

Douglas Shire Sustainability Group (DSSG)/Chris Bennett Memorial Fundraiser

The DSSG/Chris Bennett Memorial Fundraiser concluded on Wednesday, 15 June at The Central Hotel. A Kstar Trivia Night was the main event for a fundraising campaign, which has been running for a number of weeks.

“The original aim of the fundraiser was to raise \$10,000 to contribute to the purchase of Lot 38 Cape Tribulation Road as part of Rainforest Rescue’s goal to buy back and protect high conservation value properties in the Daintree lowland rainforest” organiser Roisin Allen said.

But after being inundated with offers of prizes from the local business community and a sell out Kstar Trivia Night, \$13200 was raised.

“185 people came to the Trivia Night and nearly \$7000 was raised on the night. It was a fantastic evening and everyone was so generous”.

“I have spoken to Julian Gray, the CEO of Rainforest Rescue and he has instructed their solicitors to proceed with the completion of the purchase which should occur next week. Any left over funds will be used to assist with the purchase of another block of land at Cape Tribulation, which has already been earmarked for purchase.” Ms Allen added.

Once purchased and protected Lot 38 Cape Tribulation Road, which will complete a wildlife corridor between Swamp Forest Nature Reserve and Daintree National Park.

The joint fundraising campaign was held in memory of local Daintree resident and conservationist, Chris Bennett who passed away late last year after a short battle with cancer.

“This wildlife corridor will become a fitting memorial to Chris” Ms Allen said.