Macquarie Bank Executive Chairman David Clarke has received a major award from the Australian Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) for his contribution to the arts over more than 30 years.

David, pictured above with Insurance Australia Group Chairman James Strong, won the Richard Pratt Business Leadership Award in recognition of his support for the arts in both a personal capacity and as Chairman of the Macquarie Bank Foundation.

Accepting the award, David called on the Federal Government to review current tax legislation, which he said had severely impacted the ability of arts organisations to raise funds and build enduring relationships with benefactors.

He also said tax deductibility should be granted for certain fundraising components to further assist the cultural sector.

“Staff engagement is key to the Foundation’s success. At all levels we look to support staff in their community activities. In seeking partnerships with the not-for-profit sector the Foundation looks for staff involvement as a key criteria in our assessment process.

Over the past year there has been a significant growth in staff fundraising and support for community organisations. Fundraising activities range from fun runs to gruelling marathons, from morning teas to major events and collectively the result is an enormous contribution of time, money and effort. The stories in this edition of Macquarie in the Community are just some of the many activities staff undertake all over the world.

During the year, we formed new staff Community Advisory Committees in Hong Kong and Korea, while strengthening the European staff committee. These committees, which complement a similar network throughout Australia, empower staff to source and partner with community organisations in their local communities. More than 150 staff worldwide now actively participate in Community Advisory Committees.

In this edition of Macquarie in the Community we commend the efforts of all staff involved who have contributed so much to the community over the year.
FOUNDATION GRANTS

Each quarter the Foundation receives many hundreds of applications for funding. At its recent Board meetings the Foundation approved a range of grants including the following.

BOOST FOR INDIGENOUS JOBS

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy is one hundred per cent Aboriginal managed and operated. The Foundation has provided three years funding for the Employment Services Program which aims to increase economic sustainability in Aboriginal communities by delivering employment and training in the corporate sector. The program placed 500 indigenous people into employment in 2005/06.

TRADING EDGE AT BOND UNIVERSITY

A simulated trading room will be developed at Bond University, with funding from Macquarie Bank Foundation and the Investment Banking Group. The Macquarie Bank Trading Room will enable students to experience the latest trading room technology. With funding over five years, the Trading Room will be the leading facility of its type in Australia.

CAN TOO SUPPORT CONTINUES

Cure Cancer’s Can Too program encourages novices and seasoned athletes to take part in an endurance event. Participants receive professional coaching and training and in turn raise money for vital cancer research. Macquarie Bank staff have not only participated in the program, but have also provided professional support, through IT, project management and accounting. The Foundation will continue its support of Can Too for a further three years.

REACH OUT! EXPANDS TO US

The Inspire Foundation’s Reach Out program is an internet based service that helps young people get through tough times. It was established in response to the escalating rates of youth suicide. With the support of the Foundation and News Corporation Chairman Rupert Murdoch, the Inspire Foundation aims to launch the Reach Out program in the US.

HELP FOR BUSH HABITAT

The Australian Bush Heritage Fund is a national organisation that protects Australia’s unique animals and plants and their habitats. Capacity building funding from the Foundation will help the organisation develop an Environmental Outcomes Monitoring system to help long-term conservation programs. Funding will go towards the purchase of equipment and software and the employment of ecologists.

WORKVENTURES SET TO GROW

A capacity building grant was made to WorkVentures to enhance its marketing capabilities. This will enable it to plan and resource fundraising, market research and introduce new programs and services. WorkVentures has been a leader in pioneering new ways to help people move out of poverty into employment.

RECORD ‘MOVEMBER’

Staff across Australia have again put their razors away for the month of ‘Movember’. Changing the Face of Men’s Health. Starting clean shaven, teams had all of November to grow and groom their moustaches and along the way raise money and awareness about male health. Funds raised go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue - a national depression initiative. Macquarie teams raised a record $470,000. Pictured above is the Financial Services Group team. Given the overwhelming support from staff, there were too many wonderful moustaches to picture here, so please see Macnet to view your team’s facial feats!

