

SUMMER 2019

# ROSIES

*Friends on the Street*



Wishing you Joy, Peace and Happiness  
this Blessed Season

Sharing friendship creates belonging. Dare to reach out together.



## NEW OUTREACHES

**IPSWICH** After inviting Rosies to conduct the Friday outreach in their grounds, St Paul's Anglican Church Ipswich decided they wanted to do more to support the homeless. Working with Rosies, volunteers from the church have started an outreach on Sunday afternoons from 4 until 6pm. St Pauls' volunteers put on a lovely meal with Rosies providing drinks and snacks. All volunteers love mixing with the patrons, sharing stories and making them feel welcome. The photo shows some of the new faces from both Rosies and St Pauls.



**SUNSHINE COAST** has commenced its first daytime outreach. Rosies joins with the Caloundra Community Hub on the first Monday of each month to provide a 'one stop shop' for people in need in the community. While many services are available, Rosies does what it does best, providing a cuppa and having a chat with our many friends on the street.

## WHY ROSIES

I was drawn to Rosies because of its valuing of others and its befriending mission. In my younger life I moved around a lot and experienced feeling lonely and on the outside. I had thought helping in some sort of street outreach service would be right for me. I greatly enjoy the 'characters' I meet and helping where I can. It was an added plus when I found out more about Rosies and its' origins. Not to mention I love the colour red, have a sister called Rosie and roses are one of my favourite flowers! Decided it was for me as a result and love it.  
*Volunteer Fay - Beenleigh Branch 2017 - 2019*

## WHY ROSIES

Some years ago I finally had some time to do something for myself and was flicking through our local paper, there was an article about an information evening being held at the church about Rosies. I went along and was very impressed with the structure and expectations



**GOLD COAST SOUTHPORT/NERANG** Teresa Bettles, Gold Coast Southport/Nerang Coordinator has embraced her new role. She was recently out and about at LORDS accepting a donation. LORDS is one of the many schools who support Rosies on the Gold Coast.

## BRISBANE NORTH

celebrated it's first Rosies liturgy at Little Flower Church, Kedron situated next to Padua College one of our great supporters and long-time participant in the student engagement program.



of Rosies. Should I become involved..... it seemed to be exactly what I was interested in. It has been very rewarding and continues to excite and inspire me each time I go out and meet with the patrons. I have been blessed by the patrons and love the way that Rosies provides a safe place for as all to gather and experience connection with our communities. Hearing of the struggles they endure and openly share with us is what inspires me. I feel part of a team which shares friendship, fun and in doing so reaches out to the vulnerable within our community.

*Volunteer Jan - Caboolture Branch 2006 - 2019*





## MUSIC BRINGS US TOGETHER

**BRISBANE NORTH** The value of music on the streets is incredible. Something as small as a guitar being played in the background has the potential to up lift the hearts of even the most fallen or vulnerable.

Musicians from Rockin' 4 The Homeless also joined us one evening with their guitarist accompanied by the drummer using a box to keep the beat while the vocalist sang some well-known songs. Everyone present expressed how appreciative they were and how much they enjoyed the night, clapping and singing together as a group. Some even said it was 'the best night' they have had for a long time if not 'the best night ever'.



**BRISBANE CITY** Trevor regularly entertains the crowds at both Musgrave Park and Emma Miller Place, with his many renditions of Johnny Cash.



**GOLD COAST SOUTH - BURLEIGH** Introducing a guitar to our nightly outreaches has added a whole new dimension to the experience. For some of our patrons the only time they are able to play is during Rosies. They love to pick up the guitar and play songs showing off their skills. Some have said that it makes them feel that they belong in a special way.

Listening to the music it brings a smile to people's faces. Some say it reminds them of fond memories from childhood or happy times when things were not so tough. Volunteer Jack even gave a couple of lessons to children who had never held a music instrument before. Music is that special, universal gift that brings everyone together.

In **CAIRNS** occasionally Reggae can be heard at outreach and is thoroughly enjoyed by the patrons. Perhaps not quite as far as Mareeba where students from Iona College in Wynnum recently visited as part of their annual retreat.





**CABOOLTURE** As we prepare for graduation, we reflect on our time at school and the activities that have shaped the men and women that we have become.

Our involvement in Rosies has opened our eyes and made us more aware of how a simple conversation with someone can change their entire day for the better. We are so grateful to have been given the opportunity to be involved in such an amazingly selfless initiative.

Through our involvement in Rosies we have obtained so many valuable life skills, we have furthered our confidence in ourselves as well as our ability to forge new friendships with many people. We will never forget the nights that we spent simply chatting with the patrons, listening and hearing their stories and making them feel valued.



