



Media release

MACQUARIE COMES TOP OF THE MOPS FOR MOVEMBER

Australia's largest corporate contributor for Movember is Macquarie Group raising AU\$560,000 to combat prostate cancer worldwide

Friday, 18 December 2009, Sydney – Macquarie Group has topped this year's 'mo-growing' charts, raising more for Movember than any other corporate contributor in Australia. Globally, over \$A560,000 was donated to the men's health charity after Macquarie's Group's philanthropic arm, The Macquarie Group Foundation, matched the staff efforts dollar-for-dollar.

Staff of the newly opened Macquarie Group Houston office were spurred on by the commitment of the Foundation. Under the team leadership of Matt d'Agostino, the team "The Stimulated Bastardos", raised a total of \$US42,761 (\$A41,095) and took out one of the top fundraising spots in the US. Matt's own outstanding fundraising efforts topped \$US10,815 (\$A11,781). This was only narrowly outdone by the individual fundraising efforts of Gareth Barlow from Macquarie Group's New York office, raising \$US11,305 (\$A12,304). These sterling efforts place both men within Movember's top 5 individual fundraisers in the US.

The men of Macquarie Group have taken the irreverent Australian charity to heart, sporting an outlandish range of 'Mo's', from handlebars, fu manchus, lamb chops and plain old facial fuzz since 2006. The Sydney office of Macquarie Group raised over \$A255,441 alone this year– with more than 258 staff members participating. This was the largest corporate donation in the country.

"We are incredibly proud of the individual and team worldwide 'mo'-growing efforts of Macquarie Group staff," said Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation. "We're also extremely pleased that our US staff have been recognised by the Movember movement as it means that the spirit of community engagement is alive and well throughout the Macquarie Group network. We're deeply committed to actively supporting staff in their community endeavours."



The Movember worldwide campaign aims to change the face of male health issues and raise awareness about prostate cancer, testicular cancer and depression.

Luke Slattery, founder of the global facial fuzz fundraiser Movember, thanked the Macquarie staff for their outstanding efforts.

“Macquarie Group’s donation to the campaign is fantastic and their year on year support has played an important part in helping us to grow Movember in Australia and around the world. 2009 has been a phenomenal year for Movember, with over 250,000 participants taking part across the globe. The support and level of commitment shown has been outstanding and we’re extremely grateful to everyone from Macquarie Group who supported the campaign this year and helped us to continue to raise awareness and funds for men’s health.”

Each November, hundreds of Macquarie men around the world grow moustaches for Movember in support of men’s health issues. Female staff also helped fundraise by holding costume competitions.

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About The Macquarie Group Foundation

Macquarie Group staff are very active in the not-for-profit sector, contributing their time in a volunteering, fundraising and pro-bono capacity to many worthwhile causes. Their efforts complement the work of the Macquarie Group Foundation, the Group’s philanthropic arm, which supports hundreds of community organisations around the world in the areas of health, welfare, education, arts and the environment. All staff who raise money for charity are matched dollar-for-dollar in their fundraising efforts by the Macquarie Group Foundation, thus doubling the total contribution to their nominated charity.

In the year to 31 March 2009, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, raised \$A26 million for over 900 community organisations worldwide.