

ROSIES

Friends on the Street



SPRING 2015

ABOUT ROSIES

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 base organisation. We reach out to all our friends on the street, in the courts, detention centres, prisons, and drop-in centres. Rosies is non-preaching and non-discriminatory.

Our Branches



Cairns
Mareeba
Sunshine Coast
Caboolture
Brisbane
Ipswich
Logan
Toowoomba
Gold Coast

Quick Facts

- Commencing in QLD 1987
- Friend interactions every year 52,000
- Active volunteers 900
45,000 hours of community support / year.
- Over 95% funded through kind donations from our local community.
- Catholic Charity of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)



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LET'S OPEN OUR HEARTS!

We make assumptions based on our own knowledge. Yet, if we

take the time to listen to people with our heart we can appreciate them for who they truly are. All of us are gifted, but our individual talents are not always obvious; most treasures are hidden. God's creation is diverse and unique, which makes it beautiful and inspiring rather than monotone and dull. God values us for who we are and we are invited to imitate Him. We are encouraged to value each other for our uniqueness. Let us appreciate the diversity God put in His creation and go beyond our presumptions to discover who a person really is through understanding and charity.

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



GET READY!

Rosies, proud charity
partner 28 Feb 2016
Early bird registrations open November
active8change.com.au

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE (from cover page)

Lucy* aged 16 had to leave school and home abruptly. In fact, she had to run. Unfortunately her story is too familiar. Over 40% of those experiencing homelessness in Australia are aged 25 or younger.

Most young people experiencing homelessness are not homeless by choice. It is their only option. Often they are hidden. Young people who are homeless are also more likely to experience higher unemployment than the rest of the population, often have worse health outcomes, and have little to no income.

Homelessness can become a cycle once started, especially when so young.

We engage youth through education, awareness and volunteer programs, which play a vital role in prevention and support as well as many outreach services.

You *make* a difference to help break this cycle of homelessness by supporting Rosies. **Have a cuppa** for Rosies this Spring to support youth at risk like Lucy or donate now. Find out more at rosies.org.au

STUDENTS HAVING A CUPPA FOR ROSIES

Thanks to the many primary and high schools around the state for supporting Rosies and our friends in so many ways.

Villanova (pictured) hosted their annual Social Justice program night. The event included many speakers including Rosies outreach van demonstration. San Sisto kindly made a donation while other schools had a cuppa for Rosies. Find out more at rosies.org.au



HAVE A CUPPA FOR ROSIES!

Hold your own fundraising event this Spring and help Rosies support youth at risk...

You make a difference to those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or simply lonely.

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THANK YOU (CHRISTINE & PAUL HATTON!

Christine and Paul Hatton (pictured at their outreach) are retiring after almost a decade of volunteering with Rosies to support our friends on the street. We, most especially the Rosies Caboolture Branch, will miss them very much. Thank you.

"We have been with Rosies for over eight years now. It has been a very enriching experience for us sharing our journey with our Rosies' friends from all walks of life. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all Rosies team members and our friends on the street for all the good times and experiences we have had." Chris & Paul





SIT, RELAX, AND RECOVER ROSIES RECHARGE ZONE AT SCHOOLIES

Rosies is the longest serving community organisation at schoolies. We collaborate with State Government and Gold Coast City Council's comprehensive safety and support program to make Schoolies Week as safe as possible.

Your kind donation will support Rosies continue our outreach. Donate now at rosies.org.au

This year Rosies will again operate a Recharge Zone outreach where participants can sit, relax, and recover. Our volunteers will provide free water, information, support and referral to other services.

Rosies Recharge Zone outreach at Gold Coast Schoolies Week 21-27 November

THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Lisa and Louise have been volunteering with Rosies' outreach to the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre for over a decade. Here Lisa and Louise give us an inside of their experience.

"The outreach starts with the usual formalities. We first sign in. IDs are checked. We then go through the metal detector before passing the security gates. We are in. We find out who we will visit (that day) according to the recent events, behaviours, and moods.

Most detainees come from dysfunctional families and do not receive any visit, but ours. There are a number of sections to the centre. Each has about 5 to 12 young detainees. We join the three staff members who are also present in the room. We have never felt unsafe while taking part to this

outreach. Many of these young people are surprised we come to visit them. They make us feel humble, as seeing a friendly face from Rosies can have a big impact on them. Especially when they are told we are volunteers. The simple fact of being there regularly makes a difference. We often do not realise how much of a positive impact such small things can mean. Just remembering their name, bringing a new card game, a smile, or the simple fact of being here for them makes a difference."

