

ROSIES

Friends on the Street



AUTUMN 2016

Rosies provides unconditional acceptance and friendship to people who are marginalised within our community - especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or simply lonely. Rosies is a volunteer based organisation. We reach out to all our friends on the street, in the courts, detention centres, prisons, and drop-in centres. Rosies is there to offer friendship, support, and connection. Rosies is non-preaching and non-discriminatory. It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat can do. *Inspiring dignity one cuppa at a time.*

Cairns
Mareeba/Atherton
Sunshine Coast
Caboolture
Brisbane/Aspley
Ipswich
Logan/Beenleigh
Toowoomba
Gold Coast
Wynnum (coming soon)



Families, like the Roberts, are increasingly at risk of homelessness...

- Commencing in QLD 1987
- Friend interactions every year 52,000
- Active volunteers 1,000
(45,000 hours of community support/year)
- Over 95% funded through kind donations from our local community
- Ministry of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.



A TIME TO RENEW OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

Domestic and family violence is most unfortunately a pervasive community issue that can affect anyone regardless of their social, economic, or cultural group - it does not discriminate. It often consumes families from the inside. St Eugene de Mazenod - our Oblate of Mary Immaculate founder - is in fact the patron saint of families in need. Rosies is a Ministry of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Originally part of the French nobility, St Eugene's family fled France during the Revolution. Hit by financial distress and the instability of a refugee life the de Mazenod family was torn apart. As a result of his experience, St Eugene dedicated his life to those without the support of their families and especially the poorest of the poor.

The Oblates celebrate 200 years of St Eugene's charism and during this year. We invite you to celebrate too. Easter is also a time of renewal, a time of compassion and of understanding. We are invited at this time to reflect on our family lives. As Pope Francis asks us to ponder "In my home, do we yell, or do we speak with love and tenderness? This is a good way to recognise our love."

Fr John David OMI
Rosies Chaplain

The Rosies Prayer

O Jesus,
make our hearts so human,
that others may feel at home
with us,
so like Yours, that others may
feel at home with You, so
forgetful of self that we might
simply become
the place where You and
they meet in the power of
Your Love and the joy of
Your friendship.
Amen

A CALL FOR COMPASSION

Easter is a time when Christians remember the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made dying on the cross for us and the life he gives through his resurrection. His Spirit empowers his followers to restore each person their dignity and the knowledge that they are truly valued for who they are.

Today, Rosies - founded by the Oblates - continues to support those most in need within our communities; an aspiration that our patron saint, St Eugene de Mazenod inspired. This year is the 200th anniversary, 1816-2016 of our Oblates.

We would like to invite you to celebrate with us by joining in a day of contemplation.

So please take a moment with us on St Eugene's feast day on Saturday, 21 May 2016. Contemplative action, at its simplest, is about taking the time to reflect before taking positive action... a day that we hope will inspire you to reflect upon the deep connection between contemplative life and our mission.

Take a moment, share a thought, and then act with Rosies and our many friends within our community.

Find out how you can get involved at rosies.org.au



Missionary Oblates
of
Mary Immaculate
1816 - 2016

INSPIRATION FOR EVERYDAY LIFE...

St Eugene de Mazenod - the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Rosies patron Saint - inspires four key characteristics that we invite you to consider applying to your everyday life. Show passion in your response to those in need - put your entire heart and soul into the service that you undertake.

Be daring in your approach to service - think outside the box, try a new initiative or approach and do not be afraid of risk or possible failure. Be loyal in your approach

to life - stand with, and for, those in need. Finally, make an extra effort to promote the concept of community - both within your Church and wider society. Go on, we know you can do it!

Find out more or get involved at rosies.org.au

Be passionate...

St Eugene invites us to be passionate in our response to those in need like Christ.

Be community minded

St Eugene promoted the concept of community and the effort it takes to form.

Be loyal

De Mazenod invites us to be loyal in our approach to life.

be daring

The saint called us to be daring in our approaches to service.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS AUTUMN (from cover)

Life started out pretty good for the Roberts family*. Kim met Matt on holidays. It was great. Ten years, two kids, and a mortgage later it was not. It happened slowly. First it was the control over finances. Money was tight. Looking 'good' became secondary. The emotional abuse started. Matt got another job after his company went bust - half the money. The bills piled up after Christmas. One of the kids got sick. The fights got ugly. They lost the house. Unfortunately the Roberts story is not unique.

