

THE EBRAHIM PATEL/CRESCENTS OF BRISBANE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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This year the Haji Ebrahim Patel/Crescents of Brisbane Special Achievement Award goes to a man who comes from a well-know and long-established family in Brisbane. He is the 5th of 11 siblings and has himself acquired his own collection of six sons and a daughter along with three grandchildren.

I would have thought that this alone would qualify him for this special award but this is not the end of the story for the 5th child of the late Haji Abdul Rane. Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to call on Osman "Ossie" Rane to accept this year's award and to tell you just a little about why this unsung hero is so deserving of this accolade.

Ossie is a quiet , gentle and unassuming man with a heart of gold! His generosity towards community causes and the needy know bounds. But it is not a just a case of dishing out the money and the goods from the comfort of his office. He is very much a grassroots man who gets himself involved in many organizations that serve the community.

This includes being an active member of the Queensland Muslim Welfare Association where he is known to have gone to garage sales to buy furniture for some of the recipients of the Welfare shop and personally deliver it to them.

Osman is a director and trustee of the recently formed Muslim Charitable Fund and works tirelessly for the organization assessing needy cases and on almost a daily basis and making arrangements to support those in emotional and economic stress.

He has served on the board of the Islamic college of Brisbane for many years and has helped many a family to get an education for their children especially those who were not able to afford the fees.

Some say that he had a good role model in his early life watching his father comforting the sick and the needy – and while that may well be true, Ossie has certainly left his own unique mark in the our community.

He has helped refugees from war-torn countries settle in, and would, at the drop of a hat, load up his four-wheel drive and take his sons along to offer someone somewhere any kind of assistance they asked for.

They tell me Ossie is a keen fisherman and has a boat that he has seldom used – because he spends so much of his spare time serving the community.

I must confess I have not done justice to the man and his achievements this morning but with this award we want to say a huge thank you to Ossie for doing so much for us as a community and that the almighty keeps him and his family in good health and spirit in the years to come, insha'Allah