This report recognises the far-reaching impact that our donors have on all aspects of The Australian National University. I warmly thank all our generous donors for their exceptional contributions and commitment to ensuring that ANU excels in everything we do.

If ANU is to flourish as not just one of the great universities in Australia but the world, we need all the support from donors that we can possibly get. The stories in this report show how philanthropy at ANU works to support real change. Whether through removing barriers that prevent some of the best students from studying at ANU or assisting research that delivers a real difference, your generosity helps us to create a better world.

I hope you enjoy reading about the inspiring stories in this report, from moving individual efforts such as Yuki Hokari’s work to honour her brother’s memory, to community efforts such as the student callers and alumni who participated in the most successful ANU phone appeal to date.

Philanthropy is the springboard from which our endeavours reach higher and travel further. I thank you for your generous and continued support.

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC
Chancellor
The Australian National University

THANK YOU
Funds raised and pledged in 2016

$7.5 million
New funds raised for the University

$221,357
Largest pledge made in 2016

$490,000
Given to ANU by staff through the workplace giving program

$6.98 million
Funds received for 2016

3,847
Number of gifts

Who gave

2,220*

1,249
Alumni donors

971
Other donors

1,274
New donors

946
Existing donors

138
International donors

2,082
Australian donors

How it helped

370
Undergraduate scholarships

30
Postgraduate coursework scholarships

$4.85 million
In support of education and research

NB: All figures refer to activity in the Endowment for Excellence in 2016 unless specified otherwise. For more financial detail on the Endowment see page 42.

* Includes pledges, donations from ANU Foundation USA, gifts-in-kind. Excludes philanthropic grants.

* Includes donations from ANU Foundation USA and gifts-in-kind. Excludes philanthropic grants and pledges.

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* Includes gift-in-kind donors, excludes pledges and philanthropic grants.
2016 ANNUAL GIVING

Dialling a difference

Thanks to the generosity of the alumni community, the 2016 Phone Appeal was the most successful conducted by the University to date.

The appeal raised $120,128 in cash and pledged gifts to support ANU, including to The ANU Fund and the Konzo Prevention Fund. The ANU Fund contributes to scholarships and prizes, teaching facilities, campus activities and innovative research.

Over six-and-a-half weeks, 42 students called alumni to share news about campus, discuss ways for alumni to stay connected and ask for support. For the first time, alumni in the United States, recent graduates and graduates from the 1950s and 60s received calls as well. The response from these alumni was incredibly positive.

ANU students had 4,782 conversations with alumni and friends, resulting in 813 pledged gifts.

Image: Student callers of 2016 Phone Appeal (Photo by Stuart Hay)
I applied to work on the phone appeal because I felt really lucky to have been awarded a scholarship from generous donors. Working on the phone appeal affected how I look at being a scholarship holder because I was able to connect with the sorts of people who have given me the opportunity to be here: to come all the way from Perth and experience ANU. The appeal changed my view of philanthropy at ANU and of giving in general because I realised that there are people behind those donations as opposed to just money floating around in the ether. There are people who give everything from Tuckwell-level donations to recent graduates who are able to give $100 or $150, for example.

Everyone is valuable because you’re creating connections. Even if someone doesn’t donate today or donates just a small amount, you’re creating that link and communicating with them. I really enjoyed receiving advice from alumni who are happy to tell you what did and didn’t work for them and what they recommend for you. It’s a really fun thing to get to speak to some really awesome people.

To all the people we managed to speak to during the phone appeal I would say thank you for taking the time to tell me about your experiences. It’s great that we’re able to connect with alumni because it’s a very different channel of communication that isn’t often utilised. We’re lucky at ANU to be able to do that because creating those long-term connections is what counts.

Even if someone doesn’t donate today or donates just a small amount, you’re creating that link and communicating with them.”
ANU Giving Day – Let’s make konzo disappear

A record number of students, staff, alumni and friends raised over $85,000 through the ANU Giving Day appeal to help prevent the disease konzo.

All funds raised directly support educational programs run in partnership with the National Institute of Nutrition in the Democratic Republic of Congo to teach villagers Dr Bradbury’s affordable “wetting method”. Dr Colin Taylor, Director of Principal Gifts, said that the ANU Giving Day shows the power of the ANU community: “It was wonderful to see so many members of the ANU community come together to support ANU research that has a global impact.”
Vale Dr Howard Bradbury AM

“Someone like Howard reminds us about the other side of our work – the joy of doing good things, the value of others, and the role we play as citizens of a broader community.”

Dr Howard Bradbury AM passed away in 2016 at age 89, his death is a great loss for the ANU and the Australian science community. Dr Bradbury was one of the first chemistry academics appointed to ANU, arriving in 1961. In 2007, Dr Bradbury was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to science as a plant biochemist.

Professor Bradbury dedicated 26 years to preventing the neurological disease konzo, which causes irreversible paralysis of the legs, often in children and young women. Konzo is caused by malnutrition and consumption of high levels of a cyanide compound found in cassava: a staple food in tropical Africa.