Every year an immeasurable number of families have their lives disrupted due to domestic and family violence, which are major reasons for homelessness.

This May is Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month. Of the 20,000 Queenslanders homeless tonight, almost half are women, and over 40% are aged 25 or under. Women are particularly impacted and are often the 'hidden' homeless. Men, who can be equally confused, looking for ways to address their use of violence and destructive patterns are more likely to sleep without shelter. Rosies is there to help with friendship, support, and connection. It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat can do. Your donation will make the difference. Find out how or donate now at rosies.org.au



MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

In late January I had the sad privilege of attending a memorial service for Shorty, a long-time friend on the street of Rosies in Surfers Paradise. Shorty's memorial service was beautifully arranged by the Anglican community led by their minister Fr Jon Brooks.

Some of Shorty's friends on the street poured out their hearts and souls in eulogies of tremendous power and humour. Along with providing basic material and emotional support, burying the dead is a traditional act of mercy.

It brought home to me that our Rosies volunteers, well represented at Shorty's memorial, are there at every moment, including the last, for our friends on the street earthly lives. Our prayers are with Shorty forever.

Over recent months our network of collaborating organisations and individuals has grown, importantly at the outreach level and also in the areas of research, leadership development, and systems.

Together we can achieve so much more.

I trust you continue to be inspired by the work of Rosies through our dedicated volunteers, collaborating organisations, and wonderful supporters. You will see in this newsletter the breadth and diversity of those connected through Rosies. Whatever trials are facing our friends there is always joy and hope in our gatherings on the street.

Andrew O'Brien
Rosies General Manager

*To protect the privacy of our friends that Rosies supports, names may have been changed, stories summarised, and pictorial models used. See online for further details. #See online for sources.



HAVE A CUPPA FOR ROSIES!

You make a difference to those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or simply lonely. Inspiring dignity, one cuppa at the time...



Hold your own cuppa event this Autumn and help Rosies support families at risk.
rosies.org.au • 1300 Rosies (746 437)

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

This Autumn there are a number of reasons for Rosies, and you, our extended family community to celebrate and to take pause. Firstly, it is the 200th anniversary of our founding Oblates of Mary Immaculate priests. Rosies and the Oblates both aspire to our patron saint, St Eugene de Mazenod's charism, to support those most abandoned in our community. So please, celebrate with us on St Eugene's feast day 21 May 2016.

During Easter, I would also like to invite you to take a moment of contemplative action. Think not only about your own family but of those within our extended community who may be less fortunate than us.

Is there someone experiencing difficulties, like those in the

Roberts story in your extended family you can support with friendship this Easter?

I am grateful as always that our family of Rosies wonderful volunteers are out providing a sense of community and friendship to those in need like the Roberts family. I invite you to celebrate their passion, daring, loyalty, and community with us during National Volunteer Week 11-17 May 2016.



John Scoble
Rosies Board Chair

Date claimers

- Easter24-28 March
- Domestic & Family Violence Prevention MonthMay
- National Volunteer Week 11-17 May
- St Eugene's feast day 21 May
- OMI 200th Anniversary Mass 7.00pm Cathedral of St Stephen 8 August

ROSIES COLLABORATIONS AROUND THE STATE

BRISBANE/ASPLEY BRANCH - more space

Our collaboration with the Sisters of Mercy has been in place for many years. Our outreach room is located in their very own building in Justice Place. The sisters are most kindly increasing our storage capacity by giving us access to an additional room. Our Rosies branch can now

store more items for our many friends. Thank you.

In another news a big thank you to our Aspley team who make a difference with our BBQ outreach on the first Sunday of the month. (pictured opposite page)

CABOOLTURE BRANCH - It is all about team work!

Since its infancy in 2006, our branch has been actively involved with the community and in particular, working closely with St Eugene Catholic College and the local Catholic Parish. Our collaboration,

along with many others, has made a huge difference to our many friends in the local community. It's all about team work. Well done and thank you.

CAIRNS BRANCH - New outreach room inaugurated

Our team of volunteers has enthusiastically put the final touches on their new outreach room (pictured). The room has been inaugurated. Rosies is most thankful to Centacare for lending us our new

premises and helping us transform it into a very functional outreach room. Thank you.

