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ANZ commits \$250,000 to match shareholder charity donations

ANZ today committed \$250,000 to match shareholder donations under a program that is the first of its kind for companies serviced by the major share registries in Australia.

Under the ANZ Shareholder Dividend Charity Donation Program, shareholders can elect to donate some or all of their dividend to their nominated charity from a list of 28 registered charities.

ANZ Chairman, Mr Charles Goode said: "This is an opportunity for ANZ shareholders to share some of the income from their investment in ANZ with charities serving our community. ANZ will match donations by shareholders to the charity of their choice up to a total of \$250,000 in the first year.

"We are the first company in Australia serviced by the major share registries to provide shareholders with a program which offers them the opportunity to donate all or part of their dividends to a wide range of charities," Mr Goode said.

Charities in the past year have already benefited from \$910,000 in donations under existing donation programs for ANZ staff and customers, with matching funding from ANZ.

Key elements of the new ANZ Shareholder Dividend Charity Donation Program are:

- it is open to all shareholders who are Australian-resident taxpayers and who are entitled to receive a cash dividend in Australian Dollars;
- shareholders will receive information about the program and election forms with their July interim dividend statement this month;
- shareholders should complete and return their donation election forms to ANZ's Share Registry by 15 November 2006 for their donations to start with effect from the December 2006 final dividend.

Welcoming the program, the Australian Charities Fund Chief Executive, Ms Joanna White said: "As a partner of ANZ's successful payroll giving program, we would like to congratulate ANZ on the insight to expand Community Giving to shareholders.

"As ANZ has already proven through the staff and customer components of the program, Australians are generous, especially when presented with an easy and efficient way to give. Hopefully ANZ's leadership of this program will inspire other Australian companies to provide the opportunity for staff, customers and shareholders to give," Ms White said.

The Smith Family's Chief Operating Officer Mr Paul Henderson said: "This is a pioneering initiative, and an easy and innovative way for donors to share their good fortune. Australians have proven time and again that, given the opportunity, they are willing to dig deep for causes that matter to them. This straightforward donation process will enable many more Australians to help those in need, and we strongly encourage other publicly listed companies to follow suit."

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The charities to which ANZ shareholders can choose to donate are: Alzheimer's Australia, Amnesty International Australia, Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Foundation, Berry Street Victoria, beyondblue: the national depression initiative, Brotherhood of St Laurence, CanTeen, Comic Relief Australia, Diabetes Australia Research Trust, Foodbank Australia, Greening Australia, Habitat for Humanity Australia, Howard Florey Institute, Kids Help Line, Lifeline Australia Inc, McGuinness McDermott Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Oxfam Australia, Reach, Reconciliation Australia, Royal Flying Doctor Service, RSPCA Australia, Starlight Children's Foundation Australia, The Benevolent Society, The Cancer Council Australia, The Smith Family and World Vision of Australia.

ANZ has worked closely with its Share Registry, Computershare to develop this program.

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Background on ANZ's Community Giving programs

Community Giving – for staff

ANZ staff have a number of ways to donate to a charity of their choice and have their contribution matched. **Payroll Giving** enables staff to make tax-effective donations to community organizations through regular payroll deductions. **Team Giving** allows staff to conduct local fundraisers for different charities and have these team activities supported by the group through matching funds.

Since the launch of Community Giving in April 2005, with ANZ matched donations, staff have contributed more than \$302,000 to 18 charities. A further almost \$100,000, including ANZ matching, has been donated to varied charities through Team Giving. ANZ matches staff donations to Community Giving with the aim of doubling the contribution we make to Australian charities. ANZ will match all donations of up to \$1,000 per staff member, with a total commitment of \$1 million per annum.

Community Giving – for customers

ANZ's Customer Donations Program provides ANZ Internet Banking customers a convenient and simple way to donate to charity. Since its launch in March 2005, with ANZ matched donations, customers have contributed more than \$510,000 to 24 charities. Using ANZ's existing PayAnyone function, ANZ facilitates direct donations to a range of charities. By donating through ANZ Internet Banking customers can be sure that 100 per cent of their donation is going directly to the charity of their choice.

Community Giving – for shareholders

ANZ's new **Shareholder Dividend Charity Donation Program** outlined in this media release.