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ROSIES SUMMER 2014

From the Manager

When I took on the role of manager here at Rosies, I said the end of my first year would be a place to stop and reflect on how far we've come.

Our volunteer numbers Statewide have grown to over 900 this year.

The Cairns and Ipswich branches have begun offering services on an extra night each week due to increased need - and Cairns is already looking to add another outreach.

We've made progress on establishing a new Wynnum Manly branch, which we hope to have operational soon.

New partnerships with Swags 4 Homeless, Skypoint Australia, the AMA Queensland Foundation and I Luv Coffee have brought a little warmth onto the streets, and we deepened some existing connections with supporters like

Bartons, Parmalat and key medical service the Street Doctors.

Our office has seen some staff changes too: we farewelled Chris Moorman, and welcomed Norah Elvidge, Sharyn Hanlon and Daneilia Davies to our team.

This Christmas, our volunteers will be on the street as they are every week of the year - spreading a little human kindness.

I thank each and every one of them for their tireless service.

As 2014 draws to a close, I'd also like to thank all our supporters, donors and corporate partners who make the Rosies mission a reality.

On behalf of our staff and volunteers, I wish you all a safe and holy Christmas, and a bright and fruitful New Year.

Troy Bailey
CEO



From the Chairman

Christmas is traditionally a time of celebration, coming together with friends and family.

In contrast, Christmas can accentuate loneliness of many Rosies patrons and their sense of being unloved or alienated.

This is why our outreaches make special efforts to bring the Christmas spirit to our patrons in various ways.

I want to take this opportunity to provide a great big thank you to the Rosies staff and volunteers.

You are the heart and soul of Rosies.

On each occasion you interact with a patron, whether with a smile, a kind word, a biscuit, some coffee, a referral for help or calmly listening to the patron's story - you are holding the Rosies reputation in your hands and offering friendship to those patrons.

Equally significant is the amazing

group of supporters and donors we have at Rosies, and I am constantly humbled by the generosity that you show.

So thank you, one and all.

Christmas is also a time for reflection.

How did we go over the last 12 months, and what should we do better in the next twelve months?

Are we doing all we can for our patrons?

Do we provide sufficient thanks to our donors and supporters?

Have we done enough to encourage pledge giving?

These are questions for each and every one of us to ask and answer as we bring Jesus Christ, to the disadvantaged in our community in the footsteps of St Eugene de Mazenod.

John Scoble
Chair

Vale Sandra Hazel:

'A heart as big as the world'

'Often I have told the good Lord that, since he has given me a mother's heart and sons who merit my love under so many titles, God must allow me to love them immeasurably.'

- St Eugene de Mazenod, 1857

When Fr Tom Shortall OMI first envisaged the mission which was to become Rosies, little did he know that the Wynnum girl who sold raffle tickets to raise money for Iona College and did makeup for the school's Passion Play would become an intrinsic part of Rosies' history.

Although Sandra went to school at Mt Carmel Convent at Wynnum, her connection with Iona College and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate was deep and enduring.

Two of her younger brothers attended Iona from its opening in 1958, and her own children continued the tradition with Sandra's eldest son enrolling in 1974 – the same year Fr Tom Shortall OMI founded the first Rosies outreach in Victoria.

As an adult, Sandra volunteered her time at Iona in Religious Education classes, college camps, student liturgies, and wrote and compiled a formal Religious Education program. Eventually she became the College's Religious Education coordinator and later Dean of Faith.

When the Oblates first considered an outreach to school leavers on the Gold Coast, it was to Sandra they came for counsel; and in 1987 – the year her youngest son finished school at Iona – Sandra was present with young school leavers in Surfers Paradise as part of Rosies' inaugural Schoolies Week outreach team.

Sandra went on to coordinate and train Rosies volunteers; and every

year, she and Fr Peter Daly OMI would spend two weeks leading the full time team at Dhalanbah. When it came time to build a second branch in Brisbane, she opened her home to Rosies and team meetings were held at the Hazel house.

In recognition of her dedication to the Oblate charism and her pursuit of social justice, Sandra was invested as an Honorary Oblate in 2012 by Fr Harry Dyer OMI on behalf of the Superior General, Fr Louis Lougen OMI.



Mrs Sandra Hazel, holding Oblate founder St Eugene de Mazenod's cross

An Oblate cross, which had previously belonged to Fr Tom Shortall OMI, was bestowed on Sandra, entrusting a precious part of Rosies' history to her hands.

