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NAPSA's INAUGURAL VAMPIRE CUP

NAPSA has teamed up with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service for the first time to hold its inaugural NAPSA Vampire Cup.

This initiative was introduced to both help curb the shortage of blood supplies in our health care system but to also instil a sense of community spirit amongst pharmacy students across the country.

Ten of the twelve NAPSA branches participated in the program which ran from 20th August to the 28th September 2007. In total there were 101 donations which were tracked online using the Red Cross Website.

The winner of the inaugural competition was the Griffith University Association of Pharmacy Students (GUAPS) with 28 donations.

Paul Buise, NAPSA President, said: "Well done to GUAPS, they beat all of our other organisations hands down. Nationally, our target was to get 100 of our members to donate and we achieved that - just. Hopefully next year we can build on this good start and get more of our members donating blood and donating regularly."

The full results of the competition are below and are being released to coincide with annual NAPSA Congress being held in Sydney this month.

Organisation	No of donations	No of new donors	% Donated
Adelaide – SAPSA	1	1	0.2%
Bendigo – BAPS	11	4	8.5%
Brisbane – QPSA	6	0	1.5%
Gold Coast – GUAPS	28	3	12%
Hobart – TAPS	5	2	4.5%
Melbourne – VPSA	8	1	1%
Perth – WAPSA	8	3	2%
Sydney – SUPA	12	3	1.5%
Townsville – JCUPSA	8	1	3.5%
Wagga Wagga - Pharmers	14	1	6%
Total	101	19	

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