We would like to thank the Rosies volunteers for the endless amount of support and kindness that was given to us during our time at Rosies, we have really appreciated it. We have a great admiration for the work done by all of the volunteers.

With many thanks,  
The 2019 St Eugene College Senior Rosies Team

**BRISBANE CITY** Norman a very long term patron in Brisbane City is currently visiting a number of different branches to say his thanks to all the Rosies volunteers. "Thank you . I am grateful to Rosies - Friends On The Street who did much to restore my faith in humanity when I was homeless. I met an Oblate Priest and Chaplain of Rosies who related to me that Rosies started in a place called Rosebud in Victoria.

Blessings to the Oblates... Rosies are an integral part of our Community and it is good to be associated with an organisation that gives so much of their time to help and care for those who are disadvantaged in our community.

**CAIRNS** Werner and Gina report; since taking on the Coordinator's role in March, we continue to be amazed and humbled by the spirit of generosity from our Cairns Community. We regularly receive supplies donated by OZ Harvest, Pyramid Milk and Yorkey's Bakers Dozen. Of course our wonderful Cairns Schools are an ever-reliable source of goodies.

Sometimes though we get a huge surprise like recently when contacted by TAFE college, Adult Migrant Education Program(AMEP) students and teachers. This wonderful newly arrived group of migrants from all parts of the world, chose Rosies as their charity of choice in Cairns. They set about organising a BBQ on TAFE grounds as well as a Trash and Treasure, and all the proceeds were then converted into much needed Mens' Hygiene supplies.



**SUNSHINE COAST** Students from Murgon State High School travelled 187km to participate in a Rosies outreach.

During the outreach they said, *"We met the most amazing people and had some great laughs and conversations."*

*"One woman heard that we were coming from Murgon and bought us some gifts to take home with us. A simple act of kindness from someone who did not have much herself, made us all feel incredible grateful."*

*"We are so grateful for the experience that we had with Rosies. It made us feel very special to be able to assist such an outstanding organisation."*

*"Thank you to the crew for allowing us to come along for the night, it was a great experience that we will treasure for a long time".*





## GOLD COAST SOUTH - BURLEIGH HEADS

Robina Lions Club recently hosted a High Tea for Rosies. Not only were much appreciated funds raised, but a great time was had by all. Funds were used to support our Tuesday and Thursday night outreaches at Burleigh.



## WYNNUM MANLY

Wellington Manor continues to support Rosies. Once again they hosted the annual Soup Kitchen for Rosies. On each table the table runner had inspiring quotes, here are some we thought we'd share with you...



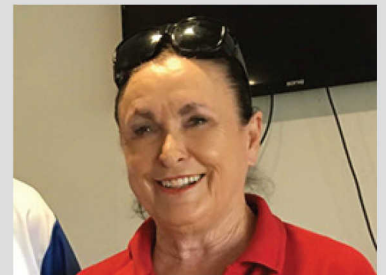
## MAREEBA

St Thomas' school held a Mercy Day on the last day of Term 2. The year 6 students chose to put together Care packages for the Rosies volunteers to give out. A school appeal was sent out and 50 packages were made from the donations. The year 6 students decorated the bags which were given to the Rosies during assembly on St Thomas of Villanova Day.



## WELL DESERVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Congratulations Kathleen, Gold Coast Daytime Coordinator, for being recognised as one of Gold Coast's most outstanding citizens in the biennial Safer Suburbs Awards.



**"You have not lived today,  
until you have done something for  
someone who can't repay you."**

**"Charity begins at home  
but should not stay there."**

**"Happiness doesn't result from what we  
get, but from what we give."**

**"We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give."**

**"Giving is not about making a donation it  
is about making a difference."**



## FR Michael Twigg OMI

The Oblates are a religious order within the Catholic Church founded by St Eugene de Mazenod in rural France in the early 1800's. Rosies was founded by the Oblates in 1974 in Rosebud Victoria and eventually began serving Queenslanders in 1987

Rosies is a deeply loved and respected ministry and the Oblates thought it was most appropriate that Rosies was fully represented at the 125th anniversary celebrations of Oblate life in Australia.

Fremantle, Western Australia was where three Oblates arrived in 1894 and was also the venue where approx. 80 representatives gathered in 2019 to Celebrate – Connect – Continue the Oblate story. Essentially the gathering took on the feel of a family reunion.

This family was represented by works and ministry from all over Australia and also China which is part of our Province responsibility. Quite inspiringly it was the Oblate work in China that had some unique connections with Rosies in that the ministries are focussed on deeply valuing the God given dignity of each person in ways that are unique, innovative, inclusive, non-conventional, creative and joyful.

