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Life Without Barriers Announces Launch of New Foster Carer Recruitment drive in Mackay and Cairns

Tackling the current drought in qualified Foster Carers across the Mackay and Cairns regions, Life Without Barriers is announcing the start of their new recruitment appeal from the 16th to 31st of October 2017 to inspire those wanting to help children at risk to take the next step.

The appeal, which incorporates new television and radio campaign in and around both regional centres, hopes to grow the current pool of qualified Foster Carers currently providing safe and stable home environments in the region.

Regional Manager of Life Without Barriers in North Queensland, Ms Amy Williamson said the recruitment appeal aims to help those who want to help.

“Being a Foster Carer and opening up your life to a child in need is probably one of the most rewarding jobs anyone could undertake,” Amy said.

“There are many people in the community who would be outstanding Foster Carers and may not be sure what to do or who to speak to and so put it off.

“Through this new advertising campaign we hope to reach out to those contemplating helping children at risk and be the spark that turns their thoughts into actions.”

Expecting an immediate response to the call-out, Life Without Barriers will be holding an information night on the 19th of October at their North Mackay office and at Cazaly’s in Cairns, where prospective carers can get in-depth information in one convenient evening.

“Our information nights will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet our staff face-to-face and more importantly some of our current Foster Carers,” Amy said.

Together they will be able to talk to you about their own experiences and the rewards that come from helping change the life of child for the better.”

Amy Williamson urges anyone wanting to get information in the meantime or can’t make it to the information night shouldn’t hesitate contacting Life Without Barriers in Mackay on 0409 156 050 or

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by email at: Amy.Williamson@lwb.org.au or in Cairns on 0438 202 371 or by email at: asher.meadows@lwb.org.au.

“We are always ready to take enquiries from people and urge everyone to give us a call and make the connection,” Amy said.

“It’s a decision you will wish you made sooner”.

Media RSVP: Media are requested to register their interest with Kris Gardiner via Kris.Gardiner@lwb.org.au or call 0484 635 927

About Life Without Barriers: Life Without Barriers (LWB) is one of Australia’s largest leading social purpose, not-for-profit organisations, working in more than 300 communities across all states and territories. Its main areas of operation includes support to people with disability, children, young people and families, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees and asylum seekers, older people, and people who are vulnerable to social exclusion.