

## Stories in this Months' Edition:

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If you have stories that you'd like to share with us, please email: [info@givingwest.org.au](mailto:info@givingwest.org.au)

We look forward to working with you and others in creating a landscape where giving is a way of living in WA.



Bankwest and Squire Sanders shave teams in Bankwest Place raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave.

## Coming together for the World's Greatest Shave

Bankwest Place became the arena for the collaboration effort between Bankwest and tenants of Raine Square in an effort to raise money for the World's Greatest Shave on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. The event was supported by hosts Raine Square and Atlas Iron, and involved Bankwest and Squire Sanders staff forming 'shave teams'.

Volunteers from retailers Blow Dry Bar and Essential Beauty were on hand to shave, colour and wax the legs and arms of the teams, and offer instant colours and crops for a donation.

## Andrew Forrest Pledge

In a pledge to donate half their wealth to charity, Andrew and Nicola Forrest will be giving away at least \$2.5 billion of their approximately \$5 billion worth.

The Forrest's are the first Australians to join The Giving Pledge, established by billionaires Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, an initiative for the world's billionaires to dedicate at least half of their fortunes to philanthropy.

Passers-by joined in on the action, and other retailers supported the efforts of shave team members by offering discounts at their stores. Staff at Wave International (located upstairs) dared colleagues to undergo waxing and shaving in an impromptu effort to further raise money.

The teams collectively raised over \$18,500 towards the cause, which will help the Leukaemia Foundation provide practical and emotional support to those with blood cancer.

Andrew and Nicola are one of 12 non-American families to be a part of the now 105 billionaires who have signed up to the pledge.

They will join the likes of Richard Branson and his wife, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Facebook Creator Mark Zuckerberg in a bid to inspire others to join the philanthropic movement.

## Congratulations to the winners of PwC Transparency Awards 2013

- Best First Time Entrant**  
*Good Beginnings Australia*
- Paul Carter Most Improved Award**  
*St John Ambulance | SA*
- Runner up (revenue \$5m-\$30m)**  
*St John Ambulance | SA*
- Winner (revenue \$5m-\$30m)**  
*Youth Off The Streets*
- Runner up (revenue >\$30m)**  
*Mission Australia*
- Winner (revenue >\$30m)**  
*Plan Australia*

*Announced April 2013*

The Fortescue Metals Group Ltd chairman has hinted at the causes his money may go towards, stating that our least fortunate are "our first Australians, and globally those suffering the unbearable yoke of modern slavery and forced labour".

And yes, they did get their children's blessing first before giving away their inheritance.

“ We join your hope, with our friends in Australia, that our example will give others in fortunate circumstances pause. ”

Their letter to join the pledge can be viewed at [givingpledge.org](http://givingpledge.org)

## Kids Who Give

On a mission to teach kids about giving back to the community, Kids Who Give is a new concept at WA schools championed by the Governor Malcolm McCusker and Mrs McCusker.

Designed to 'encourage and nurture the social conscience of young people', the program celebrates and rewards outstanding acts of giving by children aged 12 and under in West Australian schools.

The aim is to build philanthropy into the curriculum so that the next generation can learn to gain a sense of fulfillment through the act of helping others. And by the looks of the first few videos on their website there are some great initiatives coming out of it.

10 year old Josie Perkins started a petition to save Sumatran elephants from extinction after seeing them on a family holiday in Bali and upon returning, reading about their plight in the newspaper.

12 year old Morgan Farley and Abby Vis, and 9 year old Ben Vis helped serve food and put together hampers for the homeless at Christmas.

In Ben's words on giving back, "you feel like sort of the best person you can be".

### **Congratulations to the 2013 WA Youth Award Winners**

**Minister for Youth's Most Outstanding Youth  
Worker Award**  
*Jessica Kain*

**Motivate! Woodside Award**  
*Lewis Abdullah, 19*

**Create! Propel Youth Arts Award**  
*Jennifer Hannam, 17*

**Innovate! BHP Billiton Award**  
*ICEA (Indigenous Communities Education and  
Awareness) Foundation*

**Educate! Edith Cowan University Award**  
*Ashlee Harrison, 25*

**Recreate! Cadets WA Award**  
*Jarrad Prior, 25*

*Announced April 2013*

## The Funding Network



In a Dragons' Den style affair, The Funding Network hosted its pilot event for Perth on March 6<sup>th</sup> in an attempt to bring the UK based concept to WA. Four social change projects were chosen and pitched to a room full of members and guests ready to donate.

This first event saw presentations from Mobile GP, Zanders Community Education: The Life Skills Program, The Imagination Games, and the South East Asia Investigation into Social and Humanitarian Activities (SISHA).

Each project was given 6 minutes to present their proposal to the room of donors, followed by 6 minutes of questioning before the pledging began. With a minimum pledge of \$100, the aim was to raise at least

\$10,000 per project, with members and guests having the freedom to choose which projects to support.

### **Together we can achieve a greater impact.**

The Funding Network is all about collaborative giving to create social change. Founder Dr Frederick Mulder came up with the concept ten years ago along with three friends that decided to pool their resources to see if they could facilitate greater change working together than they could individually.

Now with more than 4,000 donors funding over 600 projects around the world, the success sparked the interest of the late Steve Lawrence AO while in the UK in late 2011, who joined forces with Lisa Cotton, CEO of Funding Edge, to establish the model here. With pilot events in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, the goal is to formally establish The Funding Network in Australia by the end of 2013.

For more information, visit [www.thefundingnetwork.com.au](http://www.thefundingnetwork.com.au)

#### **Mobile GP**

Perth's largest provider of healthcare services to the homeless and marginalised.

#### **Zanders Community Education: The Life Skills Program**

A whole-of-life learning approach to empower and develop talented Aboriginal students as future leaders.

#### **The Imagination Games**

Motivating teachers to use imaginative play to develop skills that will enable children to work more effectively.

#### **South East Asia Investigations into Social and Humanitarian Activities (SISHA)**

Striving to provide justice for victims of human trafficking and other forms of exploitation throughout South East Asia.