

# AMAQ Foundation update

The **AMAQ Foundation** has been very busy over the past few months, with a visit to the Red Hill Special School, delivering iPads to the Royal Children's Hospital, a \$10,000 donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland and a \$10,000 donation to the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal.

**A**MAQ Foundation donated \$6,000 to the Royal Children's Hospital for iPad and software for paediatric rehabilitation. The iPad can be used to assist learning, literacy and social participation. Depending on a child's needs, there is an array of software available to assist them in their recovery. During the meeting AMAQ Foundation Director Ross Noye met Chelsea, who suffered a horse riding accident, leaving her with a diffused brain injury. Her recovery was amazing to hear and she praised the iPad and various applications available which helped her regain her ability to speak and improve the paralysis to her hand.



**Left:** Royal Children's Hospital Speech Pathologist Louise Cahill, AMAQ Foundation Director Ross Noye and Royal Children's Hospital Director of Fundraising and Marketing Meredith Campbell with the donated iPads.



**Left:** Royal Children's Hospital patient Chelsea Higgins shows AMAQ Foundation Director Ross Noye how the iPad works.

The AMAQ Foundation donated \$10,000 to Muscular Dystrophy Queensland to purchase two Hi Lo electric adjustable beds for muscular dystrophy patients in Bundaberg and Ayr. During the presentation Mr Carr commented that the beds will mean an instantaneous improvement in the quality of life, not just for the patients but for their families as well. Mr Carr thanked the Foundation for the support provided over many years and said "we want you to know that so many lives have been changed for the better because of your support".



**Left:** Mr Neil Mackintosh, Executive Officer, AMAQ Foundation, presents a cheque for \$10,000 to Bren Arkinstall, Business Development Manager and Mr Rick Carr, CEO, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland.



**Above:** Melanie Hassall with Red Hill Special School student Fearghus Keogh in his new motorised wheelchair. Chris and Melanie Hassall donated \$18,000 to the AMAQ Foundation to purchase Fearghus' new wheelchair.



**Above:** Red Hill Special School student Madeleine Shoobridge presents AMAQ Foundation President Dr Steve Hambleton with a special thank-you card.





**Above:** The Foundation grants at least one scholarship per year to a first year Medical Student at James Cook University who has demonstrated a commitment to rural medicine. Dr Lee Williams is our second graduate and is pictured here with Foundation Director Dr Gino Pecoraro and Sullivan Nicolaides representative Dr Peter Kanowski.



**Above:** L-R: Queensland X-Ray CEO Dr Phil Dubois and Marketing Manager Marnie Nichols accept a 10-year plaque from AMAQ Foundation Executive Officer Neil Mackintosh and Foundation President Dr Steve Hambleton.



**Left:** Channel Nine personality Eddie Maguire with AMA Queensland President Dr Gino Pecoraro at Channel Nine's telethon to raise money for flood relief. The AMAQ Foundation donated \$10,000 to support those in need.

*A big thank-you to Queensland X-Ray and Family Care Medical Services for their generous support to the AMAQ Foundation for the last ten years.*

**Above:** AMAQ Foundation Executive Director Jane Schmitt presented a 10-year plaque to Family Care Medical Services CEO Stuart Tait.