It is only thanks to our wonderful volunteers, like Lisa and Louise, that Rosies can continue outreaches such as this. You make a difference by volunteering too or donating now at rosies.org.au.

IPSWICH SOFTBALL GETS TO FIRST BASE

The young players at the Ipswich Softball Association raised funds for Rosies by having a cuppa and spending a night at the softball park. Our team leader, Ashley, met the players and talked them through Rosies' support in the community. Education and awareness are an important part of prevention and support. Rosies is actively involved in a number of initiatives, such as this visit, to support young people. You can help too, *have a cuppa* this Spring.



Rosies' team leader, Ashley, receiving a donation from the Ipswich Softball Association.



TO OUR FRIENDS

We all understand the value of friends in our lives. One of the many privileges I have is to share experiences

of friendship with many amazing young students involved in our Schools Engagement Program. The vitality and warmth of these young people continues to put a spring in the step of our volunteers and patrons.

Unfortunately some young people in our communities are struggling to find hope and therefore it is important we continue to offer experiences of friendship to them. The commitment of our Rosies volunteers to turn up at each Outreach is fundamental to building relationships and hope.

Your support makes a difference.

Andrew O'Brien
Rosies General Manager



SPECIAL THANKS TO

ACTS Aspley uniting Church • Barton Motors • Estate of the late Mary Margaret Wylie • Easternwell Community Grants Program • Flannery Foundation • Fran Clayton in memory of her mother Jo • Gold Coast City Council • Gold Coast Mayoress Charity Committee • Heritage Bank - Southern Region • I love Coffee • Iona College • Lions Clubs Australia • McMahon Family Foundation • Norco • OzHarvest • Parmalat • Queensland Department of Communities, Child Safety & Disability Services • Queensland Government • Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Committee • Rotary International • Wal Giugni • Whitehouse Foundation

Be inspired

Wal Giugni would like to...

"encourage other 85 year oldies that it is never too late to lend a hand no matter how small."

Donate now!

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

My details

First name

Surname

School / Workplace / Community group (if applicable)

Position

Address

Phone

Email

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

☐ \$28 ☐ \$40 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$161 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000

☐ Other amount \$ _____

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

Payment options

☐ Cheque / Money order

enclosed and made payable to Rosies Youth Mission Inc.

☐ Debit Card / ☐ Credit Card

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Dinners

____ / ____ / ____ / ____
Debit Card / Credit Card number

____ / ____
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, communication and/or promotional materials from Rosies. You can opt out any time by contacting Rosies#

Please return your completed form and donation to Rosies.

Thank you for your support!

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ROSIES' UPDATES AROUND THE STATE

BRISBANE BRANCH

Rosies has temporarily relocated our Friday and Saturday night outreaches to the Cathedral of St Stephen. Brisbane City Council has encouraged street van services to be located in off-street premises. The Archbishop of Brisbane has kindly agreed to trial our Outreach for eight weeks. Look out for further updates.



CAIRNS BRANCH

The new street outreach van was blessed by the Bishop of Cairns the Most Reverend James Foley. Thanks AMA. Services have commenced Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.



GOLD COAST BRANCH

The Rosies Gold Coast branch has started a new outreach in Nerang. The van is at Bischoff Pioneer Park on Wednesdays from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

TOOWOOMBA BRANCH

Jon Martlew, our Toowoomba Branch Coordinator, went homeless for a week during the Homelessness Prevention Week. Our Patron, Leneen Forde, and Chair, John Scoble, took part in launching Jon's sleepout at the Homelessness Prevention Week commencement exhibition. During the week Jon slept rough, hung out with our friends on the street, joined our outreaches and had a cuppa to raised funds for Rosies. Well done Jon!

GIVING TO THE FUTURE

Sometimes our own personal circumstances do not allow time for us to volunteer, or the ability to donate, right now.

A gift in your Will to Rosies is a way that you make a difference, now and into the future. Your bequest to Rosies will make a lasting impact to the lives of those who are

marginalised within our community - especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or simply lonely.

If you would like to make a gift in you Will to Rosies, please talk to your solicitor or contact us. Your enquiry will be confidential, and there is no obligation involved.

*To protect the privacy of our friends that Rosies supports, names may have been changed, stories summarised, and pictorial models used.

#Rosies is committed to protecting your privacy in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles established under that Act.