

# CQUniversity on board to raise money for charities

Red Cross, rescue chopper and RFDS are on the help list

CQUniversity staff are now able to donate to a range of charities, as chosen by staff, including CQUniversity's Workplace Giving Program. It is a preferred method for most charities to receive payments, as it allows them to receive a steady source of income, and reduces their admin costs.

CQUniversity vice-chancellor and president Professor Scott Bowman and members of the Workplace Giving steering committee recently visited RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service, one of the charities participating in CQUniversity's new Workplace Giving Program. They were able to view the new Sikorsky S76 helicopter and find out about the service it provides to the community.

The university has always been an avid supporter of local charities, having partnered with many charitable

organisations such as Cancer Council Queensland through donations to its support centre, the annual Relay for Life event, Christmas drives for the Salvos, and The Smith Family's Learning for Life program.

CQUniversity is a large employer in the Central Queensland region, and it is hoped the program will provide an additional source of support for all the charities included in the program: Australian Red Cross, Cancer Council Queensland, The Fred Hollows Foundation, RACQ Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service, Royal Flying Doctor Service, The Salvation Army, and a fund to support CQUniversity students in need, called CQUni Cares.

CQUniversity staff are passionate about their students' welfare and success, and CQUni Cares provides a method for staff to assist students in financial need. Many students



**HELPING HAND:** CHRS executive officer Kay Becker, senior base pilot Vince Corcoran and WGP committee members Jeni Richardson, Narelle Stubbins, Tamsen Clifford-Banks, and vice-chancellor Professor Scott Bowman.

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are forced to abandon their studies due to financial constraints, and this fund will ease some of the financial pressure.

Community members can also contribute to the fund via an online giving facility found at [www.donors.cqu.edu.au](http://www.donors.cqu.edu.au).

Statistics show that students who receive scholarships are 40% less likely to drop out of their studies than other students.

More information about the program can be found at [www.cqu.edu.au/workplacegiving](http://www.cqu.edu.au/workplacegiving). Email any enquiries

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