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## **Lady Bowen Trust provides support for Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville (FEAT)**

The Lady Bowen Trust today presented \$10,000 to Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville (FEAT) to provide assistance to people in the Townsville region who are experiencing homelessness, or who have a history of homelessness.

“The Lady Bowen Trust is focussed on providing practical help to people who had been homeless to transition to more stable housing arrangements. Roma House clients in Spring Hill in inner Brisbane have been the first beneficiaries of the Trust. Thanks to support from the Pratt Foundation, which provided funds to assist people experiencing homelessness in regional Queensland, the Trust is now able to extend its support to FEAT,” Ms Rhonda Phillips, Member of the Board of Advice of the lady Bowen Trust said.

“Queensland has the second highest rate of homelessness per capita in Australia. “The Pratt Foundation has recognised that homelessness is a particular issue in regional Queensland and has provided support to the Lady Bowen Trust in recognition that the community as a whole needs to work together to find solutions to the very complex issues associated with homelessness. This has enabled the Lady Bowen Trust to provide these funds to FEAT. The Trust is very appreciative of the assistance provided by the Pratt Foundation, and all our supporters who have a commitment to solving issues associated with homelessness”, Ms Phillips said.

“This funding will provide FEAT with the opportunity to provide accommodation or professional support to families in the Townsville region, where these funds are not available through other services or agencies.” Ms Phillips said.

“The Board of Advice is delighted that we’re able to announce this assistance at a time when FEAT is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and acknowledging the important role it has played in the Townsville community.” Ms Phillips said.

Launched in November 2006, the Lady Bowen Trust works with community partners in tailoring help to people who have complex, individual needs—from providing simple items such as bus tickets, to more substantial assistance such as accommodation or professional support.

The Lady Bowen Trust was established by the Queensland Government with an initial \$3 million funding provided by the Department of Housing and Residential Tenancies Authority. It is independent and managed by the Public Trustee of Queensland, guided by the Board of Advice comprising leaders from the business, government and community sectors.

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