MARATHON RUN FOR CANCER

As part of Cure Cancer’s Can Too initiative, Peter Seligman from Risk Management in Sydney ran the Sydney Marathon raising $46,000 along the way. The Can Too team raised more than $420,000 in total. Can Too, supported by the Macquarie Bank Foundation, provides people with the opportunity to achieve a personal goal, like running a marathon, while raising money for cancer research programs. To prepare for the gruelling event, Peter participated in a six month training program. “We developed a strong team spirit over that time which was invaluable during the long hours hitting the pavement,” Peter said. He is set to continue his involvement with Can Too as a volunteer to the team training for the Macquarie Big Swim in January.

LONDON CREW ROW IN AID OF MOTIVATION

In London, James Brasher assembled a team of able crewmen to participate in the annual Great River Race on the Thames. The Race is a gruelling 22 miles from Richmond to Island Gardens Greenwich. In a field of 270 boats in their class, the team’s final time was an outstanding three hours ten minutes. James’ team raised more than £23,000 for Motivation - an international agency working to enhance the quality of life of people in the third world with disabilities.

James was delighted with the support the team received. “We rowed in aid of Motivation, which was the charity our late friend Ian Gardner energetically sponsored. Given his enthusiasm for sport and this charity we felt it fitting that this year’s project should be in aid of Motivation.”

STUDENTS GET LOOK AT CORPORATE LIFE

As part of The Classroom to Boardroom program, 100 Year 9 students from Mill Park and Hillcrest Secondary Colleges descended on Macquarie’s Melbourne office. The Classroom to Boardroom program provides opportunities for young people to meet staff from leading corporations across Melbourne. Macquarie, along with six other organisations, opened their doors to the students. In an informal session over lunch, students heard from Macquarie staff about the world of banking along with personal stories from their careers. Macquarie’s involvement was organised by the Melbourne Community Advisory Committee. Graham Maloney, Duane O’Donnell, Scott Brownbill, Sarah Robinson and Bobbie Matthews took part in the session.
THE COMMUNITY

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PUMA LAP ON THE RUN

Take a treadmill, some keen runners and their supporters and the result is the Puma Lap Corporate Challenge. Nineteen Sydney-based Macquarie employees and 20 from Melbourne braved the cool conditions to help raise money for the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI). The Puma Lap Corporate Treadmill Challenge is the MCRI’s annual fundraiser to support the largest child health research institute in Australia. Teams are challenged to see how many 100 metre laps they can run in a one day event. Pictured above is Melbourne’s final runner of the day Nick Carah who helped bring the team a very close second place with 1283 laps. Sydney also raced home to secure second spot with 1103 laps. Together the teams raised close to $300,000.

PEDAL POWER AROUND THE BAY

Around the Bay is the ultimate one day bike challenge, an annual event that takes thousands of cyclists around Port Phillip Bay in Melbourne. This year’s event saw 76 Macquarie riders from across Australia and Hong Kong join the race and together raised nearly $420,000 for the Smith Family. Donning newly-designed cycling outfits the squad had its share of mishaps, wrong turns and a record number of punctures. The team acknowledges the support of all the volunteers who helped make it all happen.

SINGAPORE IN THE BULL RUN

Torrential rain and a spectacular electrical storm did little to dampen spirits at the Singapore Bull Run, the biggest annual fundraising event on the Singapore calendar. The event raises funds to support 13 not-for-profit organisations that help children and youth in need. Participants were encouraged to run in office attire with almost 40 people from Macquarie’s Singapore office signing up for the 3.2 kilometre fun run around the CBD. The four-member Management Team Relay, sponsored by Macquarie, was hotly contested by senior managers from more than 100 of Singapore’s biggest listed companies. As seen above, participants swapped their batons for a Macquarie-branded brief case. Edwin Basuki from the Investment Banking Group in Singapore helped Macquarie clinch third place. Seven different Macquarie businesses contributed $650,000 to support the event with funds to be matched by the Foundation.

WALK TO CURE DIABETES

More than 400 Macquarie staff, including a large contingent from Adelaide pictured above, participated in the 2006 Walk to Cure Diabetes. Walking five kilometres through some of the country’s most scenic parklands, the teams collectively raised $445,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Macquarie staff have a long involvement with JDRF and for their hard work Macquarie is now the organisation’s largest corporate partner.

