



ROSIES

Friends on the Street



THE ROSIES STORY

SHARING FRIENDSHIP CREATES BELONGING



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Renaë Droop - Newspix

HISTORY

Rosies - Friends on the Street was founded by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In 1975, Fr Tom Shortall OMI set up a drop in centre in a Parish house in Rosebud, Victoria in response to the large number of disenfranchised holidaying youth. The centre became an important youth outreach in the parish and was called Rosies, after Rosebud.

In 1987, Rosies came to Queensland to support Schoolies who were feeling lonely, exhausted, and generally confused. Soon the outreach was joined by vulnerable people in the community, including those who were experiencing homelessness. It became obvious that our presence on the street was needed on a regular basis, and so Rosies responded.

For almost 40 years Rosies has provided friendship and support to the marginalised and those experiencing homelessness. Today, Rosies is still part of the Safer Schoolies Response program. We also partner with more than 65 schools and youth groups so that young people can experience outreach for themselves and see first-hand the impact care, compassion, connection and respect make to an individual.

“Rosies was an incredible life changing, inspiring, eye-opening experience that has taught me so many things in so many different ways.”

Lenesha, former Youth Engagement Program (YEP) participant

ROSIES PEOPLE

Our more than 1,500 volunteers are ordinary people who choose to make a difference. They come from all walks of life, different cultural backgrounds, religious beliefs, and all ages. The commonality is their commitment to others and the desire to share with others, one friend at a time.

“I truly believe Rosies will continue to make a difference in the worlds of people who come to outreach, both volunteers and friends on the street.” - Paul, Volunteer

ROSIES MISSION

Rosies is a community of people sharing the Oblate spirit of daring. Inspired by the gospel, Rosies reaches out to the most abandoned, to be present with them, offering them experiences of community and belonging.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Through our presence, Rosies seeks to:

- Foster people's self worth and dignity;
- Reach out to people where they are at, accepting them as they are and welcoming them into our community;
- Stand in solidarity with, and offer hope to, those who experience isolation, loneliness and alienation;
- Model a more just, caring and humane society.



DID YOU KNOW?



23 VANS
operate throughout Queensland



Rosies street outreach connects with vulnerable Queenslanders

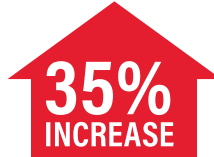
365 NIGHTS A YEAR



OVER 98%

of funding comes from

COMMUNITY DONATIONS



35% INCREASE

on average in Rosies outreach attendance

14 BRANCHES
ACROSS QUEENSLAND

- Beenleigh
- Brisbane City
- Brisbane North
- Brisbane South
- Cairns
- Caboolture
- Gold Coast North
- Gold Coast South
- Ipswich
- Logan
- Mareeba
- Sunshine Coast
- Toowoomba
- Wynnum Manly

ROSIES IN THE COMMUNITY

Rosies model is simple, yet very powerful. We share friendship with hospitality to create connection, community and a sense of belonging. Rosies reaches out to people from all walks of life and various cultural backgrounds, welcoming them with open arms.

Rosies provides connection and friendship more than 200 times each month through teams operating in Cairns, Mareeba, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Wynnum Manly, Beenleigh, Logan and Gold Coast.

We aim to create a consistent, safe environment at the same place and same time each week. Our presence encourages those who come to us to be empowered to make positive decisions for themselves and feel more connected to the community with connection positively impacting mental and physical health and well-being.

"It is amazing what a presence and a few little words can achieve." - Maureen, Volunteer

Rosies relies on the generosity of the communities where we operate. Schools, parishes, businesses, community groups, and private individuals support us through financial contributions, donations of goods for use on outreach, by volunteering their time, sharing the mission of Rosies or simply keeping Rosies in their thoughts and prayers.



1,650 volunteers deliver more than
220 outreaches each month across Queensland

1 in 200

Australians experience **homelessness** on any given night

(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021 Census)



1 in 4

Australians are experiencing an episode of **loneliness**

(Australian Psychological Society 2018)

1 in 10

Australians aged 15 and over **lack social support**

(Relationships Australia 2018)



More than

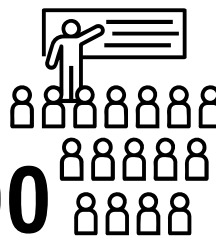
90

schools and

1,500

students and teachers involved in

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



Rosies provides

COURT AND YOUTH DETENTION SUPPORT

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OUR PATRONS

His Excellency the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia & Lady Lynne Cosgrove.

The Honourable Mrs Leneen Forde AC, Rosies Honourable Life Member.



"My wife and I have supported Rosies for more than a decade and have seen first-hand Rosies army of volunteers making a difference on and off the streets."

- Sir Peter Cosgrove, Rosies Patron in Chief

"With so many people finding themselves in difficult situations, it is clear how relevant and necessary the Rosies family still is. The homeless, the disadvantaged, and the vulnerable - all benefit from our volunteers' kindness, friendship, support, and prayers."

- The Honourable Ms Leneen Forde AC

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

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE LIVES

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