

AUTUMN 2020

ROSIES



Friends on the Street



As night falls in Burleigh and the bowlers come out to play, Rosies sets up in the adjacent car park to chat and share a cuppa with local patrons.

Sharing friendship creates belonging. Dare to reach out together.

THE AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT has been tested over recent times, from floods to bush fires and back to floods. Yet the Australian spirit of mateship, and resilience has shown through. Individuals, communities, the nation and indeed the world have banded together to support, assist and care for those affected by the various events. Reaching out, in big or small ways makes a difference. We may not see or know the difference it makes but be assured every small gesture of friendship makes a difference to someone.



I loved my night with Rosies at Schoolies 2019. I am so grateful that a friend and Rosies volunteer invited me along. I learnt so much about what a well-oiled operation Rosies is, how much the 'schoolies' loved the support and how vital it is. I have since shared with others how they should join the volunteers and support the work being done by Rosies. – Alisa

ASPLEY BBQ

A message from a grateful patron,

"I would like to thank Rosies for a wonderful Christmas BBQ. The kids and I had fun with such a lovely lunch. You all do an amazing job. It brought a smile to our faces as we won't be doing much on Christmas Day, just staying home. So thank you for organising and participating in a day that has brought fun and a smile to this family and their little ones as I am sure it did to all the other patrons who attended". – A grateful Patron



CHAPLAIN GABBY

"It has been a simply amazing experience and journey for me, this past 12 months. I have experienced wonderful acts of kindness, amazing displays of acceptance, and an incredibly vibrant and caring spirit. Our wonderful team of nearly 1400 volunteers, have made such an incredible impact to my life. Seeing the displays of friendship and caring conversations shared with our patrons, is absolutely heart-warming. I am constantly being told by our patrons how thankful and appreciative they are for our presence and support.

I am often heard to say that I feel I have the 'best job in the world'. Where else can you be surrounded by beautiful people who constantly give of themselves to others? I am glad to be part of Rosies daring to reach out to others with the hand of friendship". – Chaplain Gabby

WALKING TO ROSIES

Richard has become one of the Rosies family at Nundah, walking 15 minutes each way to attend outreach every Monday and Wednesday evening. He says he is much older than he looks and really enjoys mixing with all the different age groups that visit the outreach.



“With time you come to appreciate your fellow man and it sits in your heart, or in your mind. One can always care for others wellbeing. I’m just a simple person who has always had a caring heart. I like to help my neighbours to water their plants when they are away. I am blessed to be mobile. I have arms and legs. You learn more about caring as you go through life.” – *Richard Rosies Patron*

SUNSHINE COAST PARTNERS WITH LOCAL BARBER

“What a wonderful night! Thanks to a very generous local barber and his many staff, Caloundra patrons received free, smart haircuts in readiness for Christmas.

Other small shops in the shopping centre provided a variety of popular food which were shared with the patrons on the night.

The smiles on faces and boost in self esteem was obvious as patrons walked out with their flash hair-cuts. What a precious night”.

– *Janice Chilcott volunteer*



RUNNING FOR ROSIES

Nine year old Jorja from Toowoomba challenged herself to run 25 kilometres while raising funds for Rosies. This was her holiday mission and she exceeded the 25km within three weeks.

Each day Jorja would hit the track doing a few kilometres which very quickly added up to her target of 25. Jorja raised over \$3500 for Rosies which she hopes will go towards essential supplies for the homeless within her community. Her Mum said she is incredibly proud of her daughter and we would agree, what an inspiration for us all. Thank you Jorja!



GOLD COAST SURFERS PARADISE

Team Leader Jo Dey (left, volunteer since 2008) recently caught up with Patron Dave who she had not seen at outreach for many years. Jo said it was great to catch up and hear what Dave had been up to. Together they figured out that they had met at Rosies at least 10 years ago. – *Jo Dey*



GOLD COAST BURLEIGH BRANCH

Our Burleigh Branch celebrated their first birthday in December and didn't miss the opportunity to celebrate. Patrons joined in the celebration presenting Burleigh Branch with their first birthday card.

The branch may only be twelve months old but what an impact they have made. Rosies is already well known within the community and receives tremendous support

Branch Coordinator, Tracy is regularly seen wandering the streets meeting people and sharing Rosies story.



GOLD COAST SURFERS PARADISE

Team Leader, Inge (second from left) has been a Rosies volunteer since 2006 and currently leads both Team B and D on Monday evenings at Surfers Paradise.

