

Macquarie Group Foundation awarded for health research support

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie Group - has been recognised as a community leader for its longstanding commitment to areas of health and medical research.

The Macquarie Group Foundation, one of Australia's largest corporate benefactors, will be awarded the Leadership in Corporate Giving Award at tonight's (Friday 20 November) Research Australia "Thank You" Day Awards in Melbourne.

A key focus of the Macquarie Group Foundation is its support of the health and medical research community. In a unique and innovative partnership with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Australia, the Macquarie Group Foundation committed \$2.2 million over four years to significantly impact Type 1 Diabetes research.

Through a partnership with MS Research Australia, the Macquarie Group Foundation also provided initial funding to develop the organisation's fundraising capacity. Over five years, Macquarie has given more than \$600,000 to MS Research Australia.

"It is a huge honour to have the work of the Foundation recognised by Research Australia," said Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation.

"The Macquarie Group Foundation has supported health and research for more than 36 years and over this period, we have been a part of and witnessed groundbreaking work from some of Australia's outstanding researchers and organisations. Our intention is to continue to help build the capacity of these organisations – assisting them in achieving their goals and ultimately benefiting those in need. We accept the Leadership in Corporate Giving Award with great appreciation."

The Leadership in Corporate Giving Award recognises and fosters involvement of Australian businesses, both small and large, in advancing health and medical research. Previous recipients of this award include Estee Lauder, Channel Seven and LJ Hooker.

The Awards celebrate the achievements of organisations and individuals who have helped advance medical and health research in Australia. They are a highlight of Research Australia's "Thank You" Day campaign to raise public awareness about the benefits of health and medical research to the community.

The "Thank You" Day awards will be held at 6.30pm tonight (Friday 20 November) at BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne. This year's winners are:

- Leadership in Corporate Giving Award: **Macquarie Group Foundation**
- Victorian Government Leadership and Innovation Award: **Professor Joseph Sambrook**
- Griffith University Discovery Award: **Dr Sarah Whittle**
- Macquarie Group Foundation Great Australian Philanthropy Award: **Clive Berghofer OAM**
- Advocacy Award: Professor **Ian Hickie AM FASSA**
- Research Australia Lifetime Achievement Award: **Elaine Henry OAM**

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