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# Acknowledgment of Country

The Australian National University (ANU) acknowledges, celebrates and pays our respects to the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and work, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples should be aware that this publication may contain the images, words and/or names of people who have passed away.

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## Cover story

ANU donors have helped Sustainable Farms to create BirdCast, a web tool that works to protect the habitats of birds in Australia. As these two native Rainbow Lorikeets huddle together to form a heart-shaped image, they represent the collaborative effort of a community committed to making a positive difference. Read about how the ANU donor community has supported Sustainable Farms on page 17.

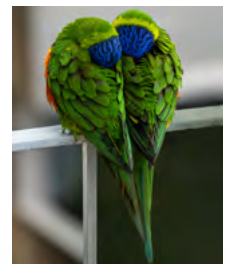


Image: Detail of the Kambri Ground Map. Photo by ANU.





Image: The Hon Julie Bishop, ANU Chancellor, and Professor Brian Schmidt, ANU Vice-Chancellor and President. Photo by Lannon Harley.

# Message from the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor

**As a valued member of the donor and volunteer community at The Australian National University (ANU), you are helping to provide greater access to world-class education, transformative research and equitable opportunities for all.**

It has been wonderful to reconnect with many of you in 2022, and we have many highlights and achievements to reflect upon.

The ANU campus truly came back to life after the pandemic restrictions, providing us with long-overdue opportunities to come together and celebrate the impact of your collective generosity. In October, for the first time in three years, we welcomed you back for the ANU Springbank Long Lunch and the ANU Celebration of Giving.

2022 Giving Day saw our community rally together, collectively contributing \$174,803 over 24 hours, exceeding our goal of \$140,000. This support has been directed to a range of priority initiatives, including Indigenous Australian justice and education, gender equity and women in leadership.

Among the highest of our priorities at ANU is to increase opportunities for First Nations students. Thanks to a number of significant gifts last year \$1,355,480 million was raised for the Kambri Scholars Program. Our goal is to raise \$25 million, matched dollar for dollar by the University, to establish a \$50 million endowment to continue supporting new Kambri Scholars each year, in perpetuity.

The incredible advances and life-changing impacts featured in this report would not be possible without you. Thank you for your generous support and for helping ANU make a positive difference in Australia and beyond.



**The Hon Julie Bishop**  
Chancellor



**Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC FAA FRS**  
Vice-Chancellor and President



# 2022 Giving by numbers

Total given  
by donors

**\$26.85 million**



Total given to support  
students

**\$5,637,280**



Total number  
of gifts

**2,161**



**1,792**

donors gave  
to ANU



\* All figures in this report  
refer to activity in the ANU  
Foundation in 2022 unless  
otherwise specified.

## The ANU Foundation: stewarding your philanthropy

The ANU Foundation is the governance framework for all gifts made to ANU. It ensures that the University maintains the highest standards in relation to its fundraising activities and that gifts made to ANU are managed in the most ethical and transparent manner.

The ANU Foundation Board is the key oversight body for the ANU Foundation, advising the ANU Council and the Vice-Chancellor on the governance, management and performance of the University's fundraising activities. The Board holds the University accountable for the financial and risk management of all gift funds within the ANU Foundation, ensuring that monies are disbursed and activities supported in line with donor wishes for the life of each gift.

Further details about the ANU Foundation and the University's Gifts and Fundraising Policy can be found online at [anu.edu.au/giving](https://anu.edu.au/giving).

## A glimpse of our donor community

**1,682**

individual donors



**110**

organisational donors



**1,106**

donors who are  
also ANU Alumni



**380**

made their first ever  
gift and joined the  
inspiring community  
of donors



**1,412**

donors continued  
their philanthropic  
support



**232**

donors made  
regular gifts



**1,663**

donors located in  
Australia



**129**

donors located  
around the world



**\$195,470**

given to ANU by  
staff, through the  
workplace giving  
program



**\$7,257,753**

total committed to ANU through  
lifetime bequest pledges and realised bequests



Image: Aerial of campus. Photo by ANU.



# Coming together to change the future

The power of ANU to help change our world for the better lies in the shared passion and commitment of the University's philanthropic community. Through our annual appeals, donors, volunteers, alumni, students and staff come together to commit to funding our students and research.

