

## Hannah's House

Hannah's House, if you are not aware, is a shelter for homeless young women who are between 13 and 17 years of age, run by our church and funded largely by Department of Communities. We can house and care for up to five girls at a time for anything up to three months.

It is important we realise that here in Ipswich, in 21<sup>st</sup> century Australia, children as young as 13 are homeless, have no effective guardian in their lives and nobody who is able to care for them and give them love and shelter.

There is, in society, a general notion that these kids could go home if they chose; that they are predominantly naughty kids who just want their own way. Whilst that is true for some, it is a long way from the truth for the majority we see at Hannah's House. Most of our residents long for and crave a sense of belonging, and people who genuinely care about them, a family maybe.

What an enormous opportunity for us as a Church to reach out and embrace these young people as they come, offer our love and support, get to know them and understand that most of them are young people whose lives and spirits have been crushed and broken for one reason or another.

What a privilege and enormous joy to introduce them to a loving Father, whose purpose is to restore dignity and purpose and hope to these young ones, to offer them an opportunity to turn their lives around. It is our mandate to support them whilst they make these decisions for their future lives and to help them to plot a pathway that will get them started on the rest of their lives.



If you want to come on the journey with us, watch this space over the coming months as we take the steps to make this more and more possible.

Thank you for your support and interest and remember that of ourselves we can do nothing, but we **CAN** do all things through Christ who strengthens us!!!

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Co-ordinator, Hannah's House

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

July 7	Kids Carnival
10	Vision Class
29	Big Nite Out "Family Feud"

Aug 4	Over 50's Event
5	"Perfect Match"
7	SALT (Church Volunteers)
12	"Home Improvements"
18	Encounter
19	"The Incredibles"
26	"The Godfather"

Sept 14 – 15	Ladies Retreat
24 – 28	Youth Camp

### **AMAZING AUGUST**

August will be an exciting time for our church as we bring a family focus to our month.

Come out each Sunday night and join your Church family for some great nights of entertainment and thought provoking topics, followed by some fine food.

*You've heard there is no such thing as a free meal. We've debunked that myth by offering everyone that comes to our special night events a free meal afterwards!*

**The services will start at a special time of 5.00pm and be finished by 6:15pm** to allow everyone the opportunity to relax and enjoy the food and company while it is still relatively early.

*You can't afford to miss a meeting in August. It will be amazing!*