'St Eugene talked about having "a heart as big as the world"; Troy Bailey, Rosies Chief Executive Officer, said.

'He saw our Oblate community, and the Church as a whole, like

a mother who watches over us with love and tenderness.

'As the mother of Paul, Dan, Cathy, Jim and Rob, and as the mother of our Rosies family here in Queensland, Sandra embodied the Oblate spirit in a very tangible way. Her heart was as big as the Founder's, and we cannot begin to measure her contribution to Rosies.'

Sandra Hazel passed away on November 10, 2014.

Rosies has named our regular giving program in Sandra's honour - to become part of The Sandra Hazel Pledge Fund, visit rosies.org.au or call 07 33964267.



SCHOOLIES SAFER WITH ROSIES

For 28 years, Rosies volunteers have been present at Schoolies Week in Surfers Paradise, the annual school leavers celebrations on the Gold Coast.

Five volunteers from sister organisation Rosies Oblate Youth Mission travelled from Melbourne to join with our team, made up of volunteers from the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Logan, the Gold Coast - and for the first time, Ipswich.

Schoolies Coordinator Cat Milton said the team in 2014 was the best team yet.

'Every year I say my team is the best I've ever worked with - and then the following year, the volunteers raise the bar,' she said.

'Our experienced volunteers mentor the new faces, and the result is that we keep kids safe.'

'I couldn't ask for a better outcome.'

To see photos of Rosies volunteers at work, visit our facebook page at <http://facebook.com/rosies.qld>.

Our Patrons



'At a time when our attention is understandably occupied with very grave international events let us never forget there are many young people on the streets experiencing isolation and discrimination. Through Rosies let us do everything we can to help them.'

**Patron in Chief
General Peter Cosgrove AK MC**



'That young people who are homeless know they will always be welcomed and accepted at Rosies provides a very important sense of belonging.'

**Patron
Leneen Forde AC**



Around the Branches

With nine branches Statewide, there is always something happening at Rosies. As well as reaching out to our patrons seven days a week, our volunteers also find opportunities to build community and celebrate being part of the Rosies family.

Cairns Race Day: a fascinating affair!

Cairns' Cox Plate Race Day on October 25 became a rosy celebration when 70 Rosies volunteers and their friends gathered at Cannon Park for a glittering social event making this the largest social event on the Cairns Rosies calendar.

Local businesses came to the party, with fashion, patisserie, and florist vouchers, jewellery and wine and champagne donated as lucky draw prizes.

Cairns Branch Coordinator Melissa Milton won the fashions on the field for her teal dress and royal blue fascinator – but it was another headpiece which stole the show.

Anne Stevens of 'Twisted in the Tropics' created an incredible rose fascinator in honour of the day, which she wore to much acclaim.

The remarkable construction, almost 60cm at its widest, attracted attention not just at Cannon Park but again at Brisbane's Doomben Racecourse when she reprised it for Melbourne Cup celebrations.

Rosies would like to thank Lyall Forde and Kerry Ann Bolton for organising the event and for donating prizes.

If you would like to own this fascinating piece of millinery, you are in luck: Ann has donated it to Rosies, and it will be auctioned by silent auction to raise funds for the Cairns branch.

To place a bid, email admin@rosies.org.au or phone the office on 07 3396 4267 – and good luck!



Fashions on the field winner Melissa Milton with volunteer Kerry Ann Bolton, who donated several prizes from her business 'She She Boutique Fashions'.



The amazing fascinator made by Anne Stevens of Twisted in the Tropics (above), modelled by the creator (below).





In a first for Rosies, the Toowoomba Branch made a grand floral entrance in the 2014 Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers on September 20.

A crew of volunteers and our very own swagman showcased Rosies' hospitality by cooking up a sausage sizzle throughout the parade!

Toowoomba volunteers Chas Sheehan, Faye and Jim Stein, Rebecca Hogan (and her Dad!), Ashlee Ralph and Branch Coordinator Jon Martlew built the float and decorated the van.

The floral decorations were provided courtesy of a grant from the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group, who offer financial assistance to not for profit organisations to participate.

Jon Martlew said the day was a huge success, and marked a

milestone for the Toowoomba Branch.

'It was a wonderful day - in excess of 30,000 people watched the parade,' he said.

'I just think it was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of the crowd, and the calls of "Good on ya, Rosies!" - there were lots of calls to keep up the good work.'

