

On the wagon to help others

TEN days without a drink.

Young and not so young Australians are asked to forget alcohol as a beverage for 10 days, obtain sponsorship from friends and family, and in the process draw attention to the problem of binge drinking in the community.

The Healthy High event starting tomorrow and coinciding with Drug Action Week has been organised by Drug Arm Australasia. Participants are in the running for some great prizes including a luxury holiday on Hayman Island.

All money raised will be used to fund Drug Arm's Street Outreach Services (SOS) that help about 30,000 homeless people each year who have, or are at risk of having, alcohol and drug problems.

Drug Arm's executive director Dr Dennis Young said the Healthy High event also provided help and support to people who may find it a struggle to give up alcohol for 10 days.

To register or make a donation visit www.healthyhigh.com.au.

Museum turning trash to treasure

SPRING CLEAN

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DO you have some amazing vintage couture hiding in the back of your cupboard?

The Museum of Brisbane (MoB) wants you!

The MoB is trying to piece together 150 years of Brisbane glamour for an exhibition celebrating Brisbane's fashion from 1859 to 2009.

This means any frocks, ball gowns and special garments that you consider trash may actually be MoB's idea of treasure.

The exhibition, scheduled to show in the second half of next year, will form a part of MoB's 2009 exhibition program dedicated to Queensland's 150th celebrations and also coincide with the Mercedes Benz Fashion Festival Brisbane, hosted by the Hilton.

Guest curator Dr Michael Marendy said

clothing had been an integral part of the lives of Brisbane residents over the past 150 years.

"Clothing reflects the economic prosperity of a given time, and illustrates more graphically than a book or document, the essence of a period," Dr Marendy said.

The exhibition will also investigate key local designers and elements of Brisbane life that fuelled the clothing industry.

So far, fantastic finds include a wedding dress made in the late 1870s by the leading Brisbane dressmaker of the time, Margaret Scott, and a silk bustle dress circa 1883/1884 belonging to a Corinda family.

MoB is hoping to source at least 40 garments.

To register your frock or special garments, you can visit the information counter at Museum of Brisbane at City Hall, phone 3403 8888 or email mob@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Visit www.museumofbrisbane.com.au.



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