

Baristas battle for a good cause

Funding for key groups

NEXT time you go to make a brew, see how long it takes you to make the perfect cup of coffee.

Then imagine racing the clock to make as many of them as possible in six minutes. Add hundreds of on-lookers for good measure.

Carina Heights barista Matt Burton was up for the challenge on Friday as he took part in a lightning fast brew-off in the city's Queen St Mall for charity.

Mr Burton, who works for Two Cups in Spring Hill,

managed to notch 13 cuppas in that time to take a creditable third place. Taking the crown was Matt Jefferias from Vue at New Farm, who finished 23 coffees in that time.

Proceeds from the event went to Mission Australia. "Consistency is the key with coffee," Mr Burton said. "It's fine if you can make an amazing coffee in 20 minutes but the talent is when you have 20 seconds and can still make a great coffee."

Baristas on a Mission is a fundraiser initiated by Phillip Di Bella of Di Bella Coffee who has been involved in supporting one of Mission Australia's community services, Cafe One on Wickham, for several years.

"Di Bella's involvement with Mission Australia not only provides me with a sense of satisfaction but also gives me the chance to make a positive contribution to the local community," Mr Di Bella said.



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Perfect cup ... Carina Heights barista Matt Burton at the Baristas on a Mission charity challenge.

SOUTHEAST community organisations will receive grants in the Q150 Community Funding Program, recognising the 150th anniversary of Queensland's independence next year.

Coorparoo's Australian Breastfeeding Association Queensland Branch, Stepping Stone Clubhouse, Coorparoo Bowls Club, Morningside's Hockey Queensland, Woolloongabba's The Queensland Choir and Genealogical Society of Queensland all scored money.



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Raising funds ... Luke and Matt Burton are helping the Kidney Health Australia Foundation.

Agent chips in

A real estate agent who sells houses at Woolloowin, Lutwyche and Gordon Park is putting money towards medical research.

Ray White Stafford sales consultant Luke Burton will put a portion of his commission to kidney disease in memory of his late grandfather Bruce Burton.

Mr Burton will raise funds for the Kidney Health Australia Foundation for the second time, after losing his grandfather to the disease 18 months ago.

His goal to raise more than \$10,000 for the Foundation has also inspired the real estate agency's principal Alistair McMillan, who will also dedicate a percentage of his commission for the cause.

"My grandad was diagnosed and given a month and a half to live," Mr Burton said.

"But he died two weeks after being diagnosed. He was 85.

"We didn't expect it. We would like people to get all the check-ups they need."

His brother Matt Burton, owner of Spring Hill cafe Two Cups, is pitching in with a percentage of his coffee sales going to the foundation.

The brothers will take part in the Kidney Kar Rally 2008 from Sydney to Mudgee via Mildura in August.

Phone Luke Burton on 0427 228 202 or 3622 1622.



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GREAT BUZZ: Baristas Celese Zarins, Scott Vining and Matt Burton.

Coffee challenge is brewing

TALK about being full of beans!

Six baristas from top Brisbane cafes will join high-profile celebrities in a fast-paced charity "brew off" at the Queen Street Mall centre stage tomorrow from noon to 2pm.

The Baristas on a Mission challenge, initiated by Phillip Di Bella of Di Bella coffee, will raise funds for Mission Australia.

People can make a donation directly to Mission Australia at the event, sponsor a barista or enjoy a freshly brewed coffee by giving a gold coin donation.

Donations can also be made at the cafes involved: Raw on Northbank, Metro Cafe, CBD North Lakes, Vue Lounge, Two Cups and Vagelis Restaurant.