In the past year, 926 of you answered the University's call to support essential fundraising initiatives for research and students. Together, you contributed a total of \$319,712 through our appeals.

The Kambri Scholars Program received the most gifts through the mid-year appeal and ANU Giving Day. This support provides a strong boost to the Program, which remains a priority for ANU in support of First Nations students. (Read the full update on the Program on page 9.)

Each contribution to ANU builds on another and the impact of every gift is meaningful. We acknowledge with thanks, the loyalty shown by all ANU donors – your generosity and year-on-year support is noticed, and it is valued.



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**\$319,712** given through 2022 appeals



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**2,251** calls to alumni and past donors through 2022

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ANU alumnus Grant Wilson gave the largest gift to an ANU appeal for the second year in a row with a donation to the Kambri Scholars Program.

Image: ANU campus. Photo by ANU.





Image: Will Kepa in studio. Photo by ANU.

# Yamaha and Yil Lull Studio strike a chord for Indigenous musicians

Yamaha Music Australia (YMA) is creating a real difference in the lives and careers of First Nations musicians by philanthropically partnering with Yil Lull Studio at ANU.

Yil Lull ('To Sing') Studio, led by Torres Strait Islander musician and ANU School of Music alumnus Will Kepa, is a place for First Nations people to meet, create, share and expand their stories through music. It serves the Indigenous community at no cost and with no strings attached.

"Yil Lull is a place for us, our mob, to come and meet; to create and to share; to expand on our stories; to keep our culture alive and our music alive; and to just keep that fire burning," says Will.

YMA is generously donating to the value of \$85,000 in essential music equipment over three years, starting in 2022 – including drums, guitars, stage pianos, synthesisers, recording equipment and PA systems.

"It was clear from the start, [Yil Lull Studio was] lighting a way towards equality in First Nations peoples' access to music with an incredibly

well thought out, responsible and sensitive approach," say representatives from YMA.

Collaboration is key in creating meaningful and just reconciliation, and this philanthropic partnership is a shining example.

"We are proud to be partnering with YMA in the equipment for this studio, which supports recording here at ANU and also on Country," says Professor Kim Cunio, Head of the ANU School of Music.

"For me, it demonstrates this idea that together we are more than we are alone, and that is what universities are at their best, places that bring us together."

Organisations like YMA have a powerful role to play in promoting equality, supporting local artists and communities, and making a real difference. By working with Yil Lull Studio, which has the expertise and experience needed to make a difference in the lives of Indigenous musicians, YMA is maximising the impact of its resources and making a positive change in the industry.





**\$1,355,480** given to the Kambri Scholars program in 2022



Endowment opening balance 1 January 2022 **\$8,019,983**



Endowment closing balance 31 December 2022 **\$8,640,522**



**40** Kambri Scholarships awarded from inception to the end of 2022



Kambri Scholars intake by year    **10** (2020)    **13** (2021)    **17** (2022)



In September 2022, the McCall MacBain Foundation confirmed a **\$750,000** donation to the Kambri Scholars Program



In addition to being a Kambri Scholar, Faith Stevens is also the inaugural recipient of the ANU Calleo Indigenous Scholarship and a 2022 recipient of the UniLodge Australia Scholarship.

Image: Faith Stevens. Photo by ANU.



# Kambri Scholars Program

## empowering Indigenous futures

When Indigenous students are supported to achieve, it enriches their lives, their communities and the nation. This is why the Kambri Scholars Program – co-created with the ANU Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre (Tjabal Centre) and Indigenous leaders on campus – is so important to Australia's future.

Donors who contribute to the Kambri Scholars Program are helping to ensure Indigenous students get the most out of ANU by providing them with tailored and holistic support, from education and enrichment programs to life-changing financial, academic and pastoral assistance.

In 2022, the Kambri Scholars included 18-year-old Yolngu woman Faith Stevens, from Galiwin'ku/Elcho Island off the coast of Arnhem Land. Faith's goal after graduation is to work in education reform, with a particular focus on the curriculum taught in Indigenous communities.

"Having a scholarship has changed my life," says Faith. "It's allowed me to come down here to try and do better, for me and my community, and for other Indigenous communities too."

With the help of the ANU donor community, more students like Faith are realising their potential through a first-rate education.

In September 2022, the McCall MacBain Foundation confirmed a \$750,000 donation to the Kambri Scholars Program.

