



## Brisbane City Fires Up

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Summer got off to a sizzling start on Thursday 30 November at the inaugural Brisbane Big City Barbecue.

Staged in the Riparian Plaza Forecourt, Eagle Street, the event attracted more than 2,300 people making it one of the biggest barbecues the city has seen.

The event raised \$66,000 for charity and hopes to become an institution on the Brisbane corporate calendar. Funds raised will be used by the charities to continue their vital services over the Christmas and New Year period.

The barbecue was fired up by guests including Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman, ex-NBA star Andre Moore, Olympian Steve Bradbury, Triple M's Ian Skippen and The Cage breakfast team.

Big city players such as Steve Wilson from Wilson HTM, Sue Dean from KPMG and Michael Clugg and Geoff Hartley from Clayton Utz were onsite to share in the festivities.

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Managing Director of Clayton Utz Michael Clugg said "The event was a great showcase of how corporates and charities can work together for a mutual benefit.----need quote approval----

Guests were entertained by live jazz from the Moon Trio, acrobatics by The Sault Poets and won great prizes kindly donated by Wilson HTM.

The inaugural Big City Barbecue was a massive logistical effort and was the first event of its kind in Brisbane:

- 2,300 lunch packs served in two and a half hours
- 84 volunteers from the corporate sector managed the operations
- In excess of 5,000 website hits [www.bigcitybbq.org.au](http://www.bigcitybbq.org.au)
- 3,000 sausages, 1,200 baguettes, a paddock of rocket and 90kg of onions

The Big City Barbecue will take on board feedback from supporters and sponsors and be back next year with a new and exciting menu for all to enjoy.

Brisbane's Big City Barbecue is a joint effort of Charity Partners DRUG ARM Australasia, Guide Dogs Queensland, The Lord Mayor's Community Trust and Foundation Partners Wilson HTM, Riparian Plaza and Brisbane City Council. All funds raised will be distributed equally to the Charity Partners to assist in their fundraising efforts.

The event is supported by corporate sponsors including KPMG, Clayton Utz, Plaza Deli Bistro, St George, Adcorp, Asset Link, Built, ServCorp, Citigroup, Macrossans, and Formula Maintenance.

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