



**MASKED MISSION:** Those with beautiful masks on a serious mission, aiding the suicide intervention organisation called Grapevine Group, are from left, Lifeline general manager Cheryl Miller, Grapevine chairperson Debbie Knight and Macrossan & Amiet Solicitors managing partner Gene Paterson.

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# Program raises funds, awareness

SOLICITORS Macrossan & Amiet is lending its support to a cause that deals with averting deadly consequences, the suicide intervention group called Grapevine.

Staff are selling raffle tickets and distributing postcards to achieve a two-fold purpose.

Money raised from the raffle goes towards sponsoring participants through the Livingworks ASIST suicide intervention program, and postcard distribution raises awareness.

To date more than 30 high school teachers, police and volunteers have been assisted through the course, which costs \$200 a participant.

This is organised through Lifeline Mackay-Whitsundays general manager Cheryl Miller, who is a qualified LivingWorks trainer.

Macrossan & Amiet secretary Jenny Moohin said tickets in the raffle of accommodation, meals and flights at Airlie Beach — to be drawn on August 28 — were selling well.

“Everyone who buys a ticket gets a Grapevine Group postcard, and all

of our staff of about 60 people have been involved in selling the tickets to friends, family and business associates,” Ms Moohin said.

The Grapevine Group Assoc Inc is a group of artists, media representatives and volunteers who raise funds, although they prefer to call them “FUNds”, and awareness of the region’s suicide intervention resources through activities and art events.

It was formed because suicide often went unreported in the media, due to concerns that it leads to further incidents.

This means tragedies are often heard along the gossip grapevine, but information on suicide intervention resources is not.

Businesses or individuals who want to do their bit to help can contact the group via [www.grapevine-group.org.au](http://www.grapevine-group.org.au).

And look out for some of the group’s masks next month on display at Jamaica Blue in Victoria Street as part of The Pacific Edge arts conference ARTSTREET exhibition.