The first Kambri Scholar being supported by this donation is Luritja Warumungu man Jye Hopkins, from the Central Desert Region in the Northern Territory, who is studying law at ANU.

"I aim to be a criminal defence lawyer working for Aboriginal Legal Aid, in order to give back to my community using the opportunities that have been afforded to me by the scholarship," says Jye.

Aunty Anne Martin AM is Professor in the Practice of Indigenous Advancement and Director of the Tjabal Centre. She has played a key role in mentoring and supporting the Kambri Scholars and has guided the program since its inception.

"It is donor support that makes the Kambri Scholars Program possible, so from all of us to all of you, our deep respect and thanks for believing in their future," says Aunty Anne. "I have no doubt that many of these scholars will be tomorrow's leaders."

Thanks to donors, and with the University matching their gifts dollar for dollar, 40 life-changing scholarships have been awarded since the Program's inception. The program's goal is to establish a \$50 million endowment to support a new cohort of Kambri Scholars each year, in perpetuity.

**"Education is the greatest equaliser, and this scholarship will be here changing lives long after we are gone."**

— PROFESSOR AUNTY ANNE MARTIN

# Honouring Irene: New support for First Nations students

In late 2022, Indigenous students interested in studying climate change and sustainability-related fields at ANU received a significant boost, thanks to the newly established Irene Lind Honours Scholarship.

David Ferguson created the scholarship in memory of his late wife Irene Lind, a dedicated ACT public school leader who, in the last decade of her career, led significant cultural change projects in Canberra schools to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

His gift provides First Nations students with the opportunity to further their education through postgraduate study, removes financial barriers and supports their academic and field research.

While focused on environmental sustainability, this scholarship is open to Indigenous students from any discipline, including science, policy, law, economics, history, and geography.

The inaugural Irene Lind Honours Scholarship will be awarded in 2023. The support comprises two Honours

scholarships of \$15,000, awarded to Honours student each year, and a postgraduate support fund which will see \$20,000 put toward postgraduate fieldwork by Indigenous students. The Tjabal Centre at ANU will manage the awards and help guide the students.

Through David's establishment of this scholarship, Irene's legacy will continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of Indigenous students – helping them to achieve their goals and make positive contributions to their communities and the world.



Image: Irene Lind. Photo by David Ferguson.



Image: ANU College of Law. Photo by ANU





Image: Vehia Wheeler. Photo by Bryan Kuwada.

# Indigenous knowledge a ‘game changer’ for climate resiliency

As a young person living with the increasing challenges of climate change, Vehia Wheeler is acutely aware that a ‘bright’ future is by no means guaranteed.

“I go through periods of eco-grief. I see our coral dying right in front of my eyes – that didn’t happen when I was growing up,” says Vehia.

While this might be overwhelming for a lot of people, Vehia is using her personal experiences and heritage – being Tahitian and a Pacific Islander – to inform her PhD research on ancestral land views and decolonial futures in Mā’ohi Nui (French Polynesia). Vehia hopes her research will help instigate positive change for her people, her lands, and her culture.

“Being Tahitian and a Pacific Islander is a large part of my identity,” says Vehia. “I’m a person of this ocean, and am connected to the world, ocean and people around me.”

In 2022, Vehia was awarded an ANU Game Change Supplementary Scholarship, which provides support to emerging PhD scholars working in the area of climate change.

Not only does the scholarship help Vehia pursue her important research, it also provides an opportunity to promote her findings through the well-established networks ANU offers.

“Sometimes, it’s not easy for Indigenous research to be taken seriously,” says Vehia. “My work at and with ANU could potentially open a lot of doors and change a lot of relationships and perspectives.”

The scholarship was founded by Graham Waters, Anne-Marie Waters (GDStats ‘88, GDPopInHealth ‘96) and Ray Kiley (BSc ‘84, LLB ‘85), who want it to be a ‘game changer’ for both the recipient and the research.



**\$11,570** given to support the Game Change Supplementary Scholarship



**21** donors



**21** gifts

# Support for medical research a fitting tribute to Canberra surgeon

The John Buckingham Research Project Prize and the John Buckingham Research Project Awards pay tribute to one of Canberra's most beloved and respected surgeons, the late Dr John Buckingham.

