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Brisbane Cooks Up Something Big for Charity

On Thursday 30th November, Brisbane's first 'Big City Barbecue' for charity will fire up in the heart of the city to celebrate an Australian tradition and raise funds for three worthy charities.

Staged in the Riparian Plaza Forecourt, Eagle St, the event is expected to attract more than 3500 people making it one of the biggest barbecues the city has seen.

Fans of the grill will enjoy gourmet burgers prepared by expert chef Greg Bunt of the Plaza Deli Bistro, live entertainment and the chance to win great prizes and meet home grown stars and personalities.

Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman and special guests from Triple M's 'The Cage' will support the event which runs from 11am to 2pm. All proceeds will benefit Queensland charities Guide Dogs Queensland, Drug Arm and the Lord Mayor's Community Trust supporting Brisbane's charities and homeless youth.

Brisbane's Big City Barbecue foundation partners investment house Wilson HTM, the Riparian Plaza and Brisbane City Council have thrown their support behind the event which aims to raise more than \$60,000 for the beneficiaries.

Wilson HTM Chairman Steve Wilson said the event demonstrated philanthropy and corporate Brisbane's ability to work together for people in need was thriving.

"Our aim is to stage an event that offers inner city workers a break from the usual lunchtime routine while encouraging support for three local charities which are making a real difference to the quality of people's lives," he said.

Tickets can be pre-purchased by logging onto www.bigcitybbq.org.au, by phoning 07 3212 1333 or at the Translink Counter at the Information Centre located in the Queen Street Mall opposite the Winter Garden.

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