Dr Bradbury developed the simple and inexpensive “wetting method” that removes the poisonous cyanide compound from cassava flour. He also developed a test kit to measure levels of cyanide in cassava and other food crops.

Konzo can’t be cured, but it can be prevented by educating those who prepare cassava. Dr Bradbury worked in collaboration with local health authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo to raise awareness of the “wetting method” and educate affected communities. This work has already prevented konzo in 16 villages across the region.

Professor Allen Rodrigo, Director, Research School of Biology, says:

“Someone like Howard reminds us about the other side of our work – the joy of doing good things, the value of others, and the role we play as citizens of a broader community.”
The ANU College of Law alumni community in London have created a unique opportunity for two students to intern in a London legal firm. The scholarship is valued at £8,000 and funds flights, accommodation and cost of living during a 12-week supervised internship that provides realistic, high-level and varied legal work experience.

The Dean of the ANU College of Law, Professor Stephen Bottomley, said the Law School was extremely proud of its alumni community and their willingness to give back and continue to enrich the student experience.

“ANU Law alumni are recognised leaders across a diverse range of sectors and make significant contributions in Australia and overseas. Whilst ANU Law students learn from some of Australia’s leading legal experts, we are proud to involve alumni in our learning environment and be able to offer this truly unique opportunity for students. I thank our alumni for their generous support and vision,” said Professor Bottomley.

Two students from the ANU College of Law, Sonali Fernando and Prashant Kelshiker, were awarded the inaugural scholarships. Sonali, originally from Perth, undertook her internship at Latham & Watkins LLP under the guidance of ANU Law alumnus Tom Evans, a Partner specialising in Mergers & Acquisitions.

“They tried to give me the best of everything they were working on at the time, and they would take the time to sit down and explain things or guide me. They definitely invest in you which I really appreciated,” Sonali said.

“One of the things I was involved in was a foundation called 28 Too Many which is trying to eliminate female genital mutilation in 28 African countries,” she said.

“And I worked on a matter for FINCA which provides microfinance for people in disadvantaged countries,” Prashant undertook his internship with Philip Coppel QC, at Cornerstone Barristers, set within London’s historic Gray’s Inn.

“One thing I really appreciated was the ability to work across a diverse range of cases. Philip was actively concerned to ensure I received exposure to work that was interesting and educational,” Prashant said.

Both Prashant and Sonali thanked the scholarship donors and the London committee for organising the opportunity.

“It affirmed my plans to work in the profession and I definitely think I’m in a better place to apply for clerkships now,” Sonali added.
World-leading act of modern philanthropy

“The program has a focus on giving back to Australia and is the only one of its kind that nurtures scholars to fulfil their broader community ambitions.”

In 2016, philanthropists Graham and Louise Tuckwell announced Australia’s largest personal philanthropic contribution to a university to fund a major expansion of the prized Tuckwell Scholarship Program at ANU. This inspirational philanthropic act is worth about $200 million over 30 years. The funding will come from two iconic new halls of residence at ANU to be built over the next two years, funded by Graham and Louise Tuckwell at a cost of around $100 million. The expansion also includes construction of a $10 million Scholars House building, which will be the pastoral, academic and social heart of the Tuckwell Scholarship program.

With their gift, Graham, an ANU alumnus, and Louise have become pioneers in the support of education in Australia. Their vision is to see school leavers fulfill their potential and reinvest their knowledge, skills and experience in ways that benefit others.

The program has a focus on giving back to Australia and is the only one of its kind that nurtures scholars to fulfill their broader community ambitions over and above the pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

The Tuckwell Scholarship program represents a partnership between ANU and the Graham & Louise Tuckwell Foundation. The partnership integrates their passion for education with Australia’s national university, offering students access to some of the world’s greatest minds and Australia’s best on-campus residential experience.
“I was motivated to establish the Love Scholarships because I wanted to ensure talented students wishing to come to ANU had every opportunity to do so.”

Emeritus Professor John Love arrived at the Institute of Advanced Studies at ANU in 1973 to research fibre optics, and retired as an Emeritus Professor in Guided Wave Photonics in the Physics Education Centre at the Research School of Physics and Engineering. Professor Love was deeply connected to the ANU and Canberra community as a teacher, pioneer researcher and philanthropist. In 2014, Professor Love established the flagship Love Scholarship program at ANU to help support students whose circumstances would have prevented them from studying at university. He was committed to supporting equity, excellence and diversity at ANU, and creating opportunities for students to reach their full potential. He passed away in 2016.

Professor Love spent his life helping people from all walks of life and his giving will continue, through his bequest to ANU, to assist students, researchers and particularly the recipients of the Love Scholarship. His bequest will continue his legacy and ensure that his generosity will extend beyond his life’s journey. The Love bequest will support future Love scholars, create a prestigious Vice-Chancellor’s Award and an accommodation bursary for regional physics students, along with a generous gift in support of world-class cancer research at ANU.