Each year, six Awards are granted to the most outstanding Medical School Research Project, while the Prize is awarded to the individual student who received the highest marks in their Medical School Research Project.

“Every year, I’m impressed with not just the variety in our medical students’ research projects, but also their potential for impact in health policy and practice,” says Associate Professor Brett Scholz, Chair of the Research Project Unit.

“Being able to recognise excellence through the John Buckingham Prize is a great opportunity to demonstrate to our students, staff, and community this valuable variety and impact within our students’ research projects.”

Kelsey Walsh won one of the 2022 Awards in the category of Laboratory Science, and the 2022 Prize for her research project “Elevated Wnt in heterotaxy”.

The impact of both the Prize and Awards is immense. They encourage postgraduate medical students to pursue research excellence, promote collaboration within the University and beyond, and inspire research that contributes to medical knowledge and improved patient care.

Established by Dr Buckingham’s wife, Sue Buckingham, and a group of his friends and colleagues from both ANU and Calvary Hospital – with especially generous support from the Buckingham family friend, Steve Atkins – funding has built up over time and both the Prize and Awards are now endowed. They have become a significant part of the University’s philanthropic landscape and will continue to play an essential role in encouraging medical students to pursue excellence in research.

“It’s wonderful to have a student prize named after me. I’m sure they’ll wonder ‘John Buckingham, who’s he?’ in the future. But at least they’ll have that research project, [and] there’ll be a prize there.”

— DR JOHN BUCKINGHAM



Image (left to right):  
Associate Professor Brett Scholz, Steve Atkins, Professor Paul Fitzgerald  
(Director, ANU School of Medicine and Psychology), Alexander Fisher (2021  
recipient of a John Buckingham Research Project Award). Photo by ANU.





# Bootes Foundation recognised for impact on medical research

The Gretel and Gordon Bootes Medical Research and Education Foundation (Bootes Foundation) has continued their incredible impact on early-career researchers, donating a staggering \$1 million to the John Curtin School of Medical Research over their 14-year association with ANU.

Their philanthropic efforts have not gone unnoticed, with the Bootes Foundation recognised and awarded 'highly commended' in the 2022 Great Australian Philanthropy Awards by Research Australia. The award is testament to the value of supporting emerging talent in medical research, ensuring the next generation of scientists have the tools and resources they need to make breakthrough discoveries.

Grants from the Bootes Foundation, which range from \$10,000 to \$15,000, have been invaluable to young researchers at ANU, giving them the opportunities and confidence needed to make a difference in the field of medical research.

Dianne Garner, Director of the Bootes Foundation, says it is the Foundation's mission to support and encourage young people to pursue their academic dreams, just as Gordon had wished for himself.

"Gordon had eyesight difficulties from an early age and this closed off a lot of opportunities for him," says Dianne. "But he was a man who loved to learn. He never had the opportunity to go to university and he wanted to sponsor and encourage young people to try.

"[Gretel and] Gordon firmly believed that early-stage career researchers needed opportunities and confidence to continue with their research, and that research that has 'failed' was still knowledge worth having."

The Bootes Foundation's contributions to ANU have made, and will continue to make, an indelible mark on the world of medical research.



Image: Dianne Garner with 2019 cohort. Photo by ANU.





Image (left to right): Professor Russell Gruen (Dean, ANU College of Health and Medicine), Dr Zoe Leviston, Associate Professor Aparna Lal (Director of The McMichael Award), Dr Judith Healy. Photo by ANU.

## Developing global leaders in world health

The impact of climate change on human health and wellbeing is becoming more apparent every year, but there is hope new research will counter this, thanks to the newly established McMichael Award at the ANU National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH).

Through the generous donation of Dr Judith Healy, and matched investment from NCEPH, the McMichael Award aims to create a global network of emerging environmental leaders from different fields to work on solving the health challenges posed by climate change.

“Climate change is now upon us. The next few decades will be critical,” says Dr Healy. “Our world needs a next generation of researchers to tackle and collaborate on the huge threats that face us, but also promising opportunities to promote better population health.”

The inaugural recipient, Dr Zoe Leviston, from the ANU School of Medicine and

Psychology, is using the award to study the co-benefits of participating in collective environmental action on wellbeing.

Dr Leviston’s research aims to document these benefits, with the goal of encouraging greater involvement in collective environmental activities.

