



Connections No. 1



Welcome to **Stable on the Strand 2011** and our first connections which will keep you up to date as to what is going on.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

- **Dates** – 18th-23rd Dec (5.30 – 9.30 p.m.) The Preview night is Saturday 17th (6pm -8pm)
- **Theme:** It's party time as we celebrate our 10th anniversary
- **Volunteer Party** – 8pm -9p.m. on Saturday 17th December to say thanks to our volunteers
- **Worship Party for our grand opening on Sunday the 18th December.** Watch out for details but you are invited to either close Church or come after Church
- **New staff** – Julie Grant – Business Manager and Tegan Krushka- admin assistant
- **New Amphitheatre** called Exhibit One
- **A carousel** to ride
- **Free camel rides**
- **Guest artists** including Christopher Wayne and Compliments of Gus
- **Stable HQ** which will include 10 years of memories, a challenge area, church in action, parenting area, admin, sponsors, etc
- **Upgrading the recycling**



WHY HAS STABLE ON THE STRAND BEEN RAISED UP IN TOWNSVILLE?

1. **To build Church Unity.** After 10 years we are beginning to see the fruit of this as we see the growth and establishment of:
 - The Nightlife Chaplaincy in Flinders St
 - Neighbour to Neighbour Programme
 - Marriage Week
 - School Chaplaincy
 - Pacific Link

While many of these have been given birth by one Church, they have quickly caught the imagination of many others and been warmly embraced...something very unique in Townsville

2. God has enabled us **to model the need to care for the poor and the needy.** True worship!!! We have been able to distribute 1,000 of tins of food after Christmas to the hungry (through Food Relief NQ) and distributed 100's of pairs of glasses and dental hygiene supplies to the people of PNG. Alongside that we have also made distributions to the Salvation Army Drug and Alcohol rehab centre through the avid enthusiasm of the 'beggars'.
3. So many people love the atmosphere of Strand Park but we believe we **are creating a place for the presence of God to dwell.** We have stories of people being healed and relationships restored. Many families make this their Christian tradition to visit, and other families come and share the experience of volunteering together. For many, Christmas in Townsville is, Stable on the Strand.
4. And of course we want to present **a quality event** that matches the standard of other large events in Townsville.



SO GET INVOLVED

- Register to be a volunteer on www.stableonthestrand.com.au - **there is a job for everyone**
- Give at <http://www.givenow.com.au/stableonthestrand> and
- Pray 7.00 p.m. Thursday nights at Mt. Louisa House of Praise

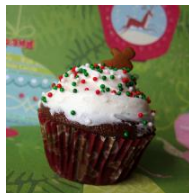


TRAINING AND BRIEFING DAY— YOU NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE

Saturday 26/11/2011: 4:00pm-5:30pm
Mount Louisa House of Praise,
cnr Bayswater & Mather St. Mt Louisa.

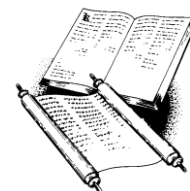
Tuesday 6/12/2011: 7:00pm-8:30pm
Aitkenvale Uniting Church,
cnr of Anne St and Ross River Road

Saturday 10/12/2011: 3:00pm-4:30pm
Townsville Baptist Church,
38 Canterbury Rd, Kirwan



CAKE CUTTING AND WRAPPING

Friday 2nd December between 4pm and 7pm.
at the Riverside Convention Centre,
55 Leopold Street, Aitkenvale.



NEEDS

- Technical support – team leader see Paul 0409 576 638 paul@p3c.com.au
- Skate ramp – team leader see Christian 0412 861 533 christianaguilera@northreach.org.au
- Stage managers - see Catherine 0401 968 770 iandc.stephens@bigpond.com
- Mannequin - see Trish 0400 245122 trish@7nps.com.au
- Someone who can speak Aramaic - see Trish 0400 245122 trish@7nps.com.au
- Old art canvasses - see Trish 0400 245122 trish@7nps.com.au

IMPACT SUMMER

3pm Dec. 17th – 22nd- a great youth camp for 12 to 17 yr olds. Part of the camp will be to attend Stable on the Strand. Forms from Bethany Faragher bethanyf@ywamrto.org 04245 95524

NEWS BULLETIN

Nicholas O'Sullivan (M – 0400 251 686) is calling for a few people that may be interested in putting together a nightly news bulletin on Stable on the Strand. Covering stories within stable. You need to have a face for the camera and a clear voice, good questioner and clear logical thinking.

The news will be produced daily and featured on the stableonthestrand11 Youtube channel daily. If you are interested please contact Nicholas.

An example of last year's videos can be found on the stableonthestrand10 Youtube channel