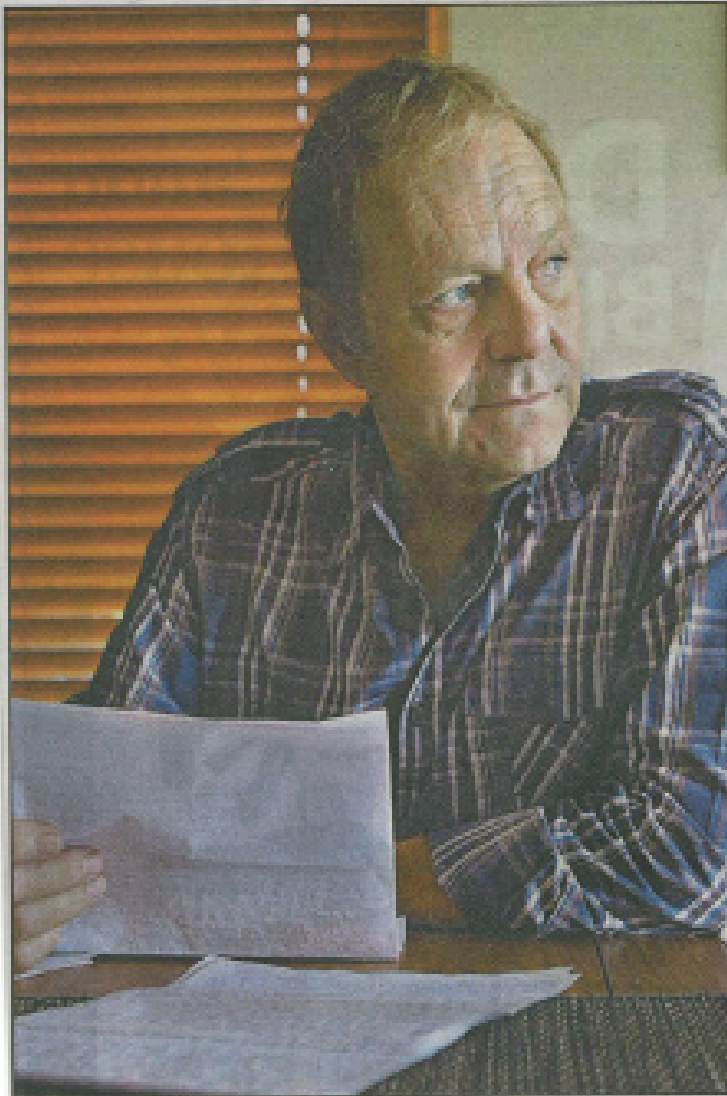


Anti-violence group will give paroled prisoner a job

Dad set to help his son's killer



Can't forgive: Ken Marslew at home in Hawong. Picture: Dean Marzolla

By LINDA SILMALIS

THE father of a youth shot dead during a bungled armed robbery has invited one of his son's killers to work for his anti-violence organisation upon parole.

In an extraordinary gesture, Enough Is Enough founder Ken Marslew has also organised to collect Karl Kramer, 38, from prison when he is released in June.

Michael Marslew died after being shot while working a shift at a Pizza Hut in Jannali in 1994.

Four men were convicted of the 18-year-old's murder, including the then 25-year-old Kramer who had waited in a getaway car.

Kramer, who had organised the robbery, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 years.

After initially campaigning for the death penalty, Mr Marslew changed his stance after making contact with the killers.

The first contact was made in a restorative justice conference three years after the shooting.

Mr Marslew later received a letter from Kramer, whom he said had expressed his remorse at his role in Michael's death.

Mr Marslew wrote back before



Slain: Marslew



Jailed: Kramer

the pair began exchanging letters and phone calls more frequently.

Despite the contact, Mr Marslew said he would never forgive Kramer or his associates for the murder. However, he told *The Sunday Telegraph* he was willing to help Kramer move on with his life.

He said he had asked Kramer some months ago if he wanted to work for Enough Is Enough to help prevent young offenders from ending up in jail. Mr Marslew said Kramer had agreed.

"Is he my mate? No. Is he ever going to be my mate? No. But this is about turning a negative into something positive," he said.

"We've spoken and I'm negotiat-

ing with the Department of Corrective Services to see him once more to finalise the details before he is released."

Mr Marslew has spoken to three of the four men convicted over his son's death but only had regular contact with Kramer.

"When I first met him (Kramer) in Long Bay, I wanted to kill the bastard," Mr Marslew said.

"I told him at that conference that unless he did something about what he had done, I was going to become his worst nightmare. He then wrote to me and it started from there."

Mr Marslew said it was Kramer's idea to work with young people to prevent them following the path he had taken.

He admitted he was apprehensive about Kramer's ability to fulfil the role having been in jail for so long but added he would be closely monitored.

"I hope he gets his life together," Mr Marslew said. "He's got some work to do, but I hope he will be able to have a positive impact on some of the young offenders so they don't stuff up their lives."