



Caring for Cairns local kids, living on the street

The members of the Far Northern Regional Drug Squad recognise the Harald's House project initiated by Mr. Harald FALGE and Street Level Youth Care as an essential community project that deserves the support of the entire community including businesses, government organisations and community groups. The Squad members have thrown their support behind the project with Mick DOWIE becoming a member of the steering committee for the project.

These 'Kids', some as young as eight, are extremely vulnerable and easy prey for the predators of our society such as paedophiles and drug traffickers. The kids, both male and female, often are forced to turn to prostitution, crime and drug supplying to exist and support their own habits. The Squad recognises that law enforcement alone cannot break this cycle and projects such as 'Haralds House' are key community initiatives that have the ability to give these kids hope and direction and 'Break the cycle'. Harald FALGE and his organisation have tirelessly supported these kids for over tens years. Harald has many success stories from his efforts. His success in providing street kids with direction and giving them the strength, dignity and desire to achieve in life has had a direct influence on this community as well as that child's life.

The committee has adopted the slogan "Break the cycle - it is vital". This is a very powerful statement that portrays the real and urgent need for a safe diversion facility for street kids to turn to for support and intervention as opposed to the cycle of drug addiction, crime and or prostitution to sustain their existence. The committee aims to raise \$500,000 to either build a complex capable to sleeping twelve children or to purchase an existing suitable venue such as a small motel or boarding house.

The FNRDS intend lobbying businesses, hotels, legal firms, construction companies and the like to support this very worthy project with either a 'Fully tax deductible' donation or a pledge of donated resources such as land, building materials, labour, machinery, venues for fund raising and advertising.

Brothers Leagues Club Cairns are totally behind the project and are hosting a benefit concert this coming Monday Night at the club. Popular band 'Thirsty Merc' will provide the entertainment commencing at 7.30pm. A cover charge of \$20 applies and all profits will be donated to the Haralds House project.

Please support this very worthy community project. It is in your interest, these kids come from a diverse cross section of the community and are very vulnerable. Help turn them away from crime and addiction, it may save your house being broken and entered, it may even provide a safe haven for one of your own children or grand children one day.

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