“I was motivated to establish the Love Scholarships because I wanted to ensure talented students wishing to come to ANU had every opportunity to do so. I’ve found myself helping people throughout my life — this is my way to help these students.” — John Love, Emeritus Professor in Guided Wave Photonics.
“I live in hope that someone with more resources than me will one day decide to help us build this up more. There is just so much to do, and so many smart and dedicated young people out there who want to do this sort of work.”

Professor Nicholas Evans, Head of the Department of Linguistics and Distinguished Professor in the School of Culture, History and Language at the College of Asia and the Pacific at ANU, is a regular donor to the Stephen and Helen Wurm Endowment. The Endowment supports outstanding postgraduate field research in linguistics in the Pacific region.

Professor Evans is concerned by the rate at which languages are disappearing, with 50 to 80 per cent of the world’s languages facing extinction by the end of the century. “Around a fifth of the world’s 6,000 languages are spoken in the South-western Pacific, which includes six of the world’s top dozen countries for linguistic diversity. The concentration of linguistic diversity in our part of the world beckons Australia to a leading role in the worldwide effort to safeguard our linguistic heritage before it is too late”, he says.

Although Professor Evans acknowledges that ANU has a proud tradition of engagement with languages of the region, he says: “This is only a fraction of what is required. One of the most important things we can do is to support the next generation of scholars, particularly from those parts of the world where these languages are spoken.”

The Wurm Endowment plays a key role in helping out. “It is particularly useful as a way of covering tuition fees, since even when we manage to get stipend funding from other agencies, such as the ARC, the actual tuition fees cannot be covered.”

When Professor Evans studied the Australian Aboriginal language Kayardild in the 1980s, Professor Wurm shared his fieldwork on the language from the early 1960s. “Through the first few months of my doctoral studies I met with him once a week in his cavernous office – the windows long ago covered over by his ever-expanding book collection – while he took me through his notes. The actual phonetic transcriptions were something I could have followed, but he had written the translations in a now-almost-forgotten form of Central European shorthand which I certainly couldn’t have deciphered.”

Professor Evans would like to see the important work funded by the Wurm Endowment to develop further. “I live in hope that someone with more resources than me will one day decide to help us build this up more. There is just so much to do, and so many smart and dedicated young people out there who want to do this sort of work.”
A visionary reopening of the Drill Hall Gallery

“My job now is to give a bit back, so that future generations can see and experience some of the magic.”

When the newly renovated ANU Drill Hall Gallery reopened in July 2016, it included a major donation of paintings and sculptures from the collection of Jacqui and James Erskine, Chairman of Sports & Entertainment Limited. With an estimated value of more than half a million dollars, Mr Erskine’s gift is the largest contemporary art donation ever given to the Gallery and the University.

The Erskine gift includes masterpieces by the Australian Indigenous artists Emily Kame Kngwarreye and George Tjungurrayi. Professor Brian Schmidt AO, ANU Vice-Chancellor, said at the opening of the Drill Hall Gallery:

“The University’s vision is to be the destination of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander intellectual leaders and this includes Indigenous artists.”

Drill Hall Gallery Director Terence Maloon said that, as a result of his generous gift, Mr Erskine has been nominated a life patron of the Drill Hall Gallery. He said:

“It is a very personal and very thoughtfully put together package. These works are by artists close to James Erskine’s heart.”

James, his wife Jacqui and their three children are all passionate about art. James began collecting paintings from the age of 18 and now owns one of the finest collections of contemporary Australian art. During an interview with the Drill Hall Gallery in 2015, James said:

“My job now is to give a bit back, so that future generations can see and experience some of the magic. People will leave the gallery happier than they went in – if I can make that happen for some others, then I’ve done my bit.”
ANU and the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation: philanthropic partners

“ANU has been an exceptional partner and instrumental to the successful launch of the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation’s scholarship program.”

The ANU partnership with the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation (WBF) to establish the Westpac Scholarship Program has been a journey of true collaboration since its commencement in 2014.

WBF is a $100M endowment to fund 100 scholarships a year, forever. This is the single largest private education scholarship program in Australia’s history. ANU has worked closely with the Foundation as a partner in three of the five programs offered through the Foundation: The Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarships, the Westpac Future Leaders Post-Graduate Scholarships and the Westpac Research Fellowships.

The ANU-WBF relationship has enabled ANU to take a leadership role in breaking down walls between academia and business and has succeeded in shifting traditional approaches to both university-industry interaction and philanthropy. Susan Bannigan, CEO of Westpac Bicentennial Foundation says:

“ANU has been an exceptional partner and instrumental to the successful launch of the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation’s scholarship program, particularly the Future Leaders Scholarship and the Research Fellowship. We are just at the beginning of this journey together, but I am very excited and optimistic about the potential that an industry-university collaboration of this scale has to contribute to the future of our country.”

