NEW BED FOR LITTLE GIRL WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

For a two-year-old in Mackay, moving to a big girl's bed is all the more exciting as her new Hi-Lo bed will allow her to sit up in bed and move about more freely, despite living with Muscular Dystrophy.

Previously, her parents would get up six to seven times a night to move her in the bed to avoid pressure sores forming.

The AMAQ Foundation, with funding provided by William Buck (Qld), donated $5,000 to Muscular Dystrophy Queensland, who provided the bed to the little girl on a long-term loan. The bed will last her well into adulthood.

Rick Carr, State Manager, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland, said the bed will make a huge difference to her family, and give her more independence as she grows older.

"Given that she will spend eight to 10 hours a day in bed, it is as vital as a wheelchair for her well-being." **Q**

Paul Copeland (Director William Buck [Qld]) shakes hands with Muscular Dystrophy State Manager Rick Carr.

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Each year, the AMAQ Foundation grants a scholarship to a first year medical student at James Cook University who has demonstrated a commitment to rural medicine.

Preston Cardelli is the 2010 scholarship holder and came to visit recently during his semester break. Now in his second year at JCU in Townsville, Preston was born on a mango and avocado farm in Matilda, 30km west of Mareeba.

Now based in Mareeba, Preston is able to use the scholarship money towards textbooks and college fees, and no doubt some petrol for his five-hour drive home to see his family occasionally!

Preston's mum was a doctor in the Phillipines, but worked as a nurse in Australia while raising three boys. His mum and dad were always keen for him to study medicine and Preston is particularly interested in working in rural and remote medicine in Far Northern Australia and working within Indigenous communities.

William Buck (Qld) donated the money to the AMAQ Foundation for the scholarship. **Q**

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Paul Copeland (Director William Buck [Qld]), AMAQ Foundation scholarship recipient Preston Cardelli and AMAQ Foundation Executive Officer Neil Mackintosh.

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