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Superyachts raise \$55,000 for Christchurch Earthquake Appeal

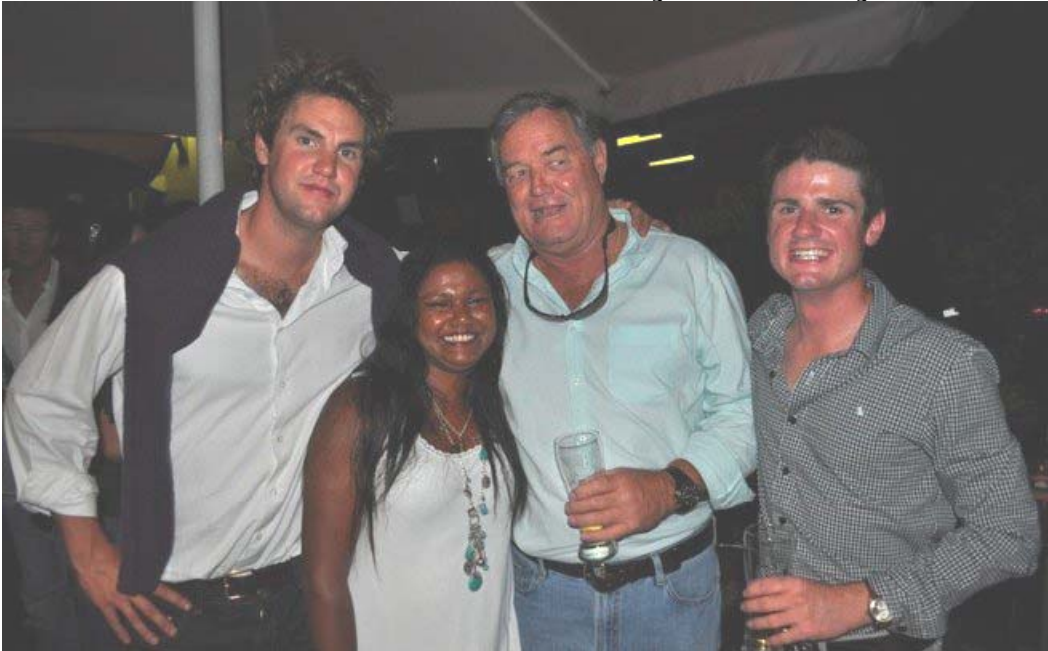
'The bidding led by auctioneer PJ Montgomery gets underway at the ***Superyacht Support Christchurch Earthquake Appeal fundraiser***'

On the 22nd of February at 12.51pm, a shallow earthquake of 6.3 magnitude, rocked Christchurch, New Zealand, leaving the city devastated. With the need to help the many affected by the disaster apparent, the superyacht community in New Zealand rallied.

On Thursday night in Auckland a fundraiser, organized by YachtAid Global and Superyacht Support Ltd saw around \$55,000 raised for the cause.

Hosted at HQ Bar in Westhaven, Auckland, the fundraiser event was attended by superyacht crew, owners, industry and guests. The evening began with a Maori blessing followed by a live rendition of the New Zealand national anthem.

Following the welcome and reminder of the need to dig deep into pockets, a live auction fronted by Peter Montgomery, the voice of sailing in New Zealand, got underway. Items up for bid in the auction included: - \$1000 worth of European bed linen, donated by Gilly Baillie of White Linen; - full page advert in The Crew Report; – 4 Nights at the Eden Roc villas in Koh Sumai, Thailand, donated by Charlie Dwyer of Asia Pacific Superyachts.



Crew of SY Yanneke Too at the Superyacht Support Christchurch Earthquake Appeal fundraiser –

Special thanks to:

- The band for donating themselves
- S/Y Avalon & S/Y Yanneke Too for their crew donations
- Southern Spars for donation of \$5000
- ***Asia Pacific Superyachts who bid on an auction, paid the money and then donated it back to be re-auctioned raising in total approx. \$10,000!!!***
- Travel Designers in Parnell for amazing efforts in holiday prizes to Fiji & Canada
- Craig Roe from Reid Yacht Services for donating another weekend at a 'kiwi bach'