter controls on commercial fishing so the fisheries can rebuild.

LegaSea representatives attended the launch along with guest speaker Matt Watson.

There was widespread dismay at the Ministry for Primary Industries' attitude that sustainability was not a concern.

Watson's concerns reflected audience feedback, "This is serious business, and it is everyone's responsibility to make a difference. To hear statements like that from the Ministry, that there's no problem, I think that's disgraceful. But it's great that the community is getting organised and doing something positive".

Businesses in the Hawkes Bay community are encouraged to support the team through the Building LegaSea programme. For the price of a bag of bait or a coffee locals are urged to support this initiative by making a monthly contribution.

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