Inge said she is very fortunate to have a very committed and reliable team made up of long-term volunteers and some 'newbies'. The team works well together respecting each other's different personalities. One member loves to warm the food and do the dishes, while another is the 'toiletries fanatic'.

Everyone brings something special to the outreach and the aim is to have two new encounters with patrons each evening. Not only does this take our volunteers out of their comfort zone, but we get as much as we give. I have been with Rosies for a long time now and have no plans of giving up, as it is a joy to spend time with people for all different walks of life. I continue to be proud to serve Rosies. – Inge Meier

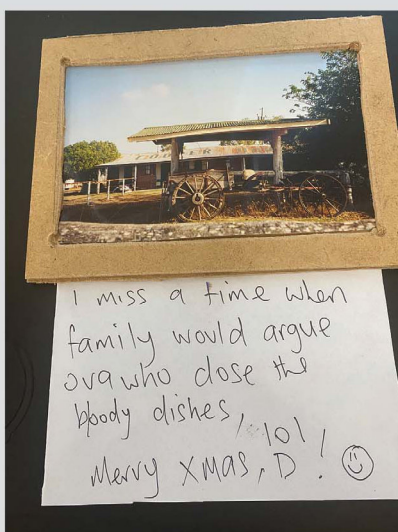


KEEPING A SENSE OF HUMOUR

Doug called on midday on Christmas Eve saying he was being evicted from his place in a caravan park and would appreciate a swag.

He was advised to attend the outreach at South Brisbane that evening, while no swag was available he did receive a quality sleeping bag which he greatly appreciated.

Doug presented the team with a hand made photo frame with a special photo of an outback scene and a Christmas note.



LOGAN CENTRAL

As a team we feel humble. After a couple of hours on the street we always have a different experience to share back at base. We love listening to stories! We hear stories of triumphs, of patrons overcoming the odds and rising above horrible circumstances, stories of tragedy.

We feel blessed that each patron has someone to talk too as we know a problem shared is a problem halved. Often we see our patrons helping each other out with a friendly ear and even a place to stay when others are down on their luck.

We love our sense of community. Our community is our team-mates and our patrons alike. We love chatting, sharing stories and catching up on the month. Rosies is pure friendship and love. – Stacey Beckers Team Leader



CAIRNS

The community support just keeps on coming. Branch Coordinators Gina and Werner work tirelessly to continue to develop the relationships with local authorities and community supporters.



The Local CBA branch decided to band together to gather much needed items for Rosies as well as making a financial donation. The goods received were distributed to patrons during the weekly outreaches and were gratefully received



Dental students from James Cook University each year collect donations for Rosies and volunteer their time on the street. Our future is in good hands with such committed young people.

SUNSHINE COAST

Christmas on the Street is a huge affair at the Sunny Coast. Despite inclement weather more than 100 patrons joined Rosies for a celebration. Club Kawana once again provided a feast for all to share.

Dicky Beach SLSC Youth joined in bringing along food parcels to distribute and *The Tribute to John* family provided home-made treats. The main



BRISBANE CITY

On a wet Saturday night in Brisbane City we welcomed our new volunteer Ben to our outreach team.



Due to the weather the team moved to under the bridge which provided some shelter for more than 70 patrons who came out to join us. Cold milos were a favourite and we had to be careful not to run out of milk.



Fresh fruit provided by Oz Harvest was also a hit with many coming back for seconds. The mood was relaxed, calm and friendly. – *Heather Hutcheon Team Leader, Rosies volunteer since 2008*



street was buzzing with music, chatter and the spirit of Christmas.

Dom's at King's joined with Rosies to share a festive Christmas in the Park luncheon during the Saturday monthly outreach. Dominic and Therese along with their dedicated staff, on their day off, prepared the meal which was shared with our friends on the street. Thank you for supporting Rosies to bring friendship and community to others.

Farewell - God is leading me elsewhere but only because I have been here.



The last five years as GM of Rosies has been an absolute privilege. Most particularly I have been privileged to work closely with a bunch of incredibly committed, talented, people who personify the nature and mission of this unique organisation. We have become a good team across Queensland.

I have also been privileged to become part of the Mazenod family and story, and most importantly the seed of Oblate charism is firmly planted in my soul. It has been my privilege to accept on behalf of Rosies the support of so many donors, large and small, who keep Rosies alive.

