



**It's the  
smartest  
way to  
drink  
coffee**

**I'LL DRINK TO THAT:** Ainsley White, owner of Smith St Cafe, is one of three Cairns cafes signed up for the CafeSmart charity initiative that will see one dollar from every cup donated go to local homeless charities. Picture: BRENDAN RADKE

## JESSE KUCH

A GROUP of Cairns's top coffee shops are joining forces for a good cause on Friday, August 8, donating \$1 from every brew to the homeless as part of a national day of action.

CafeSmart is an initiative of StreetSmart, a national charity dedicated to helping the homeless through a series of grassroots local fundraising events.

Last year, 275 cafes around the country raised \$83,950 as part of CafeSmart, but 2014 is the first time the event will be held in Cairns.

Smith Street Cafe, The Sipping Duck and Tosca's

have all signed on in Cairns, but organisers StreetSmart Australia are still looking for coffee shops and cafes to join the cause before the big day

next week.

If your cafe would like to sign up, simply register online at the StreetSmart website.

Smith Street Cafe owner Ainsley White told *The Cairns*

*Post* that with Cairns having the dubious honour of one of the highest rates of homelessness in the country per capita, she was happy to contribute to such a worthy cause.

"We decided to jump on board because of the high rate of homelessness in Cairns in particular," Ms White said.

"Any funds we do raise as part of CafeSmart stay local and go directly to homeless people in Cairns, so what better way to raise money than with a coffee?"

"Most people get a coffee every day."

**If your coffee shop is interested in being part of CafeSmart, register at [streetsmartaustralia.org](http://streetsmartaustralia.org)**