



Media Release

LOCAL RESIDENT AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

30 March 2010, Brisbane: Paddington resident John Corry has been recognised as the 2009 Fundraiser of the Year for his support of a friend who required a new set of prosthetic legs, the residential disability charity Youngcare and the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

John has nominated Youngcare as the recipient of his prize donation of \$A10,000.

Recognised by his employer, Macquarie Group and its philanthropic arm, the Macquarie Group Foundation, the annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards program acknowledges the outstanding community contributions of its staff, as well as the organisations they serve.

John has been awarded the Fundraiser of the Year Award, which is given to an individual for their innovative and successful fundraising efforts for not-for-profits.

Last year, John and two of his friends organised fundraising events to purchase a new set of prosthetic limbs for Phoebe Stuart who had lost her legs due to a severe allergic reaction to penicillin. John did this by completing the Kokoda Track and organising a concert at the Brisbane Zoo. John and his friends raised \$A80,000 (including \$A14,500 from the Foundation). As this exceeded the amount that Phoebe needed, a donation was also made to Youngcare.

John was also involved with organising the 2009 Corporate Rugby 10's at Ballymore which raised \$10,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Chairman of Youngcare David Conry congratulated John on his award and said it was very well-deserved.

“John’s enthusiasm for contributing to causes he is passionate about is infectious. His support for Youngcare over the last few years has been wonderful and has motivated many to take up the fight to get young people out of aged care.

“The Macquarie Group Foundation is a valued partner of Youngcare, and as a result of their support and those like John, we can continue to deliver appropriate care and accommodation for young people with high care needs.”

Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation, said the Foundation places great importance on supporting the community efforts of its staff.

“The contribution of Macquarie Group staff – as volunteers, fundraisers, board members of not-for-profit organisations and pro bono service providers – continues to grow from strength to strength, significantly enhancing Macquarie’s overall community effort.

“We are very proud of our 2009 record number nominees for the Macquarie Staff Community Awards and I would like to congratulate John on his efforts and the contribution he has made to both his friend Phoebe, Youngcare and the Prostate Cancer Foundation.”

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EDITOR’S NOTES

Macquarie Group Foundation

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie Group – has been providing support to community programs for more than 25 years. In the year to 31 March 2009, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$26 million to over 900 community organisations around the world.

Youngcare

Youngcare is a national not-for-profit charity that provides residential care for young people with a disability. Its mission is to raise awareness and necessary funding to provide relevant and dignified lifestyles for young Australians with high care needs.