



COMMONWEALTH BANK SUPPORTS CANCER RESEARCH

2 February 2009: In the lead up to World Cancer Day on 4 February, the Commonwealth Bank has reaffirmed its commitment to raising awareness and funds for cancer research. The Commonwealth Bank is again running its Hitting Cancer for Six program and is wrapping-up another year of fundraising through its support of the Australian Women's Health Diary.

As part of the Commonwealth Bank One Day Cricket Series, Hitting Cancer for Six will see the Bank donate \$1,000 for every six hit during the Series, with all funds raised going to the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia (BCIA) and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA).

Commonwealth Bank cricket ambassador, Mike Hussey, welcomed the Bank's "Hitting Cancer for Six" program for the third successive year.

"So far, we have raised \$22,000 and counting, and with the determination in our team, I am confident that we have many more sixes to come," Mr Hussey said.

Hitting Cancer for Six follows another successful year of cancer fundraising initiatives for the Commonwealth Bank. The Australian Women's Health Diaries have been sold to customers and staff since October, raising more than \$126,000 for the BCIA. To date, the Bank's support for the BCIA has raised over \$1.25 million for breast cancer research.

Tristan Wills, Executive General Manager Community Reputation & Sponsorship said: "At the Commonwealth Bank we've been proud of supporting Cricket for 22 years and the Australian Women's Health Diary for 11 years. Our support is part of our proud history and long standing commitment to the Australian community.

"Ahead of World Cancer Day, we continue to be inspired by the commitment and passion of our partners at the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, as they continue their great work to support vital research and find a cure for cancer.

"Integrating the Hitting Cancer for Six program into our cricket sponsorship and having our staff so actively involved in supporting the Australian Women's Health Diary, are great examples of us all working together to make a difference," Ms Wills concluded.

Cheques will be presented to the BCIA and the PCFA during the awards ceremony after the last final has been played.

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About Commonwealth Bank in the community

The Commonwealth Bank has been actively supporting the Australian community since it opened its doors in 1912. The Bank combines the work of the Commonwealth Bank Foundation, our community partners and our people to achieve social outcomes that enrich the communities in which we live and work. Our community support covers financial literacy, cancer research, the arts, sport, social welfare and environment.

About the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia (BCIA)

The BCIA is committed to funding the Australian New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group. This is Australia's national organisation dedicated entirely to breast cancer clinical trials research. Its research aims to identify the most effective treatment to cure every person diagnosed with breast cancer, and prevention for all those at risk. For further information about the BCIA, please call 1800 423 444 or visit www.bcia.org.au.

About the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA)

The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia is the peak national body for prostate cancer in Australia. It is dedicated to raising awareness about prostate cancer and providing support, information and advocacy to men and their families impacted by prostate cancer. The PCFA relies on the generosity of the community to help fund research into the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of prostate cancer. For further information about the PCFA, please call the toll free number, 1800 22 00 99, or visit www.prostate.org.au.