

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR AMA QUEENSLAND FOUNDATION



A huge thank you from the AMA Queensland Foundation to all our donors who gave generously to our recent end-of-year financial campaign. Together your support has raised \$39,045 for our general fund which will help deliver vital services outside those catered for by the public health system such as:

- improved or emergency medical services, especially in rural and remote areas
- medical and specialised equipment for those whose needs don't fit into the neat boxes of other health-specific charities
- scholarships to medical students enrolled at James Cook University, who have demonstrated commitment to working in rural medicine
- improved medical education
- vital medical research



We also thank those supporters who completed our recent survey. We will use this information to plan for the future and provide you with feedback and updates.

Thank you once again – your continued support is an investment that will bear dividends for years to come. **Q**



A LIFETIME OF CARING



A gift in your Will (bequest) can ensure we are there to lend a hand and potentially help us overcome the most challenging medical problems of tomorrow.

For more information on making a bequest to the AMA Queensland Foundation please visit www.amaqfoundation.com.au or contact the Foundation Office on **(07)3872 2204**.

DOCTORS DOING GOOD

Do you have a project which needs financial assistance?

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YOU CAN HELP BRIDGE THE GAP

In the words of Winston S Churchill, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

You too can help "make a life" by donating to our regular giving campaign. Members who currently pay monthly or quarterly will have recently received an email regarding making a donation to the Foundation.

The AMA Queensland Foundation (the charitable arm of AMA Queensland) is about supporting you and your medical colleagues who are filling in the gaps, delivering and championing vital services and projects outside of those catered for by the health system for Queenslanders in need.

For little more than a cup of coffee, you can help us deliver vital services and help bridge this gap. Small regular donations from a large number of members add up.

Choosing to donate regularly is just one way you can help the Foundation carry on its vital work. Regular giving is our lifeblood and allows us to budget, confidently plan ahead and commit with confidence to supporting various projects.

Your regular gift can make a difference. We do hope you can support us by including a donation to the AMA Queensland Foundation.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can be made via our website www.amaqfoundation.com.au/donation/ or by phone on (07) 3872 2204. Please help us fulfil our charter of **doctors doing good.**

"YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD. BUT YOU CAN MAKE SOMEONE'S LIFE BETTER"

The 2015 AMA Queensland Foundation Medical Scholarship recipient is Jessica Roberts, a second year Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor Surgery student at James Cook University.

Jessica was drawn to a career in medicine through her desire to directly help and care for people. She was recently asked which area of medicine she was interested in pursuing, to which she responded:

"I am greatly considering the rural generalist pathway. ... from what I have heard from rural generalists their careers are unique, challenging and very much rewarding. One of the most inspiring quotes that has encouraged me into rural medicine is from a rural health nurse of Palm Island. She said the best way to describe rural medicine is "You're not going to change the world. But you can make someone's life better." I feel that this very much puts into perspective that in rural medicine, you will not have a huge population effect, but you will have a very large affect on individual people i.e. the communities..... I feel that is something I very much wish to pursue and be a part of."

Jessica recently completed voluntary hospital experience in Africa which she says "was not only an unforgettable experience but it also embedded my desire to work in rural environments."



Jessica at one of the local orphanages playing soccer with the children.



Jessica on her voluntary mission at a hospital in Tanzania, Africa. "This was the first baby I have helped to deliver and was a very special moment for me."