The partnership has fostered cultural change within ANU, helping to establish stronger working relationships and collaboration with industry. This experience places ANU in a strong position to form future successful partnerships with corporations and foundations seeking to advance innovation and education. ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AO, says real collaboration has been key to the partnership’s success:

“The partnership between Westpac and ANU really is a free exchange of ideas and experiences. I think it speaks to our common commitment to solving the big, complex problems facing Australia and our mutual recognition that collaboration between industry and universities is an integral part of that.”

The real impact of this kind of university-industry collaboration is demonstrated through Associate Professor Antonio Tricoli, from the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science and the inaugural 2016 Westpac Research Fellow.

“Science is fun and addictive! Sometimes it is hard to find the time and opportunity to get out of our daily research activities. The Fellowship has been a powerful thrust that set me in contact with an incredible cohort of inspiring young (and a bit older) future leaders”, says Professor Tricoli.
An ANU dynasty – the Dr Claire Clark Scholarship

“I have been lucky to have family that could support my studies and travels, and to establish a scholarship to help other students do the same seems appropriate.”

In 2016, Mr Russell Clark, an ANU alumnus and Portfolio Manager at Horseman Capital Management, established the Dr Claire Clark Scholarship to honour his mother’s achievements and interests in international relations and public policy.

The ANU has been at the centre of Clark family life for decades, with the family fast approaching their third generation of involvement with the University through either work or study. Claire was a Visiting Fellow at the Public Policy Program for four years in the early 1990s. She taught courses in public policy to ACT public servants and visiting public servants from other jurisdictions, including Indonesia. Claire says:

“I am very proud that all four of my children studied at the ANU, all of whom have at least two ANU degrees.”

Russell says “my personal experience of studying at ANU was extremely rewarding”, but it is Claire’s achievements both as a pioneering woman in international relations and a supportive parent that Russell wishes to honour.

Russell recalls that his mother “always encouraged us to travel and try and understand the world.”

“I have been lucky to have family that could support my studies and travels, and to establish a scholarship to help other students do the same seems appropriate.”

This scholarship nurtures Australia’s best and brightest future policymakers and will have long-term benefits, especially in public policy development. The inaugural scholarship recipients, Ms Anna Dunkley and Ms Ella Weisbrot, are both Master of Public Policy students at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

For Ella, Claire is a personal inspiration:

“Dr Clark is such an inspiration. It means a lot to meet with female leaders who have played a strong role in public policy development. To know that incredible women like Dr Claire Clark have gone before and paved the way for younger women like myself is really inspirational.”

Both scholars are determined to make a real and positive change. Anna says:

“I am motivated by people who are passionate about their work and the world around them. Having met with Dr Clark, it seems she is one of those people who exude enthusiasm about the world - and are changing it for the better!”

Inspirational
Supporting Indigenous cultures and histories: the role of philanthropy

“For most of my PhD candidacy, I was a single mum working full-time, and the Award made a tremendous difference at the critical stage just before completion.”

The National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS) works to ensure that Indigenous knowledge, perspectives and experiences are respected, valued, accessed and incorporated into all learning environments at ANU and beyond. Attracting and supporting Indigenous undergraduate and postgraduate students, coupled with increased Indigenous academic and professional staff at all levels is a significant focus for ANU.

Philanthropy is an important means by which the NCIS can evolve its vision beyond the strictures of government and traditional research funding. Professor Mick Dodson AM, Director of NCIS, says:

“We have been very lucky that some generous donors have seen fit to make a contribution to our centre. These are not overly large donations, but they are having an immense impact on our work. In particular, philanthropic support has allowed individual higher degree research scholars to undertake and complete their PhD research.”

In 2016, Magali McDuffie was awarded the Watervale Graduate Award. This competitive annual award provides $10,000 for an MPhil or PhD scholar at NCIS. In her PhD, Magali uses filmed interviews and narratives to look at how three Nyikina sisters have responded and adapted to different waves of government policies, spanning 80 years and three generations. Magali says:

“Being the recipient of the Watervale Award was not only a huge honour, but it also enabled me to concentrate on the final stretch of my PhD without feeling pressured financially.”

Another important vehicle for philanthropy at the NCIS is the NCIS Research Fund which supports researchers and projects that deepen Australia’s understanding of Indigenous cultures and histories. The fund was originally set up as a result of PhD scholar Corrine Walsh’s anthropological work on ear disease, one of the most significant health issues facing Indigenous people. Without philanthropic funding, Corrine would have struggled to secure a field site within her first year.

She remarks: “The donation will also continue to assist with the nuts and bolts of PhD life. It will enable me to live in the field for an extended period and conduct future travel - which is essential to my research.”

