

POST EVENT ALERT

PORT MEDICAL AESTHETICS CLINIC (PMAC) VIP CHARITY EVENT FOR LIBERTY DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SPECIALIST SERVICES RAISES \$45,000 IN ONE NIGHT.

Port Medical Aesthetics Clinic, along with major sponsors Commonwealth Bank, Focus Magazine, Hello Sailor and Scaramouche events, as well as the generous community of Port Macquarie, raised an incredible \$45,000 in their annual charity event ToxTails.

ToxTails was conceived in 2022, the brainchild of Dr Kristy Kostalas, owner of Port Medical Aesthetics Clinic (PMAC), as an avenue to give back to the Port Macquarie community. ToxTails is an annual VIP cocktail party, and the beneficiary is Liberty Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Services - an organisation that specialises in domestic and family violence and homelessness in the Port Macquarie Hastings region.

Building on the incredible success of Tox Tails 2022, which raised \$30,000, ToxTails 2023 surpassed all expectations and raised much needed funds for women and children caught in domestic violence.

Dr Kostalas says "With a recession on our doorstep, increases in rents, food, fuel and the general cost of living, women and their children need assistance now more than ever. We had such an incredible response from the community last year, that we just had to do it again and I am so happy we did. I can't thank our generous sponsors, donors and participants enough, what an incredible outcome...."

CEO of Liberty Domestic and Family Violence Specialist Services Kelly Lamb said support from fundraising events such as this makes a real difference in the lives of local women and children, especially at a time when families are impacted by housing shortages, high rents and the increasing cost of living.

"Over the past two financial years, Liberty has supported more than 2400 women and children experiencing domestic and family violence in our local community. Currently, we are receiving our highest number of referrals ever, and this continues to grow each month," Mrs Lamb said.

"Last year, in response to the housing crisis, Liberty expanded our accommodation to include independent living units for families and a program to support women over 55. Donations like that from Tox Tails help with things like furnishing, food packs and the provision of specialist support as women take those important next steps to secure their own housing.

"Liberty also provides support groups for women and children, outreach services into outlying communities, and prevention programs for schools and businesses."



Local businesses generously donated close to \$20,000 dollars' worth of prizes and/or services, including a helicopter tandem jump (SkyDive Port Macquarie), private catering (Char Bar Catering), Elements of Byron accommodation (Farnsworth Financial), a year's worth of flowers (Bungalow & Co), a trip to see Ed Sheeran (Port Bus Tours) and multiple other accommodation prizes, media and photography packages.

Dr Kristy has created Ports only invitation only charity event where tickets cannot be purchased but must be gifted. The result - a jam-packed event of community members who care for the cause and are willing to help. Guests were entertained with live music and fed a customised menu of oysters by Bills FishHouse, and canapes by Hello Sailor; not forgetting the signature collaboration cocktail with PMAC "The ToxTail".

This event is the only one of its kind in Port Macquarie and guests include local dignitaries, chamber members and community leaders including Local MP, Hon Leslie Williams (MP).



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