“As environmental challenges start to bite, we will be called upon to be involved,” she explains. “So as a community member, I want to know, ‘What’s in it for me and the people I care about?’ as well as the benefit to the environment. My research will help address this question.”

The McMichael Award honours Judith’s husband, the late Professor Tony McMichael AO, joint winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, former Director of NCEPH, and world authority on the risks to human health from climate change.

# Major boost for bushfire research in memory of Peter Brooke

On 18 January 2003, Canberra experienced the most devastating bushfire in its history. Catastrophic conditions created a firestorm that destroyed over 500 homes, injured hundreds, and saw four people lose their lives. This included 74-year-old Peter Brabazon Brooke.

Peter's son, Garry Brooke, has generously pledged \$1 million to ANU, to establish the Peter Brabazon Brooke Bushfire Research Fund in memory of his late father and all victims of bushfires in Australia.

"[I felt] a need to contribute to work on bushfires," says Garry. "The best a donor can achieve is to make a difference – and I hope my donation enables things to be done that wouldn't have been possible otherwise."

The objective of the Peter Brabazon Brooke Bushfire Research Fund is to increase both practical and theoretical

understanding of bushfires. With ferocious bushfires increasing in frequency, enabling this research is more important than ever.

"Right now is a crucial time for research into bushfires," says Garry. "Australia may be heading for a turn of climate, towards drought, and that brings an increased risk of bushfires. I think research will help us prepare for that risk."

"The more I have talked with the researchers, the happier I feel about my donation. In practical terms, it was quite easy to make the donation – it is the researchers and developers who now have the hard work achieving results. But, I hope that my donation makes that work a little easier."



# Sustainable Farms gives bird's eye view of farm conservation

A team of scientists at ANU have received the 2022 Eureka Prize, and the Biodiversity Award at the 2022 NSW Sustainability Awards, for developing BirdCast – a tool that helps farmers predict the impact of their practices on bird species.

The research behind BirdCast is partially funded by donations to Sustainable Farms, an ANU initiative that supports farmers to transition to significantly greater sustainability in their farming practices.

BirdCast is a free web tool, which gives farmers insight into the woodland bird species present on their farms and how they may change under different conditions. The census-style surveys used in BirdCast provide a more accurate measure of biodiversity than satellite imagery. Australia has the potential to become a world leader in conservation and sustainable farming with tools like BirdCast.

Alongside BirdCast, Sustainable Farms conducts research on the economics, ecology, spatial science, mental health and social science aspects of farming in Australia.

Since launching in 2018, it has demonstrated outstanding research productivity, producing 43 papers in peer-reviewed journals and three books.

Donors to the Sustainable Farms project play a critical role in supporting and advancing the team's mission to protect and conserve biodiversity. Their contributions enable the team to continue their work with farmers, gather crucial data, and develop innovative tools. The impact of their support extends beyond individual farms to having a positive impact on the wider environment and wildlife.

By investing in Sustainable Farms, donors help to ensure the long-term sustainability of Australia's natural heritage and provide farmers with the tools they need to make informed decisions about conservation and sustainable farming practices.



**\$613,078** given to support Sustainable Farms



**6** donors



**29** gifts



# Helping women in engineering thrive

The Natasha Linard Scholarship for Women in Engineering and Technology empowers and inspires emerging female leaders to make a positive impact on society through their engineering and technological pursuits.

Named in honour of Dr Natasha Linard – one of the first female students at ANU to graduate with a Bachelor of Engineering and, subsequently, a PhD in Engineering – the 2022 scholarship was awarded to Charli Fell.

Charli is a remarkable student whose passion for humanitarian engineering has already made a significant impact on her community. The award aims to help build the recipient's leadership skills, and Charli understood the assignment. On receiving the scholarship, she used the funds to support her work leading the Local Design Summit, a week-long event promoting inclusivity and diversity in the field of engineering. It is thanks to Charli's work

in organising and running the event, along with her generous donation of half of her scholarship funds, that the Local Design Summit continues today.