Professor Dodson believes that the benefits of philanthropy continue to flourish with time. He says: “We have also recently garnered some support for seeding innovative research ideas. While the support helps individual researchers, this has an exponential impact on the broader research issues we are tackling and, as the research blossoms, the support given now will continue to multiply into the future.”
IMPACT OF GIVING

Knitting connections in her brother’s memory - Yuki Hokari’s story

“My fundraising efforts and activities are there to encourage people to get involved and feel connected to Mino.”

For over a decade, Yuki Hokari has been devoted to honouring the memory of her brother, Minoru Hokari. He was a promising young PhD scholar who came to ANU from Japan to work in remote locations with Australia’s Gurindji people. He passed away from cancer in 2004. Since his sad passing, Yuki has established the ANU Minoru Hokari Memorial Scholarship for students conducting fieldwork in remote Indigenous communities, created a memorial website, exhibited Minoru’s photography across Japan, and published his newspaper essay Conversations and his Japanese translations of Deborah Bird Rose’s Nourishing Terrains and Ghassan Hage’s White Nation.

In addition to these considerable efforts, Yuki has shown remarkable determination in helping her brother’s legacy flourish in new and creative ways. To bolster her fundraising efforts, Yuki creates knitting designs under the private label Nimara & Japarta. “Nimara” is the Gurindji name for sister and “Japarta” is the skin name given to Minoru by the Gurindji. Each of her designs is dedicated to Minoru with names like A Long Loop for Mino and Songlines. Yuki says: “Knitters all over the world gather at Ravelry [a global social networking service for fibre arts] and come across my designs, learn about Mino and his work with the Gurindji community, and donate to the scholarship fund by purchasing the designs. Thus each of my knitting designs carries the stories of Mino and the Gurindji people.”

All money raised through the knitting is donated to the scholarship fund, which reached AUD$127,000 in 2016. This provides a $5,000 annual scholarship, largely due to the impassioned fundraising of Yuki. Yuki says: “My fundraising efforts and activities are there to encourage people to get involved and feel connected to Mino.”

The scholarship is open to anyone currently enrolled at any Australian university who is undertaking a PhD, or has graduated in the past three years. Professor Ann McGrath, Director of the Australian Centre for Indigenous History, says the scholarship is “a great achievement that’s involved the painstaking and endlessly creative work of Yuki and the warm generosity of Mino’s family, friends and many ANU Alumni who have been regular donors.”

Images provided by Yuki Hokari.

TRIBUTE
Seeking better treatment for immune-related diseases

“If we can identify particular pathways that may be contributing to disease it could lead to more targeted treatments for the individuals.”

Philanthropists Peter and Susan Yates established the Elizabeth Greene Scholarship program in 2016 to honour Peter’s half-sister Elizabeth Greene, who died after a long-term battle with lupus. Lupus is a chronic and incurable autoimmune disease that causes a person’s immune system to attack their own body.

Peter Yates AM remembers his half-sister Elizabeth as “extraordinarily well-regarded in the community for her compassion and her dealing with disability”. He considers it a privilege to be in a position to assist in developing advancements in treating immune-related diseases.

Peter says that ANU is an attractive destination for world-leading researchers, such as Professor Carola Garcia de Vikincés, Head of the Department of Immunology and Infectious Disease at the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR). This is in large part because of its impressive infrastructure and the significant international research collaboration of its scientists.

The inaugural Elizabeth Greene scholarship was awarded to Grant Brown, a medical science graduate who will undertake his PhD at the JCSMR and the Centre for Personalised Immunology (CPI) at ANU. Grant says that he felt privileged to be the first person to be awarded the Scholarship and would research rare genetic mutations in the cause of lupus:

“I’ll investigate a range of individuals with lupus to identify genetic mutations that may cause problems with their immune system and cause disease. If we can identify particular pathways that may be contributing to disease it could lead to more targeted treatments for the individuals.”

The CPI aims to help people living with immune-related diseases by providing a ‘personalised’ diagnosis to find more effective treatments for their condition. Students have the opportunity to become uniquely multi-skilled by working on projects across diverse areas.

About 17,000 people in Australia have lupus, and females are nine times more likely to develop the condition.

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“I have been successful because of education and it is very important to give the next generation a chance. Education is the key to closing the gap between poverty and wealth and increasing living standards.”

John Mitchell is a successful farmer and investor with a passion for economics and reducing income inequality. His philanthropic drive was shaped during a challenging youth and the obstacles he overcame in his pursuit of higher education.

As a young undergraduate student in the 1970s, John had to overcome both his father’s objections to him pursuing a university degree and a subsequent lack of any financial support. The support that he received from a Whitlam Government scholarship and acts of kindness from the community left John with a powerful motivation to give back both personally and financially.

For John, his undergraduate years at ANU were “a time when I felt safe. For me, ANU was an oasis”. The stress of accumulated hardships endured during his school years and work as a jackaroo, as well as his volatile relationship with his father, left John battling severe depression and a subsequent diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

While recovering at a psychiatric facility in Canberra, John was inspired by a fellow patient’s advice: “you should really give uni a serious go.” John recalls the kindness of the other patients collecting coins so that he could purchase “teach yourself calculus” and “teach yourself algebra” textbooks from the University bookshop.