Find out how you support your local branch at rosies.org.au

GOLD COAST BRANCH - We thumbed a ride for toys

Our Rosies volunteers joined motorcycle enthusiasts from the Harley Owners Group (HOGS) Gold Coast Chapter for the ride of the year. Over 70 bikes and two Rosies vans rode from Coolangatta up the Gold Coast Highway to Southport. Rosies was fortunate to thumb a ride and receive loads of toys and

other donations for our many friends for our Christmas on the Street celebrations (see more on page 5). Thank you to the HOGS for such an awesome event and for nominating Rosies as your charity of choice. We love your support and friendship, and as you can see from the picture, we had a blast!

IPSWICH BRANCH - Our very own little miss Sunshine

Local Ipswich 10 year old student, Stephanie (pictured) is our very own little miss sunshine. Too young to be involved with volunteering, Stephanie decided on her own merits to be awesome and fundraise for Rosies - providing hygiene packs,

thermal socks, backpacks, noodles, and more. Our Rosies Ipswich team warmly welcomed Stephanie's donation. Rosies could not operate without the generosity of wonderful supporters like Stephanie. Thanks!



Rosies Cairns branch inaugurated their brand new outreach room!



Thank you for the ride HOGS Gold Coast Chapter!



ROSIES COLLABORATIONS AROUND THE STATE

LOGAN / BEENLEIGH BRANCH - New year, new venue, new time

Rosies Logan outreach now meets at the corner of Station, Wembley, and Ewing Roads each Wednesday and Friday. The location turns into an 'ephemeral village' with our many friends on the street able to enjoy a cuppa, bite to eat, and chat with the Rosies team - as well as a variety of other services from our collaborating partners, ranging from having their laundry done, to a haircut, meals, and medical attention.

In other related news, our court outreach in Beenleigh has moved to Mondays as the team continues to collaborate with local services.

Rosies would also like to congratulate our Logan/Beenleigh branch coordinator, Margaret Harvey on being a finalist in the Citizen of the Year for Logan City award. Margaret has been with Rosies for over 10 years and is an absolutely astonishing community member (pictured). Thank you Margaret, and all of our wonderful volunteers across Queensland on behalf of Rosies and our many friends.

You are all simply wonderful. You make the difference!



The Logan / Beenleigh branch has been going for over 10 years! Thank you all for your support and commitment.

MAREEBA/ATHERTON BRANCH - outreach room improvement

Another local collaboration is underway in Mareeba. Our branch is pleased to announce the renovation of our shared meeting room with the local Indigenous Connections group thanks to the support of the local Catholic Parish. Thanks to a grant from the Queensland

Government's Gaming Community Benefit Fund to Rosies, walls and fit out are now being added to what was previously an open shed.

Find out how you support your local branch at rosies.org.au/what-we-do/our-branches/



Margaret, our beautiful coordinator in Logan.

SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH - The power of giving

Rosies is always amazed by the support shown by the community and the Sunshine Coast is no exception. Rosies is so proud and honoured by the power of giving and support shown to our many friends on the street and we would like to mention and thank just a few, anonymously here. One family has been supplying a hundred sweet packs for our Caloundra Christmas

on the Street for years.

Another little girl this year cooked cookies and sold them over her holidays raising over \$200 for Rosies. Others have made arrangements to donate backpack beds and warm woollies to local farmers and others in need. What a community, thank you, thank you, thank you all.



The power of giving on the Sunshine Coast.

Thank you for to our Aspley BBQ outreach team for making a difference the first Sunday of every month.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

BioPak • Bill Ware • Brian Peat
• Cazalys Trivia Night • Chrisco
Group • Daryl & Carole Pryke •
David Williamson • Don Barton
• Kevin Heenan • LJ Hooker
Gold Coast • Logan Mayoress'
Community Service • London Loans
• Martin Paterson • Mervin Batch
• Missionary Franciscan Sisters •
Queensland Government • Surfers
Paradise Alliance • Victory IT •
Wal Giugni

Rosies would also like say thanks to the
Local Governments in which we operate,
and our various facility providers - Iona
College, Sisters of Mercy, Arch Diocese
of Brisbane, Diocese of Toowoomba, and
Diocese of Cairns.

Please note that while our many friends
may not be able to say thanks themselves,
Rosies endeavours to do so. We can't thank
everyone and our stories reflect but a few.
Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers,
partners, donors, and supporters.



