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Friends on the Street

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OUR CEO

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significance of 'belonging'

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healing and inspiring Rick's life
- and a song dedicated to Rosies!

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FRIENDSHIP IN EVERY NOTE

MEET RICK

BY VICKI JAMES

Every Monday night there's a familiar sound that drifts across the large gathering of people at Rosies, Surfers Paradise. Music.

Sometimes it's an old favourite. Sometimes it's one of Rick's own songs, played through the boombox he brings with him each week. Before long, smiles appear, conversations begin, and another Rosies outreach is underway.

For Rick, music has become much more than entertainment. It has become his voice.

Rick has experienced more hardship than most people could imagine. A house fire in 2015 took everything he owned. Years later, after moving interstate to escape a DV relationship and living in his car for more than two years, tragedy struck again when Rick swerved to avoid two young men riding scooters. Choosing to hit a tree rather

than risk another's life, Rick walked away, but the car he called home did not fare so well. Without insurance, he spent the next 12 months paying off a vehicle that no longer existed.

Today, Rick lives in a tent.

His journey to homelessness wasn't caused by one event. It was a series of challenges that slowly accumulated over time.

Adding to those challenges was an HIV diagnosis alongside an ongoing heart condition. Rick knows that many people still don't understand the condition and the stigma that often comes with it. Rather than hide from it, he has chosen to educate others by volunteering with the Positive Speakers Bureau, helping people understand that HIV does not define a person.

Ironically, Rick once worked supporting others. He spent years in child safety and worked in a homeless shelter, never imagining he would one day find himself needing the same support.

He says one of the hardest parts of life on the streets isn't simply finding somewhere to sleep. It's navigating the complex world of homelessness while trying to access basics like food, showers and connection.

That's where Rosies has become so much more than a meal.

"It's the conversation, the friendship and knowing people will be there."

Music has always been part of Rick's life. Growing up in a musical family, he loved to sing but rarely performed in front of others. Last year, someone encouraged him to sing publicly for the first time. That single moment changed everything.

Today, songwriting has become an outlet for his anxiety, a source of healing and a way of giving back.

Rick has now written an original song dedicated to Rosies and its volunteers. It's a way of showing grat-

itude for the people who turn up every week through rain, holidays and sometimes difficult nights to offer hot meals, warm drinks and most importantly, genuine friendship.

Those songs capture what Rick believes Rosies really is.

A family.

Because sometimes the greatest gift isn't simply being fed. It's knowing that someone is waiting to welcome you.



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TUESDAY NIGHT VIBES
BY RICK O'SHEA
ON SOUND(CLOUD)



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A MESSAGE from our CEO

BELONGING IS SOMETHING MANY OF US EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY WITHOUT GIVING IT MUCH THOUGHT. IT IS THE COMFORT OF BEING WELCOMED, RECOGNISED AND ACCEPTED JUST AS WE ARE. IT IS KNOWING THERE IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CARE, WHERE WE ARE SEEN, AND WHERE WE MATTER.

For the growing number of people experiencing homelessness or facing the very real risk of losing their home, that sense of belonging can be incredibly difficult to find.

Every day at Rosies, we meet people whose stories are marked by resilience, courage and determination. While the challenges they face can be overwhelming, hope is often found in the simple but powerful acts of kindness they encounter along the way: a warm and welcoming conversation without judgement, a shared cup of tea or coffee, practical support, or someone willing to simply sit beside them. These moments matter because they remind people that they are not alone – and that they are seen, valued and welcome.

That sense of belonging exists because of you.

Whether you donate to Rosies financially, through goods and services, or give your time as a volunteer, your generosity creates places where people can experience friendship, compassion and genuine human connection. Your support provides far more than practical assistance. It creates opportunities for people to rebuild their confidence, strengthen their wellbeing and know there is a community ready to welcome them exactly as they are.

Thank you for being part of the Rosies community and for helping create places where everyone is treated with dignity, kindness and respect. Together, we continue to ensure that no matter what challenges a person is facing, they will always find a warm welcome, a listening ear and, perhaps most importantly, a place where they belong.

With gratitude,

Jayne Shallcross
CEO Rosies – Friends on the Street

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

HELP CREATE A PLACE TO BELONG

Every night, Rosies volunteers welcome people with a hot cuppa, a friendly conversation and the reassurance that someone cares.

You can help make those moments possible simply by donating any unwanted gold or silver jewellery through our Gold4Good Appeal.

That broken chain tucked away in a drawer. A single earring without its pair. An old clasp, a warped ring or jewellery you no longer wear. While these pieces may no longer hold value for you, they can help fund the friendship, compassion and practical support that Rosies shares with people experiencing homelessness and social isolation across Queensland.

Every donation helps ensure our volunteers can continue creating places where people are welcomed without judgement, treated with dignity and reminded that they belong.

Taking part is easy. Simply follow the three steps on the enclosed flyer, complete your details, place your jewellery into the Gold4Good donation envelope, seal it inside the Reply Paid envelope and pop it into any Australia Post red letterbox. No stamp is required.

Thank you for helping create places where everyone is welcome.