In 2016, John established the John Mitchell Research Fellowship with a $490,000 gift to the ANU College of Business and Economics (CBE) Research School of Economics. This will partly fund a young researcher working on income distribution and inequality, taking them to tenure track. John says “researching income wealth disparity, its cause and effects together with public policy towards its mitigation, is a passion of mine...”. John is also committed to developing farming practices that are better environmentally as well as financially. In 2016, he funded a sustainable farming pilot project with a $70,000 gift to the Fenner School and the CBE’s Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies & Statistics.

John believes that ANU, with its history of generating world-leading research, is uniquely positioned to help society, especially in the two fields he is most passionate about: removing inequality and improving sustainable farming practices. Since John established the first John Mitchell Scholarships in 2002, he says: “I’ve been extremely impressed with how ANU has managed the funds.”

EQUITY

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On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank all our donors for their generosity in 2016. ANU is an inspirational community with far-reaching ambitions. And, without your support, many individual study opportunities, world-leading research breakthroughs and international collaborations could not occur.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board members, and the members of the Boards of the University’s foundations established under the Endowment, for their commitment in 2016. These esteemed members of the community have worked very hard in their voluntary support to ensure that the ANU plan for philanthropy keeps evolving with integrity and dedication and that the wishes and interests of donors are honoured. The Endowment for Excellence is the University’s main vehicle for receiving, sourcing and managing donations and gifts, including bequests, from University graduates, staff and friends.

Establishing The Ball Strategic Endowment was one of many highlights for 2016. This endowment marks the career of Professor Desmond Ball, ANU Special Professor of Strategic Studies, 1987-2013. Professor Ball’s work left an indelible mark on Australian defence policy, global strategic thinking and the security architecture of the Asia Pacific region. In the first instance the Endowment will support The Ball Chair – a visiting Professorship that invites leading strategic and defence studies thinkers from around the world to ANU.

Other stories in this report showcase some of the wonderful impact that our donors have on every facet of University life. The ANU could not achieve its impressive results without your generosity. It is always gratifying to read individual stories such as these and understand the often deeply personal reasons behind donations and the enduring benefits that these have on individuals and society.

Dr Vince FitzGerald AO
President, Board of Governors
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**ANU Visual Arts Foundation**

The ANU Visual Arts Foundation (VAF) provides continuing support for the ANU School of Art, scholarships for visual arts students, Drill Hall Gallery exhibitions and activities, and the ANU Art Collection. The 2016 Visual Arts Foundation, School of Art Scholarship was awarded to first year student Jacqueline Wang to support her studies in the School of Art Painting Workshop. The Foundation contributed funds for coordination and development of donor relations for the Schools Emerging Artist Support Scheme EASS. The Scheme initiated in 1988 with three patrons, and now includes over 50 patrons offering acquisition, residency, travel scholarships, subscriptions, exhibition opportunities and awards for graduating students.

VAF Funding for the 2016 School of Art visiting artist program was reallocated to the 2017 program to support visiting artists and events planned for the School’s 40th anniversary. At the ANU Drill Hall Gallery, the Visual Arts Foundation supported a major exhibition by WA artist, Brian Blanchflower. The exhibition Canopy series spanning thirty years of painting included work borrowed from national, state and private collections.

**Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation**

The Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation was created to steward the gift of Graham and Louise Tuckwell in its execution of the Tuckwell Scholarships. There were several highlights in 2016, including the establishment of a new Tuckwell Scholarship Office with Tim Mansfield appointed as Program Director. Also in 2016, five of the first Tuckwell scholars from 2014 were awarded their undergraduate degrees, but all of them are staying on to complete further study.

A new peer-mentoring program was established whereby older Scholars mentor incoming Scholars. This program proved a great learning experience for all participants, and is set to continue in 2017.

In May 2016, a new dedicated Scholars House was opened, occupying the building that was previously the Peppercorn Café. This newly renovated space provides the Program with a venue for Scholars House events, and has quickly become a popular place for Scholars to study and socialise.

In 2016, the University announced that Bruce Hall would be redeveloped to build two new halls of residence at a cost of over $100 million. This will provide much-needed campus accommodation, the returns on which will provide funding for the Scholarship Program in perpetuity.

**The Edith and Joy London Foundation**

**Kioaloa Coastal Campus**

The Edith and Joy London Foundation supports the most valuable ecological gift within the Endowment. The highlight for 2016 has been the construction of a new Master Plan for Kioaloa Coastal Campus. This plan will enable the Campus to develop according to the needs of an increasingly diverse clientele in line with the ANU Strategic Plan. It will honour the conditions of Joy London’s bequest and The Edith and Joy London Foundation for Kioaloa Coastal Campus to consolidate its position as a world-class facility.

