



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR PATRON

Sincere congratulations to Mr Timothy Vincent Fairfax AC, long term patron and supporter of the AMA Queensland Foundation – who was awarded an AC in the recent Australia Day Honours list. It was in recognition of his eminent service to business and to the community, as an advocate for philanthropy and as a major supporter of the visual arts, to the promotion of higher education opportunities, and to rural and regional development. **Q**

**ABOVE (FROM LEFT):** Jane Schmitt - CEO, AMA Queensland, Mr Tim Fairfax AC, Associate Professor Noel Hayman and Nola White, Nurse Unit Manager on a visit to the Inala Indigenous Health Centre.

You can contribute to the Foundation via a regular contribution or corporate giving.



## LONG TERM FOUNDATION SUPPORTER

At the recent AMA Queensland Member Milestone event, long term Foundation supporter and Past President Dr Daniel Hart celebrated 70 years as an AMA Queensland member. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of supporting the Foundation's mantra of *doctors doing good*.

Dr Hart recounted the story of moving from Wickham Terrace to AMA House: "I was staggered at the amount and wondered if we were wise. Something goes wrong and we're out on the streets with a begging cup. But, as you know, things did not go wrong. They went splendidly well." **Q**



## WE GOT THE TROOPIE!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE GENEROUSLY IN THE 2013 CHRISTMAS APPEAL, WE RAISED \$44,041 AND WERE ABLE TO BUY A USED 11-SEATER TROOPIE FOR DR LARA WIELAND'S OUT THERE KOWANYAMA PROGRAM.

A huge and heartfelt thank you from AMA Queensland Foundation and AMA Queensland member, Dr Lara Wieland to everyone who generously gave to our 2013 Christmas Appeal.

"I'm so grateful to my fellow AMA Queensland members and professional colleagues for their contributions to the AMA Queensland Foundation. Your generosity and compassion will very soon take the form of a second-hand Troopie, without which we would not have been able to continue our camps. What we're able to provide for the kids and teach them while they're with us is truly life changing for them, and you can be proud that you're now a part of that."

Lara, who is also a member of the AMA Indigenous Health Taskforce, has spent the past 13 years living in a remote Indigenous

community in Far North Queensland where she volunteers so much of her time, working tirelessly to educate and empower the children of Kowanyama through her volunteer run program.

Many of the 1,000 plus children who have attended the camps come from difficult backgrounds and a community where there are high levels of social dysfunction.

"The program is about more than education, health promotion and sports activities," Lara says.

"We strive to instill confidence, resilience and self belief in these kids, giving them their best chance at overcoming the challenges they will inevitably come up against when they leave for boarding school (compulsory because of the remoteness) and throughout the rest of their lives." **Q**