

ROSIES

Friends on the Street



SUMMER 2016 2017

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 based organisation. We reach out to all our friends on the street, in the courts, detention centres, prisons, drop-in centres, and more. Rosies is non-preaching and non-discriminatory. It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat can do.

Our Branches

Atherton Mareeba
Cairns
Sunshine Coast
Caboolture
Brisbane
Wynnum Manly
Ipswich
Logan
Beenleigh
Toowoomba
Gold Coast



Quick Facts

- Commencing in QLD 1987
- Over 1,100 active volunteers
(45,000 hours of community support/year)
- About 240 outreach services each month
- 11 branches
- 56,000 Friend encounters every year
- Over 95% funded through kind donations from our local community
- Ministry of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Support Office (FTE): 5 staff

Our Patrons

- His Excellency the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
- The Honourable Mrs Leneen Forde AC,
Rosies Honourable Life Member



The festive season is one of the loneliest times of the year. Help Rosies bring the gift of 'presence', now and in the future...



A GLASS OF MILK

One day, a boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one gold coin left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However,

he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water! She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said ... "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man also increased.

“The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time.”

Many years later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Howard Kelly, now a doctor, was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, he immediately rose and went down to her room. He recognised her immediately as the kind woman who gave him a glass of milk so long ago, and was determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won.

Dr Kelly requested the business office pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, and then wrote something on the edge and sent the bill to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and read on the side of the bill: "Paid in full with one glass of milk" (Signed) Dr Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed... 'Thank You, God, that your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands'.

The good deed you do today may benefit you, or someone you love, at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place - and, after all, isn't that what life is all about?

Now you have a choice too, so please make a difference this Christmas. Bless you all.

Fr John David OMI
Rosies Chaplain



ROSIES MEMORIES - The genesis of a mission

Theresa Sheppard is an original team member, and Life Member, of Rosies. She was involved in our support team in 1987 and took part in the Schoolies outreach in 1988 as a volunteer in the inaugural school retreat program with Rosies. Today, Theresa runs her own business with Norwex (chemical free cleaning and personal care products).

She shares with us her experience at Rosies from our genesis as a Catholic Youth Ministry in Wynnum Manly...

In the mid 1980s Fr Paul Costello OMI noticed a need on the Gold Coast over the Summer holidays. He realised that young school leavers were left on their own with nothing to do but to drink, hang around on the street, and look for any sort of mischief. It reminded him of his days outreaching in Rosebud, Victoria while studying at the Oblate Seminary. Fr Paul came back to his youth ministry group in Wynnum Manly and challenged his young audience, 'Can we do something about it?'. Word spread and soon there was a group of about 50 young adults recruited from various young adult ministries throughout Brisbane, and Oblate communities in Sydney and Melbourne.

The decision was made to go to the Gold Coast for two weeks, twice a year, over the Schoolies and New Year's Eve periods.

"The objective was to create a community and a sense of belonging between participants and youth at risk. The group organised recreational activities in the afternoon and outreaches at night serving coffee and hitchhiking services to anyone needing support."

The group soon created an area where people could sit and enjoy a chat, a cuppa, a bite to eat, and the hospitality of the first ever Rosies team at the local church in Surfers Paradise. Soon after people who were homeless, at risk of homelessness, or simply lonely, seized the opportunity to spend some time with the dedicated team members.

"At the end of the program, whilst wishing everyone farewell till the following year, one of our new friends on the street declared 'We might not be here next year. What are we supposed to do now?'. A phrase that deeply moved us. We realised the need was not limited to youth at risk over the Summer's celebrations. In fact the need was permanent for all ages."

Rosies in Queensland was born. In 2017, we celebrate 30 years of providing friendship.

HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERS



Rosies General Manager is delighted to advise that Honourary Life Membership has been bestowed to our Patron, the Honourable Mrs Leneen Forde AC, and our long-time friend, Don Barton OAM (both pictured). Honourary Life Membership, and Life Membership, are the highest Awards available to recognise the exceptional contribution of individuals to Rosies. The Board endorsed the new Honourary category, and awarded our inaugural recipients, at our recent Annual General Meeting.

Don has been a very generous friend of Rosies since our very beginnings. Don recalls he, and his late wife Ann, started supporting Rosies immediately after a talk at Ann's local Parish Mass. Rosies is most humbled by Don's continued and very generous support in loving memory of his wife Ann. Leneen joined us as our very first Patron in 1997. Currently the Queensland Catholic Education Chair, Leneen has had a distinguished career including Chancellor of Griffith University, Governor of Queensland, and Chair of the Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions.