The contribution and insights by the Rosies representatives ensured that the de Mazenod Family Gathering was full and respectful of a wide range of perspectives and there was much appreciation from all present. The Oblates deeply value Rosies, as a lived and real expression of St Eugene de Mazenod's call to see the world through the eyes of Jesus and we genuinely appreciate and respect every patron, volunteer, leader, supporter and board member's contribution to the Rosies mission and story.



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### 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*

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## CHRISTMAS ON THE STREET





# Thanks to our invaluable supporters

## HIGH RISE - RECYCLE PROGRAM



**LJ Hooker Gold Coast** continue to provide ongoing support to Rosies. Not only do staff help out with the weekly breakfast BBQ at Rosies Gold Coast Drop In Centre but once again they have named Rosies as Charity of Choice for their annual Race Day. Comic relief was provided by MC and Rosies volunteer Col Elliott. The support of LJ Hooker is greatly appreciated.



**Bio Pack** have been supplying Rosies cups for more than 4 years. The partnership started when a senior executive from BioPack approach a Rosies volunteer on the street and asked how they could help. Five years on and the supply of the 10, 000 of cups used each years is greatly appreciated.



**AusPods** CEO contacted Head Office in 2017 asking if there was anything they could do to assist with storage needs. Shortly afterwards a POD arrived at Head Office and 3 years later is still storing many resources that go towards making Rosies happen.

Our mission is only possible through the support of over **1,500 donors** (in-kind and in cash). Unfortunately, we cannot mention everyone but here are a few:

Club Kawana • Community Benefit Fund • Lions and Lionesses of Palm Beach-Currumbin • Flannery Foundation  
McMahon Family Foundation • IONA College • CM & JA Whitehouse Foundation • Karen and Gavin Bird  
Moreton Bay College • Daryl & Carole Pryke • August Homes • St Stephen' College, Mareeba • Technology One  
Smartline Mortgage Advisors – Ipswich • St Andrew's College, Redlynch • Reuben Pelerman Benevolent Foundation  
Patricia Griffin • Marymount School • Susanne Smith • Aleisha Hudson

Rosies has recently partnered with **Scouts Queensland**. The Scouts have a comprehensive program where they collect and then recycle plastic and glass from high rise buildings. As partners in this program Rosies receives a portion of the funds raised from the recycling.

This is a program with very little effort for Rosies raises much needed and appreciated funds. **Can you help?** Do you live in a high rise apartment? Do you have a little time to give to Rosies? If so contact the office on [info@rosies.org.au](mailto:info@rosies.org.au) and get on board with this new initiative.



You never know what can happen just by answering the phone. Andrew O'Brien recently answered a call from Tony McIntosh General Manager of **The Distributors**. Tony wanted to help, simply put Tony said, "Tell me what you need and I'll see what we can do to help".

A few short weeks later we received 4 pallets of the very popular cup-of-noodles courtesy of Tony and his supplier network.



**"The Lions Club of Caloundra** recently 'passed the bucket' at the Sunshine Coast Stadium where SC Falcons were playing PNG Hunters. The Lions Club chose Rosies to be the Charity of Choice. After an afternoon of exercise and putting the Rosies logo out there, volunteers were rewarded with being able to sit down and watch the end of the footy match. This proved to be a very successful afternoon, both financially and with the local league team winning the match. A huge thank you to The Lions Club of Caloundra for their support."

**Stop Press** – *the club has just advised they will fund the fit-out of the van purchased from the Community Benefit Fund grant.*

## Where can you find us on the street?

Beenleigh – South Brisbane – Nundah – Brisbane CBD – Caboolture – Cairns – Southport  
Surfers Paradise - Nerang – Burleigh – Ipswich – Logan Central – Mareeba – Caloundra  
Toowoomba – Wynnum Manly



## ENCOUNTERING CHARITY

The essence of charity is encounter. Charity goes beyond sharing material benefits to sharing ourselves. At Rosies we seek to make encounter the essential element of our activity. We seek to develop relationships among volunteer teams, with patrons, and with donors.

The essence of Christmas is encounter. Christmas is the outreach of God who became man so he could encounter us in our humanity and so we can encounter him in his divinity. May the blessing of God's charity this Christmas lead us to reach out in peace and joy throughout 2020.

With thanks and many blessings to you all who make up the family of Rosies.

**"Charity is the pivotal point on which existence revolves" – St Eugene de Mazenod**

### Our patrons



 General the Honourable  
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (RETD)

 The Honourable Ms Leneen Forde  
AC, Rosies Honourable Life  
Member



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## Friendship – A good investment

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Position \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rosies is there when someone needs a friend**