NEW YORK TEAM SHOWS IT CARES

With the help of the Macquarie Bank Foundation and Team Macquarie a total of $US3,950 was raised in support of New York Cares and New York Cares Day. Macquarie was represented by a team of 25 volunteers, some of whom are pictured below, who painted fences, benches and murals and moved furniture and computers at John Mercer Langston Public School in Harlem.

JABULANI CHALLENGE

Geoff Lovell from Banking and Property and Geoff Carrick from Investment Banking Group helped to organise the inaugural Jabulani Challenge. The event involved a 46 kilometre trail walk through national parks north of Sydney. Jabulani is Zulu meaning “to bring hope or joy”. With the support of colleagues, approximately $415,000 was raised for two South African charities. Conceived by the two Geoffs and other local dads, Geoff Lovell, pictured left said “we wanted an event that was challenging but with a bit of training was achievable. We then linked the idea to charities known to us from our travels in South Africa.”

LOCAL SOCCER STARS SHINE

In conjunction with Mission Australia, the Melbourne Community Advisory Committee co-ordinated a social soccer tournament between Melbourne staff and local clubs the Heidelberg Soccer Stars and Team Mandela. The soccer games were part of Mission’s African Pathways Program which supports families who have recently arrived from Africa. Heidelberg is a young club established by the local Somali community and Team Mandela comprises mostly Sudanese children. Peter Conquest from Macquarie Relationship Banking in Melbourne said the Macquarie team were going back to the drawing board after their resounding defeats by both teams 4-0 by Heidelberg and 2-0 by Mandela. The Foundation has recently agreed to fund the expanded activities of Mission’s Research and Social Policy Unit. The Foundation’s more than $A1 million investment over three years includes a $A50,000 contribution towards a new Social Innovation in Action series.

SASHA RUNS CARDIFF MARATHON

Sasha Conoplia from Equity Markets Group ran the Cardiff Marathon, completing the course in three hours and two minutes. With the support of colleagues in the Global Equity Finance and Structuring Division across Australia, Brazil, Hong Kong, London, Munich, New York and South Africa, Sasha raised a total of $A12,500. With the Foundation’s support the total $A25,000 will be donated between Tommy’s, The Baby Charity in the UK and the Special Care Neo-natal Unit of the North Shore Private Hospital in Sydney. Sasha is pictured above with his sons Jack (left) and Nicholas (right).
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TEAM HEADS TO PNG
Tom Freeman, Jono Bowman, Ben Fitzpatrick and Dan Lewinski from Macquarie in Sydney travelled to Papua New Guinea for a seven-day trip to conduct rugby clinics and promote healthy lifestyle choices for children. The first of the two rugby clinics was held in Port Moresby with about 150 children aged 8-12 from the outer suburbs of the city. The second was held in Rabaul, a community which has been devastated by volcanic eruptions over the past 15 years. Tom Freeman said “The clinics were clearly the highlight of the trip. The smiles on the children’s faces and the gratitude shown to the coaches, not only by the children but the entire community, were extremely rewarding.”

The group also visited the Cheshire Home for disadvantaged children as well as a number of local schools and hospitals where they spent time talking with children and their parents.

ROLE MODELS LEAD THE WAY
Approximately 950 girls from 30 schools participated in coaching clinics for netball, hockey, soccer and taekwondo as part of the All Girls Multi-Sports Roadshow.

An important part of the program is the newly developed role model forums which teach the girls leadership, goal setting and team building skills. Athletes included Liz Ellis, Catherine Cox, Mo’onia Gerard, Cheryl Salsbury, Amber Nelson, Hayley Burke, Kate Hollywood, Christine Baimer and Amy Boddony. This year the Roadshow visited Dubbo Base Hospital and Distance Education where players chatted online with students from across New South Wales.

PCYC PARTNERS WITH BASKETBALL

The Sydney Kings Basketball program has partnered with Police-Citizens’ Youth Clubs (PCYC) to bring the program to disadvantaged youth in Sydney. The players visited five Sydney PCYCs in Redfern, Penrith, Mt Druitt, Bankstown and Marrickville with youth at each centre participating in a six-week skills and leadership program culminating in a basketball tournament. As a finale to the program, the youth will showcase their basketball skills at the Sydney Entertainment Centre in a pre-match mini tournament at a Sydney Kings competition game.

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