Don and Leneen join our two Life Members, Bob Boardman, Rosies former General Manager, and Theresa Sheppard, an inaugural volunteer and long term friend. These Awards recognise that exceptional support can be directly helping those most abandoned or indirectly to enable Rosies to do what we do best. Thank you Don and Leneen. You are truly inspirational.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER (from cover)

As Tony's* story (below) highlights, rising housing costs and the battle to meet those costs is one of the biggest financial burdens facing many today, especially pensioners. It is estimated 92% of those who are homeless have a temporary roof - sleeping in cars, over-crowded refuges, hostels, or couch surfing with family or friends - but not a permanent home.

Many are simply not able to meet the costs associated with a basic standard of living and are forced to make tough choices, often compromising their quality of life. Most have given up on what we take for granted with many skipping meals, including Christmas lunch, to pay for medication. This trend is likely to increase. Rosies has started seven new outreaches this financial year, two were added last year, and four the year prior.

Every one of us deserves support in times of need, especially during the festive season. It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat with a friend can do. Find out how to have a #cuppa4rosies this Summer or donate now at rosies.org.au

Tony's festive season

One of Tony's favourite festive season memories is of Christmas lunch at his grandparents' home. It was always so much fun. They would eat way too much food, get far too many presents, and catch up with the extended family. By the end of the day Tony was always exhausted, falling asleep with a big smile on his face. Life is so different now. Tony's wife is long gone, as is their home. He simply cannot afford another house on the pension. This Christmas, Tony is simply looking forward to seeing his own grandkids when his daughter drops by the hostel for a quick visit. It is never for long enough but he is grateful he gets to see them nonetheless. Otherwise these days the festive season is a very lonely time for Tony.

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You make the difference to real people, real stories, real life.

Hold your own cuppa event this Summer or donate now and help Rosies bring the gift of 'presence', now and in the future.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Your support, and the presence of our wonderful volunteers, is what makes a difference especially over what is often a very lonely period for many.

I am so pleased to be part of Rosies celebrations providing 30 years of friendship. Last financial year Rosies added two outreach services with seven already added this year.

During 2017, we will take time to recognise our past as well as building our future. We will focus on our sustainability, maintaining low support costs, and the development of further services. Strategically this focus is essential to ensure Rosies can continue to meet the ever-increasing needs of those who need us most, when needed most.

We invite you, and those within your personal circle of influence - your family, friends, colleagues - to celebrate and join us on this journey. Your continued support, large or small, will enable Rosies - on your behalf - to continue to bring the gift of 'presence', now and in the future. Thank you. You really make a difference.

John Scoble
Rosies Board Chair



HUMAN ENCOUNTERS



Darcy told me at outreach recently that on a cold night in August he was hobbling through Groom Park in Toowoomba when confronted by a young bloke wanting a smoke. Darcy was

hobbling because he was still recovering from a broken ankle and was wearing a moon boot. Unfortunately, the encounter ended badly as the young bloke didn't believe Darcy was out of smokes and lashed out with a knife severely lacerating Darcy's left hand. Darcy, however is always cheerful, in spite of his many injuries, when he comes to Rosies outreach, an inspiration to us all.

The community of Beenleigh is working hard to connect up by holding monthly events in the new Town Square. Along with Lisa, Rosies new Branch Coordinator and our volunteer Dave, I spent an enjoyable afternoon at the October event - Straight Outta Beenleigh - serving coffee and cordial and getting to know some other wonderful organisations. Our new outreach room hosts, Beenleigh Uniting Church were there. We are enthusiastic about how various groups can complement each other in reaching out to the marginalised across all our branches.

“Rosies is not so much a human service as a dynamic of human encounters.”

Shane and Nicole were very gracious hosts at the LJ Hooker Race Day on 5 November at the Gold Coast Turf Club. For the second year running they and eight other LJ Hooker Principals provided their staff and some Rosies representatives with a fantastic day at the races. Wendy, our Gold Coast Coordinator moved the crowd with stories of encounters on the street, and LJ Hooker's wonderful fundraising efforts are symbolic of the regard our supporters have for the efforts of our volunteers and the needs of our friends.

