

We're with you



Westpac Olympic Youth Program

Our Westpac Olympic Youth Program has helped Australia's 3.1 million school children learn about and experience Olympic ideals such as achievement, teamwork, goal setting and friendship, values which will help them achieve later in life. From hundreds of schools that participated, 24 schools won Olympic prizes and five schools won a trip to attend the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.



Operation Backyard

Our support for local environmental initiatives is driven by staff involvement. Through our environmental funding program, Operation Backyard, Westpac staff can apply for funding for environmental projects in which they are involved as volunteers. Since its inception in October 1998, over \$580,000 has been committed to 126 projects in local communities across Australia with over 80% going to rural and regional areas.

Olympic Landcare

Westpac is proud to have been a major financial supporter of this initiative to plant two million trees over three years across Australia to leave a lasting legacy of the "Green Games". Additionally, our staff identified 26 sites around the nation where they wanted to focus their efforts, and they and their families joined in the tree planting events at the designated sites.



At Westpac our corporate community involvement is driven by a belief that we have a responsibility to support the local communities where we live and work. This helps us to better understand the communities we serve and to better meet their needs. When Westpac staff donate time or money to worthwhile causes, we're with them through flexible working arrangements and dollar for dollar donation matching. Our staff have a long and proud history of local community involvement and support. We're with them all the way.



Westpac Volunteers
Working in the Community

Staff Volunteering

Through our staff volunteering program, over one-third of our staff are actively involved in their local communities as volunteers. Westpac supports this voluntary work through paid time off for volunteering and flexible working arrangements to enable staff to meet their community service commitments.



Children 2000

As an important part of Westpac's partnership with the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, the Children 2000 program offered 80 charitable organisations the opportunity for over 2,000 disadvantaged children to attend the Olympic Games and experience the excitement of this once in a lifetime event.

Matching Gifts

Our most comprehensive staff community support program is Westpac Matching Gifts, where the generosity of our staff is supported by matching, dollar for dollar, their contributions to any tax deductible charity of their choice. Since December 1998 these contributions have been matched, bringing the total distribution to over \$1.6 million to some 300 charities across Australia.



World Vision

One of the most popular charities supported by staff through the Matching Gifts program is World Vision Australia. Over \$66,000 has gone to their Child Sponsorship program and to a micro financing project in Zimbabwe which provides loans for 5,250 locals to establish their own businesses.





Westpac Rescue Helicopters

2000 marks the 27th anniversary of Westpac's longest standing community service commitment – a commitment that helps make the difference between life and death for hundreds of people each year – to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Services in NSW and Qld. Services operate from five bases in NSW, two in Qld, and four in New Zealand, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to help save lives.



Red Shield Appeal

Westpac has been a proud supporter of the Salvos for over 40 years. Staff around the country volunteer their time to collect, count and bank money raised for The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal in May each year.

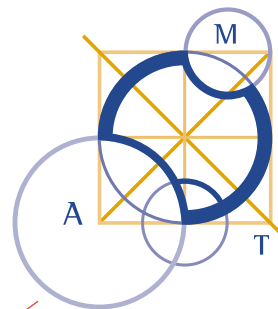
Learning for Life – Access for Rural Youth

Giving young Australians an opportunity to complete school and go on to tertiary study is at the heart of The Smith Family's Learning for Life program. The Westpac Foundation has given \$1 million to expand the program into nine new rural areas supporting an extra 2,350 students and to provide 44 new tertiary scholarships for students from rural areas.



Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards

This annual competition is designed to give all students an opportunity to achieve in mathematics and to provide an extra challenge for those who are interested. It is the largest of its kind in the world, attracting 450,000 secondary school students from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific in 2000. Westpac has proudly sponsored this competition since its inception in 1978.



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Bandaged Bear Day

Staff hold a special place in their hearts for the sick kids at the New Children's Hospital Westmead. Support has been provided not only through personal donations but through fundraising events and promotions for Bandaged Bear Day.



Managing Director's Staff Community Service Awards

Each year the Managing Director recognises staff volunteering excellence through this awards program. Since the inception of the Awards over \$400,000 has been distributed to community organisations with whom our winners have volunteered.



Surf Lifesaving

Westpac has been a partner with Surf Life Saving in Queensland since 1976. Each year during Surf Life Saving Week our staff encourage their customers and local community members to help raise funds which support the 6,000 active surf life saver volunteers who patrol our beaches.



Life Education Trust

WestpacTrust is the national partner of this program that sees 34 regional Trusts around New Zealand visiting schools to provide positive health messages focusing on the dangers of substance abuse. Annual visits to over 1,400 primary and intermediate schools reach some 250,000 children throughout the country.

Paralympic Support

Westpac is proud to support members of the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Team through its Paralympic Employment Program enabling these elite athletes to balance their career development with the considerable demands of training and competition. Westpac was a major supporter of the Australian Paralympic Committee's Gold Medal Appeal accepting donations and selling pins through our branch network.

Walk for the Cure

Westpac is a major national sponsor of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's 'Walk for the Cure'. In October 1999 over 3,200 staff and their families participated in the Walk, raising close to \$150,000 towards research into finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes.



what a difference a day makes!



Amy Winters Paralympic athlete