



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Sunshine through the Rain

With all the rain lately, it was amazing to see the spirit of Queenslanders who banded together to lend a hand in the relief effort in our neighbouring city of Brisbane.

Among the Gold Coaster's who headed up the highway to give up their weekend to assist flood victims, were our local comical singing duo - Bram and Marina Nicholson - also known around the Gold Coast as "Double the Fun."

The couple received an out-of-the-blue call from the Brisbane City Council's Arts Department, inviting the duo to provide a "glimmer of hope" to flood evacuees' in Brisbane.

"Marina and I received a call at 10am on Sunday morning asking if we could entertain in Brisbane. We said "Sure what time do you want us?" – we didn't hesitate." says Bram.

"They asked us "What time can you get here?" so we quickly put together a set and within an hour we were driving up the highway to Brisbane!"

"We went to the QE2 building where there were 300-400 evacuees. They were eating lunch between 12 and 1pm. We performed for an hour, then we started doing requests and before we knew it we had been singing for 2 hours straight without a break! It was so amazing to see the smiles on their faces so we didn't mind."

"Their favourite song was Ra Ra Rusputin!" exclaims Bram.

"We spoke to heaps of the people there. The group was very mixed, with a lot of elderly people from nursing homes. One lady told me she had been trapped in her car for 3 days."

When asked how the Brisbane City Council found out about the duo, Bram exclaims, "I have no clue. I expect they found us through Volunteering Gold Coast as we regularly perform as volunteers for their Arts and Entertainment Troupe."

Volunteering Gold Coast spokeswoman, Chantel Charchalis exclaimed "These stories are fabulous to hear. Music tends to put a new spirit of energy and hope into people's minds, especially for those who have lost almost everything they own."

"Bram and Marina have always provided our local Gold Coast Community organisations with exceptional singing and hilarious lyrics, they are true theatrical geniuses and always energise the crowd and put smiles on everyone's faces!" says Chantel.

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Bram and Marina already have a very busy Australia Day planned; they will be performing at the Earle Haven Retirement centre in Nerang between 12-2pm. Then they will be spreading the laughs at The Domain from 6.30-8.30pm.

“If you are a not for profit group and looking for entertainers Volunteering Gold Coast have a whole list of talents and acts that volunteer their services at [www.volunteeringgc.com.au](http://www.volunteeringgc.com.au).”

“Or if you love of performing and entertaining the community and want to volunteer your talents, contact our office, 5526 2811!” says Chantel.

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