As I reflect on these various encounters, it reminds me that Rosies is not so much a human service as a dynamic of human encounters. These encounters involve our family of patrons, volunteers, and supporters. And each of us brings our own gifts, personalities, prayers, and experiences to these encounters. No wonder it works.

The wonder of Christmas is that God became human so that we could recognise him in our humanity. Through the presence of Jesus our encounters are transformed with divine life.

In gratitude for your presence in the Rosies family. Thank you.

Andrew O'Brien
Rosies General Manager

ROSIES COLLABORATIONS AROUND THE STATE



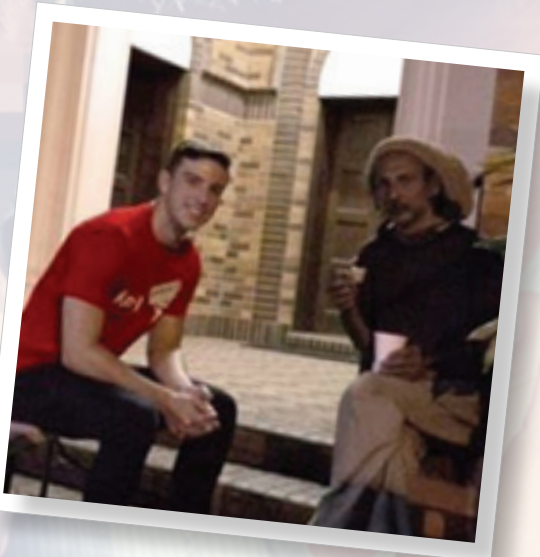
The Rosies Beenleigh team doing an awesome job at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

Quick facts

Tonight, 20,000 Queenslanders are homeless.
Nearly half are women.
Over 40% are aged 25 or under.
More than 3,500 of those are kids 12 or under.



8% sleep rough on the streets, in parks, benches...
92% sleep in cars, couch surf, refuges, hostels...



Our first friend on the street at our brand new outreach in Annerley came to share a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat.

ATHERTON MAREEBA BRANCH - Engaging with the youth

The team meets with young people on Fridays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat with our wonderful volunteers. The branch recently trialled an outreach at a new location with the local PCYC. While there were some benefits the team and the PCYC decided that they could best deliver the Rosies mission at the skate park. See us at the skate park.

BEENLEIGH BRANCH - Hard work bears many fruits

In our previous edition we introduced Lisa, our new branch coordinator in Beenleigh, who recently helped move us to a new outreach room. Rosies volunteers are working hard to improve our local street van outreach services to those in need. Thanks to their efforts they are doubling the number of patrons they support. The word is definitely getting out there. The branch also teamed up with the team in Logan for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to support both branches (pictured). Awesome work guys!

BRISBANE BRANCH - Outreaching every day

Rosies has been outreaching in Annerley since September. We welcomed our first friends at our new outreach on the very first night (pictured). The branch now outreaches in our capital every day of the week in different locations thanks to the support and engagement of the local community. The Annerley team goes out on Tuesday from 7.00pm-9.00pm at Mary Immaculate Church Annerley and on Thursday morning from 9.00am-11.00am at the Church of Christ Annerley. The remaining days our Brisbane team meet at Emma Miller place in the city from 7.30pm-9.30pm (7.00pm - 9.00pm on Sunday).

CABOOLTURE BRANCH - a life changing experience

St Eugene Catholic College in Burpengary takes part in our Student Engagement Program. Alisha, one of the students involved, describes it as a life changing experience. The school has been involved with Rosies for the past ten years. It is an eye-opener for many students. They realise the power of listening to people while sharing a cuppa and a bite to eat.

"Prior to arriving at the location where the Rosies Van is set up, I was extremely nervous and I didn't know what to expect. When we arrived, I felt intimidated at first, but once we started to interact with our friends on the street, you realise that they are just normal people just like you and me. Hearing some of the patron's stories was really heartbreaking and challenging, and it's very upsetting knowing that this goes on without any of us knowing about it".

CAIRNS BRANCH - Community synergy

Handmade items made by the employment agency Workways' 'Work for the Dole' clients were handed over to our Rosies Cairns coordinator, Lyall. This is an amazing example of a great synergy between individuals and organisations. The satisfaction in giving back to the community thrilled many of those who made the items and learned new skills at the same time. Everything has been well used and distributed to our many friends on the street in Far North Queensland.