Jon said that patrons were excited to see the Rosies float in the parade, especially as the swagman on board was a Rosies patron.

'Tim, our swagman, really enjoyed the experience - and we'd like to thank him for helping us out,' Jon said.

To see more photos of Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers parade, head to our Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/rosies.qld>.



Happy birthday to the Sunshine Coast!

The Sunshine Coast's Tuesday night outreach has just celebrated its first birthday!

Tuesday night outreaches commenced on October 8, 2013, with 5 volunteers, 12 patrons, some special hot chocolate drinks and chai tea with biscuits.

Since then, the outreach has grown to around 40 patrons visiting our van each week, with Club Kawana donating 40 hot roast meals, fresh sandwiches from a group of volunteers, and bakeries

supplying pies, sausage rolls and breads.

Recently, Auskick donated some AFL gear to give to children who visit the Rosies van.

Sunshine Coast Branch Coordinator Carolyn Wilson said that patrons look forward to sharing their news at each outreach.

'Whatever their yarn, our patrons know Rosies will be there to extend a warm welcome, share their experiences and to join them for a cuppa,' she said.



Happy kids with their new AFL gear at the Sunshine Coast outreach



Skypoint Australia, in partnership with Active8Change, has set a challenge – climb all 77 floors of the tallest building in Australia and support Rosies at the same time!

The Q1 Sea to Sky Challenge is set for February 22, 2015, with all participants pledging a minimum of \$35 to support Rosies – Friends on the Street.

Registrations are now open, and places are filling fast – for more information or to register, head to active8change.com.au.

*Did you know?
The iconic Q1 building is built on the site of Rosies' first outreach in Surfers Paradise!*



Telstra keeps Rosies pantry stocked

Telstra Gold Coast outlets have made Christmas a little easier for some, with laundry baskets and trolleys filled with non-perishable goods destined for emergency relief parcels.

The donations were delivered to our Drop In Centre on November 14, ready to be given to patrons.

Telstra Gold Coast Area General Manager, Darren Clark, said employees were keen to get behind the initiative.

'Aligning ourselves with an organisation like Rosies resonates with Telstra's commitment to connect people and communities,' he said.



Rosies would like to thank:

St Edmund's Parish, Ipswich • St Mary's Parish, Ipswich • Oz Harvest • Parmalat • Ted Mackey • Sacred Heart Primary School • St Mary's Primary School • North Ipswich and Leichhardt Churches • Kotahi Aroha • Westmac Anglican College • SAVCO • Charlie and Lisa's Bakery, Daisy Hill • Lions Clubs of Rosedale, Springwood, Southeast Logan, and Mount Tamborine • Donut King, Logan Central • Administration staff, Logan Hospital • Logan Diggers Services Club • Mr & Mrs Mark Savage • Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church • Club Kawana • Boardwalk Bakery & Café, Caloundra • Crust Bakery & Patisserie, Wurtulla • Brumbys Bakery Caloundra • Donut King Caloundra • Sunshine Mobile Diner • Shelly Beach Corner Store • Knitting for the Needy Brisbane • Caloundra State High School • Unity College • Caloundra Stitches Inc • Ferguson Cannon Lawyers • Ellen de Voss • Mooloolah Masonic Lodge • Len Seto • Chit Chat, Goodlife Church • Suzanne Duperron • Member for Caloundra, Mark McArdle • St Ursula's College • St Saviour's College • St Mary's College • St Joseph's College • Toowoomba Grammar School • Meals on Wheels Toowoomba • St Theresa's Parish, Toowoomba • St Bartholomews Anglican Church Toowoomba • Officeworks • Pizza Hut • Lazertech • Millers Gourmet Meats • Bounce • Pump @ Whyalla • Encores • Tierney Signs • Wendland Olives • Battery World Toowoomba • Elgas • Kingfishers Cafe •

Welcome: Andrew O'Brien, Acting General Manager

Since our print newsletter was published, General Manager Troy Bailey has resigned. Rosies welcomes Andrew O'Brien to the State Support Office as Acting General Manager.

Andrew is an experienced executive with a particular interest in the services offered within the mission of the Church.

Andrew qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1983 and pursued a career in local government culminating as CEO of Mount Isa City Council from 1998-2003.

Subsequently he worked for the Queensland

Government in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy, followed by two years in the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

Between 2011 and 2014, Andrew worked for the Archdiocese of Brisbane in the role of Director Centacare Employment (Brisbane).