Local author Bruce Hamon left a generous bequest to the Edith and Joy London Foundation. The updated version of his book, *They Came to Murramarang* – the rights to which were given to the Foundation – was also launched at the Kioaloa Coastal Campus.

**Sir Roland Wilson Foundation**

The Sir Roland Wilson Foundation plays an important role in policy debate and contributes to the national public policy dialogue. The Foundation will continue to foster the links between the Australian Public Service (APS) and the ANU through its current activities and alumni engagement.

As policy issues become increasingly complex it is vital to have a cadre of senior public servants who have academic credentials as well as extensive policy development experience. These leaders will reinforce the bridge between academia and the public service.

The Sir Roland Wilson Foundation was created to honour the remarkable contribution of Roland Wilson to public policy as the longest serving Secretary of the Commonwealth department of The Treasury. The Foundation’s purpose is to support excellence in public policy in Australia, its regions and the world by working collaboratively with the APS in offering PhD scholarships to high-potential early-career public servants to conduct research in areas of national priority.

The PhD scholarship program had its first intake of scholars in 2012. It currently has 16 PhD scholars and four graduates who have returned to the APS to resume their careers, well-equipped academically and with strong links back into the ANU.

In 2016, highlights included a new talent development program for scholars to build on their leadership qualities, three high-profile public events on important public policy topics, the selection of three new scholarship winners, and the graduation of another two scholars. We have also put in train two exciting new initiatives which will commence in 2017.
Foundations of the Endowment

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation - Camille Report

In September 2016, Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Scholar Camille Goodman from the Australian National University attended a workshop on “Innovating for Change in Global Fisheries Governance” at the KG Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea in Tromso, Norway. Camille’s PhD research, based in the ANU College of Law, concerns the nature and extent of the powers that states can exercise in fishery resources in the exclusive economic zone adjacent to their coastline.

Camille explains: “The workshop was conceived during the course of my SRW overseas travel program... I met PhD students from the UK and Norway who shared my research interests. We began sharing ideas and resources, discussing complex issues arising in our field, reviewing each other’s work, and providing feedback. All at once, we were able to easily discuss our work with other researchers who understood it, and access a broader range of ideas and influences from other parts of the world.”

To broaden this network, Camille and her colleagues organised a workshop on international fisheries law, hosted by the University of Tromso. The workshop focused on the thorny issue of how international law can contribute workable solutions for the complex and continually evolving challenges of international fisheries governance. It attracted participants from the UK, Iceland, Norway, Poland, the Netherlands, Germany, Australia, and Canada, including both early-career scholars and eminent academics in the law of the sea.

Camille says: “It was an invaluable opportunity to broaden my international network and build links with other researchers working on law of the sea and international fisheries, so that I can ensure my research has a global perspective.”

ANU School of Music Foundation Endowment

During 2016, the following competition performance prizes were awarded:

- Friends Ensemble Prizes, Jazz and Classical
- Margaret Smiles Accompaniment Prize
- Whitworth-Roach Classical Music Performance Prize

The Friends and Smiles prizes were combined in a highly successful event featuring School of Music students. The Whitworth-Roach prize, generously supported by Ms Christine Roach, attracted high calibre students from across the campus, with heats held to select four finalists. The competition also featured guest artists The Australian String Quartet, who performed to critical acclaim. A comprehensive program of concerts, recitals, workshops, public lectures and seminars took place at the School, with visiting artists in both jazz and classical disciplines culminating in the Gala Concert in October with visiting fellow Dave Eggar from the United States of America.

The School of Music was delighted to welcome Ensemble Offspring as the 2016 ensemble in residence. Their residency included four campus visits, providing invaluable educational and professional opportunities for School of Music students. The professionalism and expertise of these exceptional performers was warmly embraced by the students who were inspired, uplifted, guided and mentored by all players.

The guidance and influence of the Ensemble Offspring players was evident in the work of student composers and performers. Composers grew in their confidence as creative writers as the residency visits unfolded, and was reflected in improved grades for final projects in each semester.

Herbert and Valmae Freilich Foundation

The Foundation exists for the study of all kinds of bigotry and the promotion of diversity and inclusion. The 2016 recipients of the Early Career Researchers Small Grants Scheme were:

- Dr Jennifer E Cheng from the School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University for her project: Muslim Women’s Participation in Auburn Giants AFL Team.
- Dr Bonnie McConnell from the School of Music, Australian National University, for her project: Singing Sudan and Senegal: Music, Race, and Representation in Contemporary Australia.
- Dr Asmi Wood from the ANU College of Law, for his project: Halal and Kosher methods of protein supply, religious freedom and bigotry.

The 2016 Annual Lecture in Bigotry and Tolerance was the panel discussion: How do we Define Racism in Modern Australia? The speakers were Dr Tim Soutphommasane, Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission, Dr Maria Hynes, Sociology ANU, Dr Scott Sharpe, Geography UNSW Canberra, and Professor Michael Platow, Psychology ANU.

