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RUNNERS LINE UP FOR BRISBANE'S FASTEST ROAD COURSE AT STOCKLAND'S PALLARA COMMUNITY

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More than 1,200 runners are expected to hit the streets of Stockland's new Pallara community in Brisbane tomorrow as part of a major fundraising event supporting victims of domestic violence.

The inaugural Running CEOs corporate charity running event and Brisbane's Fast 10k will be held at Stockland Pallara on 7 October at 4.30pm, with 20 of Brisbane's leading CEOs to compete alongside some of Queensland's fastest elite athletes.

Organised by Run 2 Give Foundation, the event will be officially opened by Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk with special guests including Federal Member for Rankin Jim Chalmers and Brisbane City Councillor and Chairman of Council Angela Owen (Calamvale).

Running CEOs will see 20 teams, each of up to 100 runners, completing a 10 kilometre course through Stockland Pallara to raise funds for RizeUp Australia, Women's Legal Service and Run 2 Give Foundation.

The teams have been trained by some of Australia's best running and triathlon coaches including one of the nation's most versatile distance runners of all time Pat Carroll, four-time Olympian Benita Willis, international marathon runner Pat Nispel, international level triathlon coach Al Pitman and running and triathlon coach Mike Lennon.

The coaches will also line up with other elite runners to take part in Brisbane's Fast 10k, which is part of the Running CEOs event. The race will be held on Brisbane's newest, fastest and flattest certified 10 kilometre road course at Pallara.

David Laner, Regional Manager at Stockland, said the event was expected to attract hundreds of spectators supporting teams and hoping to see records broken.

"We're delighted to host this exciting event for a very worthy cause at Pallara and I encourage people to come down on the day, cheer on participants and enjoy the post-race celebrations," Mr Laner said.

"This event reflects our vision for Pallara to be an active and healthy community where fitness and wellbeing is a part of everyday life.

“Runners wishing to participate in Brisbane’s Fast 10k can register on the day and there is a Stockland Pallara bonus of \$600 up for grabs for any male or female who beats Brisbane’s current 10 kilometre race record.”

Run 2 Give Foundation Director Maria Becis said she was thrilled with the response to the event, with more than \$88,000 already raised for charity.

“The response we’ve received so far is phenomenal considering we only came up with the idea in August last year,” Mrs Becis said.

“Teams participating in the event include Brisbane City Council, Telstra and Grant Thornton and they’ve been training hard for months with our coaches as well as holding numerous fundraising events all year.

“One of our goals is to provide opportunities for participants to get to know each other so they can encourage each other along the way - it’s wonderful to see the friendships being formed.”

Running CEOs and Brisbane’s Fast 10k will be held on Saturday, 7 October at 4.30pm at Stockland’s Pallara community.

People wishing to participate in Brisbane’s Fast 10k can enter online at fast10.com.au or register on the day between 1pm-4pm at the event centre opposite the Pallara Sales and Information Centre, on the corner of Gooderham Road and Brookbent Road, Pallara.

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Editor’s note:

Pallara is a brand new Stockland community under construction in Brisbane’s south-western growth corridor. Surrounded by lush natural bushland just 19km from Brisbane’s CBD, the community will feature around 720 new homes and more than 2,000 residents on completion.

For more information visit the Pallara Sales and Information Centre on the corner of Gooderham Road and Brookbent Road, Pallara, call 1300 619 561 or go to the website at www.stockland.com.au/Pallara. You can also follow the community’s progress on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stocklandpallara

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