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**CAR ENTHUSIASTS REV UP SUPPORT TO HELP BUILD
A HOUSE FOR HOMELESS YOUTH**

A DONATION of \$10,000 will be handed over to Street Level Youth Care founder Harald Falge today by representatives of the Cairns Combined Car Clubs after the overwhelming success of the 2008 Cairns Swap Meet and Bike Show recently.

An informal cheque presentation will take place at ‘Cars of Cairns’ at 9 Winkworth Street, Cairns, at 12.30pm involving members of the local car clubs and Dr Falge.

The Swap Meet attracted thousands of people to sell and swap all types of new and used auto and cycle parts and display a wonderful array of vehicles which had been lovingly restored and collected by car enthusiasts from around the region.

The idea of a Swap Meet originated in 1999 in Walkamin and moved to Cairns in 2003, after which it has become bigger and more popular each year. This year, the event attracted more than 115 swap sites, 85 cars and 50 motorcycles, including a large collection of Australian, British, European, Asian and American cars as well as hot rods, street machines, motorcycles, military vehicles and stationery engines.

“Initially the event only covered costs but it was not long before the organisers realised the potential of the event to raise money for charity and over the years, many charities have benefited,” Bruce Nancarrow, a representative of the Cairns Combined Car Clubs, said.

“We have many generous sponsors whose support makes it possible for us to donate the proceeds from the gate, the swap site fees, show entrants fees and the raffle directly to a worthy cause in our community. This year the combined car clubs of Cairns could think of no more worthy cause than Harald’s House,” Mr Nancarrow said.

Today, a cheque for \$10,000 will be handed over to Harald Falge to assist in making his dream of building a house for young, homeless people a reality.

The Swap and Car Show is organised by the FNQ Restorers’ Club, NQ Performance Ford Club, Top of The State Hot Rod Club, All American Car Club of Cairns and the Cairns Motorcycle Restorers Club.

Organisers would like to thank all sponsors for their donations of money and in kind support as well as the thousands of participants and attendees who made this year’s event the success it was. A special thanks also goes to Radio 4CA and The Cairns Post for the assistance in promoting and reporting on the event.

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