GOLD COAST BRANCH - Racing for good

Our team on the Gold Coast have clearly noticed an increase in the number of homeless people especially in the last two years. Homelessness can be driven by drugs, alcohol, the lack of affordable housing, mental health issues... "It's just a huge problem", Rosies Gold Coast branch coordinator Wendy recently declared at a number of key events. We are very thankful for the support we receive from the community including local partners such as LJ Hooker who nominated Rosies for the second consecutive year at their Gold Coast Turf Club's Stakes Day. Thank you!

IPSWICH BRANCH - A heart of gold

We were astonished to receive a generous donation in the mail by one of our friends Sue. Sue had just celebrated her eightieth birthday. Rather than asking for presents for herself she asked her family and friends to make a donation to Rosies Ipswich branch. What a beautiful heart. Her inspiring idea drove much admiration among her companions who generously gave to support their local community. Thank you Sue, friends and family members alike for offering to those less fortunate an early Christmas. You are all wonderful. And Happy Birthday Sue!

LOGAN BRANCH - A clean cut for a smile

Asmir (pictured) is a barber by trade and a 'street barber' by heart in Logan. He kindly and generously offers his time and talent to our many friends on the street. A clean cut is one of the 'little' things that makes a world of difference for those who often miss out on what most of us take for granted. Asmir, like many volunteers, and community services, gives his time and gift - in return for a smile - to those in need in the community with Rosies.

SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH - A change for good

Our friends at Chilli Jam Café recently traded goods for coffee. Donations, in return for a coffee, were collected over the week long operation to support Rosies Sunshine Coast branch. The generosity of the community went above and beyond all expectations. The Mantra Mooloolaba Beach team also kindly collected hygiene items to support our many friends on the street. Plus the Caloundra District Indoor Bowls Club nominated their local Rosies branch for their charity day on October 30. Thank you everyone! This year, Christmas on the Street will take place on Friday 23, December from 6.00pm.

TOOWOOMBA BRANCH - Ready to roast!

It was with great excitement that the Toowoomba branch unveiled its newest acquisition, a barbecue trailer to use at Outreaches. Our friends on the street are very happy with the faster, more efficient cooking, and the reduced waiting time is appreciated in the chilly Toowoomba weather. The barbecue trailer was skillfully customised by David, husband of volunteer, Annette. This has become a great addition to the "team" and Rosies is grateful to have this wonderful asset to improve service to the disadvantaged in Toowoomba. Thanks to the Department of Justice & Attorney General for providing funds.

WYNNUM MANLY - Together, we are stronger

The Rosies Wynnum Manly branch now also outreaches on Monday morning at St Peter's Anglican Church where those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness can receive food vouchers. Rosies is present to share a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat. We also offer hygiene items to over thirty friends on the street each time. Rosies is gradually becoming known in the Wynnum Manly area, to those who need us most.



Asmir gives his time and his skills in return for a smile to give our many friends on the street a clean cut in Logan.

Over the last year, with your help Rosies...

provided over 1,000 friends each week with a cuppa and a chat. We distributed over 1,200 blankets, thousands of Hygiene products, 120 plus backpack beds, and more. Thank you!



Toowoomba branch unveiled its new barbecue trailer to use at Outreaches.

Flashback 1990 (pictured left)

The first permanent team starts on the Gold Coast; published in the Catholic Leader. Fr John Sherman OMI, Mark Kearney, Anne Hardy, Greg Scott, Theresa Sheppard (see inside story), Peter Ring, Anne Cronin, Archbishop Rush, Fr Paul Costello OMI.

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 GIFT FOR YOU & YOUR LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS...

Make someone feel special this Christmas with a bouquet, a card, or candle from our wonderful charity of choice partners!

Just Cause Bunch are donating profits for bunches sold until Christmas. **Worldwide Printing Solutions** (Eagle St/Fortitude Valley & Bundall/Burleigh/Robina) are donating \$0.10 for every Christmas card sold. Plus, **Surfers Paradise Alliance** are again donating candle sales profits from Carols on the Beach on Sunday, 18 December at 6.30pm. Hope to see you there!

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



OLIVER'S STORY - My presentation on Rosies

Rosies has a long tradition of youth and student engagement, having been established in Queensland in 1987 as a youth mission. We continue to engage with youth and students through education, awareness, and volunteer programs, which play a vital role in prevention and support.

Oliver O'Callaghan (pictured) illustrated this engagement as a Year 8 student at St Laurence's College in Brisbane when he decided to base his school presentation on Rosies. Here is a fresh view of how Rosies is perceived from a 13 year old...