ROSIES STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (SEP)

Thank you to all the schools that
took part in our SEP in 2015. We
specially thank you for your in-
kind and monetary contributions
to support Rosies do what we
do best.

You *make* a difference to our many
friends on the street.

Get your school community involved
in 2016! Have a cuppa. Have a red
T-shirt day, dress down for Rosies.

Raise awareness and funds to
support Rosies and our many friends.
Find out more at rosies.org.au

TOOWOOMBA BRANCH - A donation that counts

Rosies Toowoomba branch has a
number of partnerships with local
businesses we would like to thank.
Recently, our Branch coordinator,
Jon Martlew was presented with
a \$1,500 cheque from the Power
Tynan Charitable Trust. Funds
donated will be used to operate the
street outreach programs.

*"Our work is mostly funded by
donations such as this from the local
community, so we really appreciate the
support. Regardless of the weather,
our teams provide friendship and
encouragement, as well as a cuppa and
a bite to eat to those in need."*

Find out how you can support your
local branch at [rosies.org.au/what-
we-do/our-branches/](http://rosies.org.au/what-we-do/our-branches/)

WYNNUM BRANCH - Another call out for a local champion

Rosies is sending another call out
for a local champion to coordinate
the development team for our
new Wynnum branch. Is it you?
Momentum is building; interest in
the community is strong. If you,

or anyone you know, is interested
in joining our coordinating team
please find out more now at
[rosies.org.au/volunteering-with-
rosies/](http://rosies.org.au/volunteering-with-rosies/)

Q1 STAIR CHALLENGE - what a monumental effort!

Well done and a huge thank you to
everyone who dared take on the
challenge to climb Q1 for Rosies and
our many Gold Coast friends on the
street. What a monumental effort.
Thank you to Active8Change and
Skypoint for nominating Rosies as
charity of choice. Thank you to our
wonderful volunteers making the
event so spectacular. Images and
more information will be provided
on our web and facebook pages.

Our event volunteer coordinator,
Victoria De Sisto, led the Rosies
team to new heights.

*"I reached the top, and I had fun - that
was my goal! It gave me enormous
personal satisfaction to climb the
building and I am so proud of our team
effort. We are all even more proud
to have climbed for Rosies, raising
awareness and much needed funds for
those most in need, especially those
locals experiencing homelessness. I have
been a volunteer with Rosies street
outreach on the Gold Coast for over
three years. There are lots of little*

*things that remind me why, and of what
a huge difference Rosies makes.*

*I hear so many stories from our friends
on the street who rely on our outreach
- regardless of the challenges or the
weather! When you see how grateful
our friends are for that simple cup of
coffee and a bit of conversation, you
know how important it is to be there
especially in times of difficulty. And
seeing some whose lives turn around
for the better is wonderful.*

*When you don't see a friend but know
that it's because they have found work,
a place to live, or are just getting
on with their lives independently it's
fantastic. A feeling almost as good as
climbing Australia's tallest building!
Rosies is also a wonderful support
community within the volunteers, some
have gone through their own tragedies
and our extended family really comes
together to support one another during
these times."*

You can still support climbers and
teams with their fundraising efforts
online and help smash our record !

Find out more at [rosies.org.au /q1-
stair-challenge-2016/](http://rosies.org.au/q1-stair-challenge-2016/)

Thank you
to all the
ROSIES
runners
you are the
BEST!



CHRISTMAS ON THE STREET...communities celebrating together

Rosies Christmas on the Street 2015 celebrations brought out some beautiful stories when our communities came together with our many friends. The simply joy of sharing times with those who may otherwise have spent the festive season on their own truly made a huge difference. Thank you to our wonderful extended family community of volunteers, partners, donors, and supporters.

The joy can best be described by one of our recently retired long time volunteers, Paul Cervetto.

"I started with Rosies like most volunteers, out of a sense that I wanted

to help out somewhere, somehow. I wasn't trying to change the world; I knew I couldn't change peoples' lives or their circumstance. What I could do though was make them a coffee, listen to their stories, have a laugh with them, feel their frustrations or sorrows, and then get them another cup of coffee. I don't know if my going to Rosies for 9 years has made one bit of difference to the wider world. In fact I know it hasn't. It has, however, made an enormous difference to my world. And I truly believe Rosies will continue to make a difference in the worlds of the people who come to each outreach, volunteers and patrons alike. Simply by being, the place where you, I, and they meet, in the power of Your love and the joy of Your friendship."



