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“24 HOUR TABLE TENNIS MARATHON FOR CHLOE & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS”

5.30pm Friday October 28th to 5.30pm Saturday October 29th 2016

Corrimal Community Church & Neighbourhood Hub - 9 Augusta St EAST CORRIMAL

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29-year-old local youth leader Josh Rowles will play a 24-hour table tennis marathon on the Friday and Saturday of the last weekend in October this year to raise awareness and much needed funds for Chloe Saxby and other young people who have significant emotional and physical needs, particularly young homeless people in the region.

“I’d heard stories about these table tennis marathons whilst I was growing up so in 2009 I did one to raise funds for some youth projects I was committed to” he said.

Josh has a few reasons for enlisting the support of 55-year-old local church leader Graeme Hush at the table for the October effort.

“Graeme is the guy I heard the stories about. He played his first 50-hour table tennis fund raiser when he was 20 and two more 24 hour events since then, the most recent being 12 years ago in Canberra for needy young people in that city” Josh said.

“I know he thinks his body and his lifestyle used to be more conducive to this sort of endurance pursuit but I’m pretty sure he knows how to survive these events” he joked.

Josh and Graeme are passionate about helping the Saxby family continue their effort towards finding a cure for the rare condition that Chloe and other kids like her are affected by and they are also both committed to helping young people in the region who struggle with health or other isolating issues like homelessness.

“In light of all this, doing one of these table tennis events together seemed the obvious next instalment in this crazy journey,” Josh added.

Prior to October 28 and 29 they will be advertising a variety of fun and entertaining sub-events to occur at various times across the 24 hours of the marathon so for updates and information, and of course details about how you can donate and or support the effort, please visit the event page at <http://www.heartland.org.au/24-hour-table-tennis-marathon-fund-raiser-28-29-october-2016/>

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