The 2016 Annual Alice Tay Lecture in Law and Human Rights was hosted by University of Canberra. The topic was Unpacking Justice Re-investment and the speakers were Dr Tom Calma, UC Chancellor, co-chair Reconciliation Australia and Dr Jill Guthrie, Senior Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, and Director of Research and Knowledge Translation, Lowitja Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research.

John Curtin Medical Research Foundation

ANU is a leader in medical research. Our researchers have the knowledge, talent and passion to create a healthier world and have made medical history with landmark discoveries contributing to the worldwide elimination of smallpox, the foundations for transplantation science, and neuroscientists’ understanding of how the brain works.

The John Curtin Medical Research Foundation was established in March 2012 to support and advance human health through scientifically researched discoveries, medical education and practice at ANU.

In 2015, following a review of fundraising activity across medicine, science and health within the College of Medicine, Biology and the Environment, a number of recommendations were made, including the creation of a new structure to support fundraising for Health and Medical Research at ANU. These recommendations also included the disestablishment of the JCMRF in 2016.

The University gratefully acknowledges the very significant achievements of the JCMRF, and the contribution of all past board members. The Foundation has raised substantial funds in its own right, as well as having played a critical role in the University securing other funds to support its health and medical research efforts. The Foundation’s close involvement in the appointment of Professor Ross Hannan as ACT Centenary Chair of Cancer Research is a particularly significant achievement.

ANU remains fully committed to continuing to raise funds for research and education in the health and medical area in an effort to continue lifesaving, landmark discoveries in this critical area.
### Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2016

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**Operating surplus/deficit** 5,338 12,283

¹ Other income includes any internal matching of donations from other University funds.

### Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2016

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### Financial report summary

As at 31 December 2016

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¹ Sum of LTIP, Shares, Term Deposits and Cash on Hand.
Passion for cancer research - Ron Parker speaks at the annual donor event

“We both knew there was something that we could do within our hopelessness, and that was to invest financially in research that might one day unlock the secrets of this insidious disease and others.”

An edited extract of Ron Parker’s speech at the 2016 Celebration of Giving:

“We all give for different reasons. My passion is for Cancer Research. Not only did my wife [Janice] die from gastric cancer, but her younger sister has also suffered from cancer.

In early 2014, I was honoured to join the board of the John Curtin Medical Research Foundation. It was only a few months later that Janice was diagnosed with gastric cancer, a diagnosis that devastated our perfect life together.

But in the face of our overwhelming despair and a very grim prognosis, we both knew there was something that we could do within our hopelessness, and that was to invest financially in research that might one day unlock the secrets of this insidious disease and others.

Because investing in research is about putting our money where our hope is. It is about affirming our faith in science and in the men and women who devote their lives to pursuing the breakthroughs that will one day set others free.

For us, donating to ANU is like a variation on “Shop Local”. This is arguably the best research university in the country and one of the best research universities in the world. It is ours, and the research done here will benefit not only Canberrans, but everyone else as well. We have the skills and the researchers right here, and as locals we especially need to back them and invest in them.”
The Celebration of Giving is an annual event for the ANU community that celebrates and showcases the impact of philanthropy on the world-class research, teaching and study undertaken at ANU.

The 2016 event included lab tours of the impressive research facilities at ANU John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) and a panel discussion on science and innovation in Africa. The Guest Speaker for the evening was Ron Parker, who spoke movingly about his reasons for donating to the JCSMR.
ANU Springbank Circle

The ANU Springbank Circle recognises the generosity of those who have chosen to leave a bequest to the University. Bequests are vital for the future of research, education and discovery at ANU and encourage and inspire future generations of students and researchers. To acknowledge the commitment of this community of supporters, we offer bespoke events, unique experiences and invitations to the University’s milestone celebrations.

For more information on upcoming events, please contact our Donor Relations team at donor.relations@anu.edu.au

Bequests

Leaving a gift in your Will gives you the opportunity to create a lasting legacy and ensure your support reaches far into the future. There are many ways you may direct your future gift to the University and we would welcome the opportunity to talk to you. If you have included ANU in your Will, or would like more information on how you can leave a bequest, please let us know.

For further information, please contact Sarah McCarthy, Development Officer – Planned Giving at sarah.mccarthy@anu.edu.au or via telephone +61 2 6125 1856

The ANU Springbank Circle celebrates individuals who recognise the lasting impact of a legacy gift.
Thank you for your support

A full honour roll of donors is available online and includes major benefactors to the University, donors who have supported ANU in 2016 and individuals who have realised a gift through their will.

The 2016 list also includes donors who have supported ANU via the ANU Foundation USA and the named Foundations of the Endowment. Due to administrative requirements, donors supporting ANU through the ANU (UK) Foundation in 2015 are acknowledged in the 2016 Donor Honour Roll.

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From everyone at ANU, we are so grateful for your generous and continued support.