

Quarterly Newsletter for Staff

UOWcares

This Christmas show someone you care

This year buy all your Christmas cards through UOW print and distribution services and 25% of the purchase price will be donated to one of the 13 UOW Cares supported charities.

Show your community support, let others know about your charity of choice, personalise your message and all printed on 100% recycled paper. If you would like to find out more visit www.uow.edu.au/about/community/giving/2011events or by calling Rachel Dyer on 4252 8889.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Above: one of the six UOW Cares Christmas cards to choose from. Visit www.uow.edu.au/printdistribution

WHO WE SUPPORT

AUSTISM SPECTRUM
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COAST SCHOOL
AUSTRALIAN
CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION
CANCER COUNCIL NSW
CAREFLIGHT
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UOW LEARNING &
DEVELOPMENT FUND
TANNA ISLAND HOSPITAL
RELIEF FUND (TIHRF)

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Weerona College Residents "In the Pink"

October is fundraising month for Weerona College. Residents and staff members again supported the McGrath Foundation "Think Pink" Breakfast and Girls Night In for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"The challenge was to match the totals raised last year," said Leanne Robinson, Student Residence Manager, Weerona College. "No one could've foreseen the amazing effort in fundraising that took place." In just a few hours, \$1331 was raised for The McGrath Foundation and \$1375.85 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



Weerona College residents have raised in excess of \$10,000 for charity in 2011.

Above: Weerona residents 'pink it up!'

African \$ matching

Donate to Oxfam's African appeal before November 30th and the federal government will match your donation dollar for dollar. Visit www.uow.edu.au/about/community/giving or www.oxfam.org.au

**DONATE NOW TO
DOUBLE
YOUR DONATION**

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



UPCOMING EVENTS

1 NOV - 10 DEC

CHRISTMAS CARDS THAT GIVE

Purchase UOW Cares Christmas cards that keep on giving and support your community. 25% of the purchase price will be donated to the UOW Cares charity of choice. Visit www.uow.edu.au/printdistribution

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER THE SMITH FAMILY'S TOY AND BOOK APPEAL

Spread a little Christmas cheer to disadvantaged Aussie kids. visit <http://thesmithfamily.simplygiving.com.au>

NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

visit www.pancreaticcancersupport.com.au

NOVEMBER AUTISM RESEARCH

Take part in a new Aspect adult research project. For more information visit www.aspect.org.au

12 - 15 JANUARY 2012 ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL

The festival is offering support to local charities through their community ticketing scheme. Visit www.illawarrafolkfestival.com.au

Coffee Week aids students

UOW coffee drinkers recently put their caffeine consumption to good use by supporting student scholarships in the 4th annual Coffee for a Cause campaign.

By drinking coffee and using 'keep cups' participants went into the draw of a \$900 coffee machine, Unishop vouchers and Oxfam fair trade goodies.

A total of \$2,196 was donated to the UOW Learning and Development Fund.

IHMRI's, Sue Baker-Finch, won the coffee machine.

UOW Cares Co-ordinator, Rachel

Dyer, said it was an excellent opportunity for staff and students to 'give back' to the campus community.

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Below: Ms Sue Baker-Finch the lucky coffee machine winner.



PARTNER FOCUS

UOW Graduate School of Medicine (GSM) students are bringing Tanna Islanders solutions for health and hope.

With Tuberculosis being endemic on the island, limited resources, (there is one ambulance for a population of 34,000 people) and the need for improved capacity, GSM student Benny Hill came home determined to create a long-term solution.

The Tanna Island Hospital Relief Fund (TIHRF) is the result of six months of consultation between UOW, the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, the student body and Hill's father who is working at the Tanna hospital.

The fund provides an opportunity to bring together university students with medicine, nursing, public health and engineering backgrounds to work together towards



health empowerment and capacity building in the Tanna Island communities.

With the additional involvement from local health care workers and the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, the project has already increased Tuberculosis detection and provided local health care workers with the tools necessary to treat new cases.

"The most prevalent health problems in Tanna are TB, hepatitis, abscesses, malaria, pneumonia, typhoid fever, meningitis and skin infections," said Mr Hill.

Due to the lack of a strong formal economy and poor infrastructure, Vanuatu's development is highly dependent on foreign aid.

The TIHRP has completed a 10 year proposal which has been endorsed by UOW and the Vanuatu Ministry of Health and hopes to raise \$60,000 over the next 12 months to fund its goals. The group has extended a plea to the UOW community, Alumni and businesses to help fund the initiative in its early stages.

TIHRF is dependent on the generous support of the Graduate School of Medicine, and through private donors.

UOW staff are encouraged to support TIHRF through the UOW cares program by emailing community@uow.edu.au or visiting www.wumss.org.au/wumss/Tanna/Tanna.html

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