

# ACMA Charitable Trust

*letter to ACMA members and supporters*

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ACMA Charitable Trust was established on 19 November 1992. This will be the 16th year of ACMA Charitable Trust. Fundraising has been the *raison d'être* of the Trust charitable work. Over the years, many ACMA members and friends have been part of helping the Trust grow.

It is worth mentioning the Trust's objects. They are:

- a. the advancement of education in medicine and/or surgery
- b. the undertaking of scientific research and studies in medicine and/or surgery
- c. the dissemination of medical information to the public
- d. the relief of poverty and distress of the sick and the elderly
- e. the relief of hardship of the widowed, orphaned and others in need
- f. the publication of learned articles in medicine and/or surgery
- g. the organisation of medical conferences seminars and other forums in the advancement of medical knowledge
- h. the establishment and administration of scholarships bursaries and other forms of financial assistance to promote and encourage the undertaking of medical research and/or studies
- i. the making of gifts, subscription or donations to other publicly registered charities

As time passes, we must take a moment to reflect on the achievements that have been accomplished.

Between 1992-2003, the Trust have raised funds and supported the following causes:

- Established a child health & safety display at the Children's Hospital, Westmead
- Funded a study into the smoking habit and the effect of intervention program on this habit amongst Chinese men in Sydney
- Supported the NSW Cancer Council
- Supported CanRevive in their work with cancer patients
- Supported Sir David Martin Foundation in their work with homeless youth
- Awarded study grants to young doctors pursuing further training overseas and locally
- Supported an overseas patient in need of life saving bone marrow transplantation in Sydney

Last time I wrote about the fundraising appeal to save an abandoned baby girl Fu Wen Yu in China with extrophy of bladder. The Appeal raised \$8880.90 and the operation was successful. Baby Fu Wen Yu has returned to China. The Trust is indebted to the support and generosity of many ACMA members, friends and Drs Graham Smith and David Little of The Children's Hospital, Westmead.

During 2004, the Trust amended its Trust Deed to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Gaming & Racing in relation to the application for Authority to fundraise for charitable purposes. An Authority for the Trust to fundraise from the public, organisations and individuals for charitable purposes was granted for three years. Furthermore, indemnity insurance was also secured for the Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to the objects and provisions of the Trust Deed, the Trust collaborated with the Transcultural Mental Health Centre NSW and successfully co-hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chinese Cultural Competency workshop to raise awareness about culturally competent services.

The workshop was held on 20 October 2006 and was well attended by medical practitioners, psychologists, psychiatrists, academics and other allied health providers. Over 170 delegates attended, representing various organisations. They included the following:

Anglicare, Barnardos, DOCS, CASS, TAFE, NSW Police, Area Health Services, Community Health Centres, Mental Health Services, Australian Red Cross, Migrant Resource Centre, Asian Welfare Centre, Auburn, Concord, Liverpool, Bankstown, Westmead, Cumberland, Childrens, Nepean Hospitals, Carers NSW, Multicultural aged & disability support services, Dept of Housing, Home care service of NSW, UNSW counselling service, Uniting care Burnside, Wesley Dalmar, Early childhood centre, Schizophrenia Fellowship, Youth Health Services, Chinese Women's Association of Australia, Diversity Health Institute, Universities of NSW, Macquarie, Wollongong, St Vincents Mental Health Service

At the beginning of this year, the Trust lodged a renewal application for a fundraising authority under section 16 of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. After thorough assessment, the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing approved ACMA Charitable Trust to

hold a charitable fundraising authority subject to compliance with the Act, the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2003 and the authority conditions.

I am pleased to report this Authority is in force from 21 January 2007 until 20 January 2012.

The trustees meet regularly to consider project proposals. Prudent regards were given to issues like consistency with our objects, available resources, fundraising expectation and leverage potential, among others. During the past year, the Charitable Trust discussed a proposed medical research project called "Project Ginseng". After much deliberation, the project was not taken up mainly because it may require significant funding for a lengthy period of time in keeping with its likely commercial potential.

Please let us know if you need fundraising assistance in an exciting project or good community cause that meet with the Trust's object. The trustees welcome and value any suggestion or feedback. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to thank our Auditor Mr Alex Hopkins for his financial guidance. I would also like to thank the Honorary Treasurer Mr Geoff McIntyre, Honorary Secretary Dr Fook Ying Chiew and Honorary Legal Adviser Mr James Lee for their excellent work and Prof Wai On Phoon, Dr Kai Yan Quek for their invaluable contribution since I took up the Chairman's position in 2004.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank many of you for your generosity and valued support over the years. As you are aware, we couldn't give without your help. I hope you will choose to support us again. Please send your tax-deductible gifts today to ensure the Charitable Trust continue to help those in need.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you and your family a safe and joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Dr Patrick Tan  
Chairman,  
ACMA Charitable Trust

19 November 2007

PS Please mail your tax-deductible donation to:  
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