Rosies Brisbane branch was one of our many teams to take part in our 'Christmas on the Street' outreach over the festive season.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Thanks must go to the ongoing collaborative effort from many of our corporate partners including Biopak, LJ Hooker Gold Coast, Chrisco, Surfers Paradise Alliance, Skypoint, Active8Change, and Worldwide Printing Solutions, and so many more. You all make the difference.

Rosies operates only thanks to the many collaborative efforts of our teams within their local communities.

Rosies street vans now gather, for example, with Orange Sky Laundry in Ipswich, Logan, and the Gold

Coast. The Street Doctors join in many locations, and many more local groups are taking part in our outreaches to support our friends on the street.

It is thanks to these collaborations, as well as your support, that Rosies can do what we do best. Find out how you can get involved with Rosies on rosies.org.au

THANKS CORPORATE PARTNERS

GET INVOLVED AT rosies.org.au

CUPPA TIME CHALLENGE... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our stocks of instant coffee, Milo, cordial, and sugar are running low after our Christmas on the Street celebrations. Please help us reach our 'cuppa' goal. We have the cups, thanks to BioPak, our cuppa partner.

So, get your workplace, school, kindergarten, or community group to have a cuppa event for Rosies... share a cuppa, have a chat to raise awareness, and get everyone to donate a tin of coffee, Milo, bottle of cordial, and sugar. Why not have a dress down day - wear a red tshirt, collect a \$2 gold coin, and get everyone to donate an item. Please help Rosies what we do best, help families like the Roberts at risk of homelessness this Autumn.

It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat can do. Inspiring dignity, one cuppa at a time. Find out how at rosies.org.au/cuppa4rosies



Families, like the Roberts, are increasingly at risk



Donate now!

YES, I want to make a difference to the lives of those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or simply lonely...

Please indicate for receipt if you are donating as an

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

My details

First name _____

Surname _____

Position _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Gift details I would like to donate (over \$2 tax deductible)

☐ \$28 ☐ \$45 ☒ \$150 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000

☐ Other amount \$ _____

☐ Please deduct (on 25th of each month) a **regular monthly gift** from my Debit Card / Credit Card of \$ _____

Payment options

☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Commonwealth Bank BSB 064 451 Account No. 1003 7818
Reference No. <your name>. Please also email us a copy of your bank EFT receipt to finance@rosies.org.au

☐ Cheque / Money order

Enclose and make payable to Rosies Youth Mission Inc.

☐ Debit Card / ☐ Credit Card

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Dinners

Card No. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry date _____ / _____

Name on the card _____

Signature _____

Other information

☐ Please contact me about leaving a bequest in my will to Rosies.

☐ Please DO NOT send me further information from Rosies (see below).

Please return your completed form and donation to Rosies.

Thank you for your support!

IN MEMORIAM

Rosies was saddened by the recent passing of David 'Shorty' Smith. Shorty was a long term friend on the street at our Gold Coast branch outreach. As our General Manager, Andrew O'Brien mentions (see page 3) Shorty was known and loved by many. Shorty passed away peacefully at his home on the street in Surfers Paradise.

Shorty grew up with a sister and step brother in Canberra, where his family still reside. He was a father of three, and a grandfather of three.



David 'Shorty' Smith

Shorty would have been 52 in January. Rosies would like to send our thoughts and prayers to Shorty's family and friends and his many friends on the Gold Coast and in Canberra.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen"



A WILLING GIFT

A gift in your Will, a bequest, to Rosies is a very special way that you can make a difference, now and into the future.

Your support *makes* a difference to real people, real stories.

You may wish to nominate a gift in your Will to Rosies Tapestry Fund.

The Fund was established in June 2004, with a loving bequest from the Jackson Family in memory of their late son, Greg and daughter, Teresa.

Our Patron, General Peter Cosgrove AC MC officially launched the Tapestry Fund on 22 October 2004.

Following the launch, it was agreed the Fund be held in reserve and used in times of exceptional need to ensure Rosies sustainability.

The name of the Fund comes from a beautiful piece of writing by Teresa.

As Teresa writes about her family, the words capture the very essence of Rosies' work - building a tapestry of love, family, and support amongst those marginalised within our community.

Find out more about our Rosies Tapestry Fund and read Teresa's piece in full at rosies.org.au

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