

# Michael Darby's Cannabis Facts Site

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## THE SELFISHNESS DRUG

Cannabis, otherwise known as marijuana, is a drug which encourages the avoidance of responsibility, crushes ambition and undermines family loyalty. Its use is advocated by persons for whom such effects are worthy goals.

According to some researchers, consistent cannabis use increases six-fold the likelihood of contracting schizophrenia. Certainly, a very large number of Australian families have been torn apart by the selfishness, dishonesty and treachery of cannabis users, whose anti-family behaviour becomes apparent only after commencing regular cannabis use.

The effect of marijuana upon individuals is by no means consistent, and some persons can use marijuana without apparent ill effects, and perhaps even without behavioural changes.

Many users do undergo adverse personality changes, through chemical changes in the brain. Marijuana users typically become less pleasant people, with personality characteristics prejudicial to the welfare of others.

Marijuana smokers are likely to become chronic procrastinators. They tend to tell more lies. They will probably become de-motivated, less-reliable employees and often lose interest in going to work.

Punctuality is impossible for many marijuana users, who are likely to become quite unreliable and untrustworthy.

Marijuana users seem to become hostile or contemptuous towards their parents, and commonly steal from their parents.

Marijuana-smoking parents lose enthusiasm for proper care for their children, more frequently fight in front of children than do non-users, and typically have children who are less well-fed, less clean, less cared for and less loved than the children of drug-free parents.

In "Gone to Pot", Raelene Allen writes: *"A survey of 18-to-35 year old New Zealanders who were regular marijuana users showed that the most common physical or mental health problems, experienced by one in five users, were acute anxiety or panic attacks. Fifteen percent reported psychotic symptoms following use. They also found that problems to do with health (both physical and mental) and difficulty controlling the level of intake were more serious, from the user's point of view, than social or relationship problems."*

Marijuana has health hazards, certainly, but the hazards for people close to marijuana smokers are probably greater than the hazards facing the smokers.

Marijuana smokers seem to lose understanding of morality, and simply become unpleasant people who cannot be trusted. Yet the nature of the drug is that they are able to deny that they have changed, and rationalise all drug-caused strife by pretending that families and friends and workmates are the ones who are being unpleasant.

It is true that there are possibly numbers of cannabis users who do not become unpleasant; whose personalities do not deteriorate by use of the drug. What must be understood is that no cannabis user gains a more pleasant personality through using the drug.

Michael Darby seeks to discourage young people from experimenting with cannabis, and to alert parents to the dangers to health, career and family life which their children risk by association with the drug. He is available to address meetings or contribute to radio or television programs on the subject of cannabis and may be contacted at nocannabis@michaeldarby.net. Phone 0413 348 843.

True case histories about the effects of cannabis upon individuals or upon family life are sought. Please email to nocannabis@michaeldarby.net.

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**Everyone who cares about the welfare of Australia's youth should read:**

## **THE CRUEL HOAX**

**Street Drugs in Australia**

Elaine Walters

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### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

- [Centre for Substance Abuse Research](#)
  - [The Case Against Marijuana - - A Pathologist's Perspective](#)
  - [The Tommy Jones Memorial anti-drugs site](#)
  - [Aide-memoire for parents – the case against marijuana](#)
  - [Early action against drugs](#)
  - [Health Aspects of Cannabis](#)
  - [Drugwatch International](#)
  - [Marijuana: Advances in Research](#)
  - [Drug-Arm Australia](#)
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The Westbury, 221 Darlinghurst NSW 2010, to receive:**

## **GONE TO POT**

**What every parent should know about young people and marijuana**

**Raelene Allen ISBN 0-846-35983-5**

**Published 1998 by Adventures Extraordinaire Pty Ltd**

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## **Conference on Drugs**

**hosted by the Brookvale-Allambie Branch of the Liberal Party of Australia (NSW Div)**

**Dee Why RSL, Pittwater Rd, Dee Why**

**1pm to 5pm, Saturday 25 February 2006**

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