

# DOCTORS DOING GOOD IN 2014



Dr Sharmila Biswas (far right) with Rosies volunteers Lyall and Melissa, and Allen who is a patron of the Cairns outreach program

Looking back on another busy year for the AMA Queensland Foundation, it's inspiring to reflect on what's been achieved and the difference *doctors doing good* has made in the lives of so many.

Here are some of our proudest achievements for 2014:

- Thank YOU Doctor Campaign officially launched at the annual Thank You to Donors Cocktail Function.
- William Buck donated a retinal camera to Associate Professor Noel Hayman and the Cunnamulla Health Centre in South West Queensland which will assist with screening for diabetes retinopathy in the Indigenous community.
- The Foundation continued to assist financially disadvantaged medical students at James Cook University, welcoming second year student

Louis Jenkins to the program as well as celebrating Amender Campbell's graduation at the end of the year.

- Rosies Cairns received \$57,000 to purchase a new street outreach van just in time before their old van was put off the road, allowing them to continue to

provide food, drink, emergency clothing and blankets to Cairns homeless.

- The Foundation funded AMA Queensland's Lighten Your Load Campaign which was launched following recent alarming overweight and obesity statistics for those living outside cities.



Assoc. Prof. Noel Hayman (second in from right) in Cunnamulla.



Foundation Board members and Patron Tim Fairfax.

- A social media presence was established with the Foundation launching its Facebook page, Twitter account and YouTube channel.
- The Foundation unveiled its new workplace giving program.
- Following on from the success of last year's Christmas Appeal which resulted in a much needed four wheel drive vehicle for Dr Lara Wieland's Out There Kowanyama program, Lara and the kids of Kowanyama received ongoing support again this year through Queensland X-Ray as well as receiving a significant gift from an anonymous donor.
- \$25,000 was received from Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology, being the final pledge of a \$75,000 donation for a new, specially outfitted mini-bus for Red Hill Special School.

We are equally as proud of our achievements as we are humbled by the generosity of individuals and companies who supported

the Foundation's activities this year. So we would like to say a huge thank you to all our incredible donors, the Queensland Visiting Medical Officers Committee, and our major corporate partners: Queensland X-Ray; Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology; William Buck; Tresscox Lawyers; and MDA National. **Q**



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As Christmas approaches what better way to celebrate the holiday season than by sharing what you have with those who are less fortunate? At this time for giving, we urge you to please consider making a gift to the Foundation. Keep an eye out for your chance to help when our letter arrives in your mail soon or donate online today at [www.amaqfoundation.com.au](http://www.amaqfoundation.com.au).

Your generosity will have a positive impact on the lives of many by helping us in our mission to relieve sickness, suffering and disability among Queenslanders in need. **Q**



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