"Rosies is run and operated by the work of its volunteers, through their love for neighbours, they reach out to those in need through the simple act of conversation and compassion without ever 'boasting' about their great work."

Oliver stresses our identity as a community of people sharing the Oblate spirit of daring. Inspired by the Gospel, Rosies reaches out to those most abandoned, to be present with them, offering them experience of community and belonging.

"Jesus always reached out to those who are less fortunate in his society and time. Likewise Rosies reaches out to the less fortunate by loving thy neighbour. Solidarity is one of the Catholic Social Teachings and is about 'valuing our fellow human beings and respecting who they are as individuals'. Rosies demonstrates how we can all live the Holy Spirit by giving every person we meet a sense of belonging, community, and family. Rosies preaches 'Love thy neighbour'. Rosies gives the gift of presence to those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or simply lonely through the most basic need of human contact."

Oliver beautifully summed up what Rosies is all about.

"1 Corinthians 13:1-13 tells the exact story of what Rosies is trying to achieve in the tireless work of the volunteers. This is evident in the scripture reading that says 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.' This ideal explains that love can change anything and is everything. In relation to Rosies, it is the love and community that comes with every drop of coffee"

Thank you Oliver. It is students like you as well as our volunteers, and all our supporters, who make the difference to Rosies and our friends.

MY ROSIES INSIGHT - Connecting with kindness

Hannah Walker, Social Justice Leader and Year 12 at the Cairns State High School shared her experience with Rosies. Her insight was published in the Cairns Post...

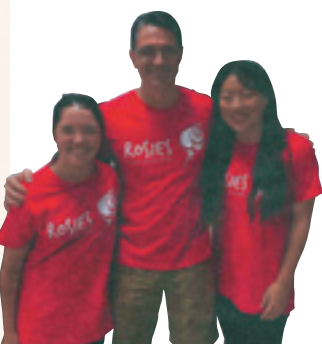
"I recently volunteered with Rosies and it was an amazing experience. The most profound experience I had was being able to create connection. Rosies has taught me that human connection is the most precious gift of all."

Hannah was on outreach with her friend Christina when one of our friends on the street approached them with a smile to simply thank them for being there.

"God bless you. I think it's great what you do and I really appreciate it."

We tend to forget how the simplest things in life can truly impact others.

"That night, we had a powerful purpose. I really felt connection could change lives. An act of kindness, a word of gratitude or even starting with a smile can make a world of difference. Helping out Rosies has become a valued Cairns State High School tradition for our senior leaders to be involved in."





MY ROSIES STORY - Supporting youth at risk

Vacen Taylor is an Australian author and a Rosies volunteer. She is also a screenwriter and emerging playwright. Vacen joined Rosies as part of our Street and Schoolies Safety Response outreaches in 2011.

"I have always believed that I should be more than the sum of my own world. I should actively support and assist others and not just those who surround me either through family or friendship networks. That means to support those people who are often strangers and sometimes the most vulnerable people in our community. That's what drives my continual commitment to night outreach. It's not so different for Schoolies Week."

Our Rosies volunteer elaborates on the risks school leavers might face at Schoolies and why it is essential not to ignore the need to support them by taking part in the Schoolies Safety Response outreach.

Often this week brings a lot of first time experiences for young people who are away from their family. They encounter new and sometimes different emotions and situations. Caring, supporting, assisting those young people who reach out to us over this time is why I myself and our Rosies volunteers are so passionate about Schoolies Week. Another very important part of why I enjoy the Schoolies Response is because of the wonderful volunteers I work with each night over that week. They are the true essence of Rosies, the most important people within our organisational framework."

The impact our wonderful volunteers make on outreach can sometimes be explicitly expressed.

"One story I remember so very fondly was supporting a young schoolie who wasn't feeling well. He had experienced lots of new things, along with tiredness and missing his mum and dad and it had become all too much. I sat with him for a long while, listening mostly. When he started to feel better I wished him well and to stay safe. The next night he returned with a box of chocolates for me. He thanked me for looking after him. I always accept, with gratitude, such wonderful acts of returned kindness for I have always believed we must acknowledge those who go that extra distance to thank us. This acknowledgment completes the cycle of support and kindness, and we all feel good about our actions."

"To support those people who are often strangers and sometimes the most vulnerable people in our community. It's not so different for Schoolies Week."

