

Community and the workplace

The primary objective of ASX's community partnerships is to have ASX play a positive and constructive role in the wider community. ASX is active in the community in three ways.

Key Community Partnerships

ASX has long-term community partnerships that support conservation through the Taronga Zoo and the Taronga Foundation, and medical research through the Garvan Institute. ASX's association with Taronga is focused on the Australian Marine Mammals Research Centre and ASX Frog Focus.

ASX Reuters Charity Foundation

Australian Stock Exchange and Reuters Australia joined forces in 1999 to continue the annual charity golf tournament held for the last 17 years. During this time the charity has distributed nearly \$14 million of funds raised to selected charities. Funds are raised through sponsorships, entry fees, auctions and the sale of Art Union tickets. Beneficiaries include children's organisations, medical research, and various ASX community partners.

ASX Community Exchange

ASX aims to improve the communities where our staff live and work. The introduction of a new payroll-giving scheme during June 2003 is designed to efficiently support employees who wish to contribute to the community.

The charities initially chosen by ASX employees to participate in the voluntary scheme are ASX's community partners, Taronga Foundation and Garvan Institute for Medical Research, as well as Landcare Australia, The Salvation Army, The Smith Family, Inspire Foundation and Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

The program enables voluntary deductions from an employee's salary to be directed to individually selected charities from the defined group of beneficiaries.

Through the combined efforts of these three initiatives, ASX provides assistance to a total of 24 different community organisations. The key areas of support are:

- Children's illness and disability;
- Major diseases and medical research – including cancer;
- Children and families at risk;
- Environment and animal conservation;
- Poverty and homelessness; and
- Youth at risk.

ASX extends its commitment to raising the profile of medical research through its support for Research Australia. Research Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation with the mission of making health and medical research a higher national priority. ASX has provided both financial and in-kind assistance to support the activities of Research Australia.

Research Australia's message is that every day, everybody benefits from health and medical research. Increased funding and investment in research from all sources will ultimately improve people's health and quality of life, in the current and future generations, and will also strengthen the national economy by generating new businesses and industry.

ASX workplace

In addition to these community partnerships, ASX supports programs aimed at improving awareness and diversifying our workforce. Specifically, ASX funds two projects aimed at increasing the knowledge base of its workforce. ASX has for many years sponsored awards for excellence in the Securities Institute of Australia's financial markets courses. ASX also provides financial support to staff undertaking studies in the Securities Institute programs.

More recently ASX commenced its participation in the National Indigenous Cadetship Program. This program provides a three-year summer internship at ASX for an indigenous law student. ASX also provides financial support towards the completion of the cadet's studies.



July 1995
ASX listing rule introduced requiring all listed companies to report on their corporate governance practices.

Queensland halves the rate of stamp duty on share transactions from 0.3% to 0.15%. All other states and territories subsequently match the reduction. The reduction is claimed to be responsible for \$18 billion of the \$41 billion increase in trading activity during the year.

Qantas Airways Limited lists.

3 July 1995
All Ords 2,001.88

August 1995
ASX's electronic Company Announcements Platform is launched.

ASX launches its website www.asx.com.au.

September 1995
France explodes nuclear device on Mururoa Atoll, wide protests ensue.

Israelis and Palestinians agree on transferring West Bank to Arabs.

October 1995
Los Angeles jury finds OJ Simpson not guilty of murder charges.

November 1995
Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin slain by Jewish extremist at peace rally.

Irish voters approve end to constitutional ban on divorce.

December 1995
ASIC launches the 'good advice' program to raise standards in retail stockbroking.



Market milestones

Domestic listed companies
1,133

Market capitalisation
A\$347 billion

Equities turnover
A\$159 billion

Equities trades
16,000 daily average

Options contracts
39,000 daily average