



# \$10,000 raised to give Kirra a break

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THE new Kirra Business Group and the On A Mission Foundation have raised more than \$10,000 to produce a documentary film aiming to increase awareness of the need to restore Kirra's world-famous surf break.

The "Bring Back Kirra fundraiser" at Café Fresh in Kirra outdid a \$7000 pre-auction estimate.

A surfboard with a Kirra photo on the deck by renowned surfing photographer Marty Tulleman sold for \$2900.

An Australian surfing champions photo board signed by Mark Occhilupo, Damien Hardman, Wayne Bartholomew, Tom Carroll, Mark Richards and Barton Lynch sold for \$2300.

More than 100 people were at the auction, including World Championship Tour contender Joel Parkinson and Association of Surfing Professionals chief Mr Bartholomew.

The success of the fundraiser will enable Griffith University's



□ JOEL Parkinson and Neil Lazarow with surfboards to go under the hammer at a fundraising auction last week.

Centre for Coastal Management's (GCCM) Neil Lazarow to complete his documentary on the history of surfing at Kirra.

The film pays special attention to Kirra's declining wave quality and the impact of the Tweed River Sand Bypass pumping.

It shows how the disappearance

of regular quality surf at Kirra has impacted on the surfing community, and on the southern Gold Coast's emerging business sector.

Mr Lazarow and Kirra surfing and business identities have been lobbying for changes to the sand pumping to limit the build-up of sand around Kirra.