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOLS!

INGENUITY AT WORK - from junior to senior students alike

Goodstart Learning in Wynnum and St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Ipswich both led amazing supply drives to support their respective local Rosies branch. St Andrew's Catholic College in Cairns (pictured) held their annual 'In Da Hood' Sleep Out fundraiser. St Columban's College in Caboolture, San Sisto College and Loreto College Coorparoo in Brisbane, Silkwood School and Assisi Catholic College on the Gold Coast all have made a difference to support Rosies and our many friends on the street by raising funds for their local branch.

Whether childcare centres, primary schools, or high schools, without our wonderful student community support we would struggle to have the basics needed to reach out to our many friends on the street.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SPRING
Run, walk, climb, sleep out, host a BBQ sizzle, or have a #cuppa4rosies...



Did you know your donation of just \$5 will help Rosies do what we do best? Provide presence.

Your \$5 donation will enable a Rosies volunteer to have a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat with one of our friends!

Make a tax deductible donation right now or hold your own event. Have fun, create awareness, and raise funds.

- \$5 provides a cuppa and a chat with a friend
- \$28 provides a cuppa and items such as a hygiene pack for a friend
- \$45 provides a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat for six friends
- \$150 supports a youth education and awareness outreach activity with our friends
- \$500 supports an outreach to 100 friends
- \$1,000 keeps a van operational for a month for our many friends

Get your family, friends, and colleagues to get active or have a cuppa and make a difference with you. Be inspired by some of the great initiatives mentioned throughout this edition of our newsletter. Run, walk, climb, sleep out, host a BBQ sizzle, or have a #cuppa4rosies. Simply decide on your event and pledge your support. You can create your own Go Fundraise or Everyday Hero page. There are Tips & tricks and other useful Resources for you. So come on and make a difference this Summer! Find out how or donate now at rosies.org.au

**RUN
WALK
CLIMB
SLEEPOUT
BBQ SIZZLE
CUPPA & MORE...**



Donate now!

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

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

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A regular gift enables us the flexibility to plan for our future and respond to unexpected needs

☐ Single gift ☐ Regular gift (deducted 25th of month)

☐ Other regular gift - quarterly/six monthly/ annually

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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 / ☐ Credit Card

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Other information

Rosies will provide you with further information unless you contact us to opt out.

☐ Please send me further information on leaving a bequest in my Will to Rosies.

Please return your completed form and donation to Rosies.

Thank you for your support!

PRAYING FOR ALL OF OUR FRIENDS

The Archdiocese of Brisbane held a prayer service for prisoners, their families, and all affected by the criminal justice system, including victims of crime, in November. Rosies promoted, and was there to support, the initiative.

Let us remember our many friends on the street, at the courts, and in detention centres. Many are spending the festive season on their own. Rosies is often the only social interaction some receive over Christmas.

We keep them all in our prayers.



Our Chaplain Fr John David is happy to offer mass for the soul of a loved one or anyone who needs prayers. Requests can be sent to davidj@rosies.org.au

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM STAFF

The staff of Rosies would like to wish all of our wonderful volunteers, donors, and supporters a very merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

We look forward to working with you all in 2017 for the 30th birthday celebration of the organisation.

Thank you all for your support.



GIVING YOUR WAY ... now and in the future

Rosies is truly blessed to have the help of so many wonderful friends. Each of you choose to give in your own way. Whilst some of you choose to support those most abandoned directly by volunteering, others do so indirectly by donating items or funds. Our many volunteers kindly give the gift of their time, a most precious thing. Others choose to donate items and/or funds. Some do both.

Sometimes our own personal circumstances do not allow for us to either volunteer or donate, right now. In these circumstances, you can contribute by spreading the word about Rosies in any number of ways. A gift in your Will, a bequest, is a very special way to make a difference in the future. You can engage your own sphere of influence and encourage your families, friends, and colleagues to support us. You can also look out for businesses, schools, or other organisations that may be able to provide support, have their own cuppa event for Rosies to raise awareness and much needed funds. We are all only constrained by our imaginations!

By giving a little today, all of Rosies friends will get more from tomorrow.

Rosies is here to support you, in whatever way you choose, when you choose, to ensure our mission. Whilst our many patron friends may not be able to say thanks themselves, Rosies would like to. So thank you. You really do make a difference to real people, real stories, real life. Find out more or donate now at rosies.org.au

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