Most recently, he acted as Interim Director of Centacare Toowoomba and assisted the transition to a new Director in September 2014.

Andrew has a strong interest in parish and community activities in his local area.



Andrew O'Brien

STUDENTS ON A MISSION



Students from St Ursula's College at Toowoomba Homeless Connect (above) and settling in for a cold night at their college sleepout (below).



St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch, and St Ursula's College, Toowoomba are schools on a mission.

Recently, each school raised an incredible amount – in excess of \$4,000 each – to support Rosies outreach services in their local areas, with Cairns, Toowoomba, and Ipswich branches receiving funds.

On Friday August 1, more than 50 St Ursula's students from years 10 - 12 were sponsored to brave the cold for a 12 hour sleepout in Merici Courtyard. Now in its third year, the event has been enthusiastically supported by the girls – and they have become much more appreciative of the comfort and warmth of their own beds at home as a result!

St Andrew's Year 12 students held their own sleepout during Catholic Education Week on August 1, while Year 11 students ran a blanket drive. The younger students got in on the act too by putting together hygiene packs!

Both schools are participants in the Rosies Student Engagement Program, with students volunteering year round with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in their local areas. Students also provide material support to Rosies patrons in the form of emergency relief: food and hygiene packs.

Rosies would like to thank St Andrew's and St Ursula's for their continued generous support.

Rosies Student Engagement Program

It's been a whirlwind three months for me getting to know Rosies and the Student Engagement Program.

After joining Rosies in August, I've been busy coordinating the Student Engagement Program roster for next year.

In 2015 the program will host over 40 schools across our nine branches on street outreach, giving students the chance to put a face to homelessness - a face that may be more similar to theirs than they ever imagined.

The fact is, over 5000 children under the age of 18 are homeless in Queensland alone, which is why Rosies encourages students to go beyond fundraising to experience what our volunteers see every night on the street.

After moving to Brisbane from Canada eight months ago, I've been inspired and moved by the dedication I see in Australian young people and educators towards being a part of the support system for this nation's homeless and at risk population.

The Student Engagement Program offers a chance for students to rise to the challenge by confronting their own privileges and experiences, which certainly has a hand in creating exceptional leaders for the future.

We are excited to be receiving new schools into the program next year, as well as welcoming back many returning schools to join us and our friends on the street.

We hope the experience for all the



Students from St Augustine's College, Springfield with Ipswich Branch Coordinator Michael Byrne (2nd from left), volunteer Barry (2nd from right) and campus minister Casey Ambrose (far right).

students involved will broaden their perspective on homelessness, ultimately creating a more socially inclusive society.

**Norah Elvidge
Schools Program Coordinator**

To learn more about how your school can be involved with Rosies – Friends on the Street, visit our website at www.rosies.org.au.

From the Chaplain

I am told that St Benedict instructed his monks to 'welcome the guest - you do not know what message they might be giving you from God'.

The wonderful people we meet on the outreaches, the volunteers in the teams, and the family and friends who sustain Rosies with material support and prayers all share with each of us the presence of Jesus.

This presence may be experienced in a simple greeting; the sharing of coffee or just making time for one another.

As we celebrate the birth of

Christ in 2014 let us take a moment of quiet and allow the presence of Jesus to touch us.

Fr Michael Twigg OMI, the Oblate Principal of Mazenod College in Victoria, teaches the staff and students to understand 'we enter to learn, and we go out to serve'.

May our encounter with Christ as we celebrate his birth this year teach us more about what it means to care for others - and in 2015, by our life and action, to make this world better.

Fr John Sherman OMI
Chaplain



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Bequests: Giving to the future

Many of us want to feel like we've made a difference in our lifetimes, but sometimes our circumstances are such that we don't have time to volunteer or money to give directly right now.

A bequest is a way that you can make a difference that will last into the future. It's also a lasting gesture that embodies your beliefs and values in a very tangible way.

Choosing to leave a gift to Rosies in your Will is a wonderful way to make a difference to the people who most need the unconditional

love that Rosies gives. It's an ongoing gift of compassion to the homeless, imprisoned, and disenfranchised adults and children that Rosies serves. You can continue to care for people beyond your lifetime - it can be your legacy of love.

If you would like to leave a gift to Rosies in your Will, but are unsure how, please talk to your solicitor, or give the Rosies office a call on 1300 ROSIES (1300 767 437). Your enquiry will be confidential, and there's no obligation involved.



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