Ultimately, I have been privileged to encounter the marginalised in the form of the homeless and lonely. Sometimes I wish I was a little more daring. Common to all these connections is the stories that entwine our lives.

As many have shared in different ways over the years, the nature of Rosies is hard to express but I know I have become imbued with it and that it will be an important part of how I approach my next role with the Archbishop of Brisbane. With humility and gratitude, I pray earnestly that Rosies continues to reach out for many years to come and wish you all many blessings. – Andrew



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***

EASTER MESSAGE FR MICHAEL TWIGG OMI



Celebrating Easter is a time enjoyed by many families and people around the world in a wide variety of wonderful ways. For Christians, the focus is on the death and resurrection of Jesus and the joys that this offering brings. For others, it is a time of family celebration and gathering.

Like many religious celebrations in all faiths, its timing is often associated with the seasons of the year. Easter was celebrated in spring in Europe and this emphasised the new life that abounded during that season.

Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead and that Easter celebrates the invitation for all to join this resurrection. Put simply, Christians believe that LIFE is bigger than death. The belief is that death is a comma, not a full-stop and that our relationship continues, in a different way, with all people who have died.

I sincerely hope that this Easter season is one of HOPE for all within the Rosies family. There are many people within our society who find it difficult to belong, to be included and to matter. HOPE could stand for Hold On Pain Ends and this hope is offered to all through the love of Jesus towards us. I encourage you to reach out to others and to try to never worry alone, for Easter asks us to believe that whatever the obstacles in front of us, the power behind us is even greater. Happy Easter to All.

Thanks to our invaluable supporters

We are able to deliver our mission over 200 times each month, across 15 branches with nearly 1400 volunteers, because of the support of our more than 1500 donors. The in-kind and financial support we receive enables us to carry on. While it is not possible to mention every supporter be assured we are grateful and we thank you. Here are a few of our supporters:

BioPack • Club Kawana • Community Benefit Fund • Lions and Lionesses of Palm Beach Currumbin • Flannery Foundation
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Recently we took some time to *Guestimate* the total contribution made to Rosies. While the financial donations are relatively simple to determine, the many other and varied types of support are not. Some examples:

\$450, 000	In-kind support from organisations conducting food, drives, providing hygiene supplies, knitting, etc
\$200, 000	In-kind support provided through the provision of facilities and associated services for our outreach bases, including Head Office
\$475 000	Food provided by local bakeries, restaurants, schools, businesses, etc
\$850 000	Volunteer time

WYNNUM MANLY COMMUNITY AND WOOLWORTHS MAYFAIR MANLY WEST JOIN TOGETHER

In late December Woolworths Mayfair Manly West held two Community Days with Rosies as the recipient. Rosies volunteers were around the store to thank the community who so generously donated needed items. The supplies, predominantly noodles, cordial and roll on deodorant significantly replenished our dwindling supplies. Over \$3500 worth of items were donated as well as financial donations from generous community members. Thank you to everyone who supported Rosies and to Woolworths Mayfair at Manly West for your ongoing support.



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

BOB'S NIGHT OUT

The Rosies Logo contains two sets of words that underpin our mission - "Friends" and "On the street". Many organizations seek to help those who live in the more marginalized spaces of our community but it was the twin aspects of friendship and relationship on the street that drew my wife, Anne, and me to Rosies - and it holds us there after many years.

We look forward to our monthly encounters on Sunday evenings because we have developed friendships with those who come to the Van. We come to experience reciprocal relationships with the patrons.

The experiences on the street, are both rich and varied. We enjoy our ongoing and earnest discussions about world events with some; with others we chat about the TV programs we enjoy; with some the focus is about health and the trials of daily living; and with many there is just a brief interaction about the activities of the day. These are just like many of the encounters in other spheres of our life!

The setting for these friendship relationships begins well before we even reach the streets - the ethos begins amongst the volunteers of our team- sharing life stories and encounters, our own aspirations and our

successes or failures. We see this as an important platform that we, as a Team, carry forward to our encounters with patrons.

Around the Van, the relationships are overwhelmingly polite and respectful. While we could relate numerous individual's stories, for Anne and me, more importantly is the totality of the experience - a broad set of relationships amongst the friends we have encountered on the street. This is the rich tapestry of life. – Bob Elliot Volunteer



Our patrons



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Sir Peter Cosgrove
AK CVO MC (Ret'd)

The Honourable Ms Leneen Forde
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