

Pet Rock Kids Back With New Project

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The Queensland brother and sister who swapped a pet rock for a \$41,000 car for a Brisbane charity have today launched a new project.

Luke and Hannah Sinclair met with Gold Coast-based Paradise Kids last month to put their latest charity idea forward.

“We want to help 12 children or teenagers who may have been affected by loss or grief to write their stories,” Luke, 12, said.

“The kids may have suffered from drugs, they may have watched their parents separate, or sadly one of their parents or family members may have even died.

“We want to help them put their stories together and we will then look for a publisher to print a book with pictures called *12 Little Australians*. All proceeds will go to Paradise Kids and we hope to raise \$50,000.”

Remarkably, since the Sinclair siblings took the idea to Paradise Kids’ marketing manager Lisa Ewings, a Gold Coast family has come forward with their story.

“This family utilised the support services of Paradise Kids in 2006 and 2007 when the kids’ father was dying from a brain tumour,” Ms Ewings said.

“The father eventually passed away and the kids have always greatly appreciated the assistance we could offer at that time. When I asked their mum if they wanted to write their story, they jumped at the chance.”

The story of Christabel, her sister Charmaine and their mum Lisa is the first story to be placed on the site – www.hannahluke.com

“I’m proud to be the first one to write their story as I want to see the book published in memory of my dad, and to help Paradise Kids,” Christabel, 11, said.

An extract of Christabel’s story can be viewed on the site from today.

Luke said the plan was to only ever publish extracts on the HannahLuke site.

“We want people to buy the book when it is printed so we can’t show the whole story on our site. What we now need is for any kids or teenagers who want to write their stories to contact us on our site,” he said.

“We can then email or talk to them and hear a bit about their stories. With the assistance of our dad, we can then help them write their stories, the same way we helped Christabel and her family write their story.”

Luke said the challenge was to finish all 12 stories inside 12 months and publish a book called *12 Little Australians*. All proceeds will go to Paradise Kids.

For further information, go to www.hannahluke.com

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