



Media Release

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The Public Trustee rewards outstanding philanthropist

The Public Trustee of Queensland, Peter Carne, today joined representatives from The Queensland Community Foundation (QCF) and Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Vice-Chancellor, Peter Coaldrake to present Ms Laurie Cowled with The Public Trustee sponsored Community Philanthropist of the Year Award at QUT's Old Government House.

The Public Trustee of Queensland, Peter Carne said as Trustee for the Queensland Community Foundation he was pleased to present The Public Trustee sponsored award to acknowledge an outstanding contribution to community philanthropy.

'Nearly \$1.5M has been donated to QUT through the Cowled Foundation with an additional bequest to support a number of scholarships for gifted indigenous and socially and economically disadvantaged women,' Mr Carne said.

'Laurie Cowled set up the Ron Macnamara Rural Nursing Scholarship. Named after her late husband the scholarship will foster the further education of advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners in rural Australia.

'It is people like Laurie that bring so much to the lives of others, philanthropy in Queensland is stronger because of her commitment.

'Each year we provide over \$24M in free support and services to Queenslanders through our Community Service Obligations. These are provided at no cost to the Government or the taxpayer.

'This includes supporting the Queensland Community Foundation who hosted the awards as part of Philanthropy Week celebrations.

'The Queensland Community Foundation provides a way for every Queenslander to leave a lasting legacy to our State. When people make a donation or nominate a bequest, charities and community organisations across the state can benefit from annual grant allocations.

'The funding for these grants come from the interest derived from the Queensland Community Foundation's perpetual capital,' Mr Carne said.

QUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Coaldrake said Ms Cowled's support was helping to shape a new generation of women leaders who would have a positive impact on the world.

'The university is grateful for Laurie Cowled's ongoing and generous philanthropy that has helped to change the lives of many QUT women and provided them with scholarships and opportunities they might not otherwise have had,' Professor Coaldrake said.

Every Queenslander over 18 requires a Will and a valid Enduring Power of Attorney. The Public Trustee is self funding our Wills are prepared 100% free of charge at no cost to the Queensland taxpayer.

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