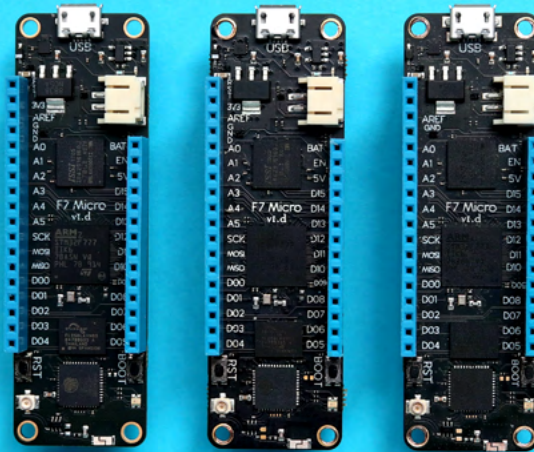
Through this work, Charli is helping to build women's leadership skills in technology, business, and community areas. She is making engineering more accessible to women, while also developing mentor relationships with prominent professionals in the engineering sector.

Without the financial support provided by donors, Charli might not have been able to make the significant impact she has already achieved for women in engineering. The generosity of the ANU community, through the Natasha Linard Scholarship for Women in Engineering and Technology, has enabled young women like Charli to pursue their dreams, break down barriers, and make a positive impact.



Image: Charli Fell. Photo by ANU.





# Revolutionising Engineering: Engineers Australia launches Bill Hickson Scholarship

The Bill Hickson and Engineers Australia Scholarship for the Master of Applied Cybernetics is more than a scholarship, it is a transformative opportunity that has the potential to shape the future of engineering in Australia.

The scholarship is named in honour of William 'Bill' Hickson, who left a generous bequest to Engineers Australia, which established the scholarship at ANU in his name. By creating the scholarship, Engineers Australia is ensuring that the next generation is equipped to tackle future social and technological challenges, and that Bill's passion for engineering lives on.

Each year, two ANU students will be supported by the scholarship to develop their skills and knowledge in Applied Cybernetics. These are the very skills that will revolutionise the engineering industry in Australia and around the world.

The impact of this scholarship program will be felt for years to come. By supporting education, Engineers Australia is investing in the future of engineering, and ensuring that Australia remains at the forefront of technological innovation and progress.

The Bill Hickson and Engineers Australia Scholarship for Master of Applied Cybernetics will be awarded for the first time in 2023.

Image: 2013 stainless-steel sculpture known as 'Una' (ANU spelled backwards), made by Wolfgang Buttress and astrophysicist Dr. Daniel Bayliss, is known among students as 'The Silver Ball'. Photo by ANU.





# Students make a difference with the Student Managed Fund

The ANU College of Business and Economics Student Managed Fund (SMF) is a unique course with two objectives: provide a hands-on experience in the investment industry, and allow SMF students to make a positive impact through philanthropy.

SMF was established with a generous donation from Russell Clark, an ANU alumnus who completed his Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Asian Studies in 2000. Others have made additional donations, including the fund convener Associate Professor Geoff Warren and the family of Andre Morony (MEc '74), an ANU alumnus and member of the SMF's Investment Advisory Committee.

Junior students enrolled in the course are mentored by senior members of the class in making socially responsible investment recommendations, and performing the day-to-day functions of a professionally managed fund, just as they would in the real world after graduation.

The returns of the fund are directed to a scholarship of \$10,000 per annum over four years. The scholarship supports

economically or socially disadvantaged students at the Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics. Thanks to this scholarship, students like Maliha Hoque are able to study at ANU.

**“This scholarship means a lot to me, not only because it offsets the cost of moving interstate to study, but also because it’s the result of hard work and the business acumen of my fellow students.”**

— MALIHA HOQUE

By supporting SMF, donors are helping to ensure that this unique course continues to provide students with a hands-on experience in the investment industry, and an opportunity to understand the impact they can make through philanthropy.



Image: Maliha Hoque. Photo by Maliha Hoque.



**\$18,140** given to support the Student Managed Fund



**24** donors



**24** gifts





Image: The Chifley Library at ANU. Photo by ANU.



# Scholarship continues Phillipa Weeks' legacy of supporting students

Generations of the ANU community have experienced the support, guidance and friendship of the late Professor Phillipa Weeks. As a mark of their affection and respect, the ANU College of Law alumni community came together in 2006 to establish the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship for Rural and Regional Students.

In 2022, donors – including the Weeks family, ANU alumni, law firms, and former colleagues, students and friends of Phillipa – helped to continue this legacy.

Mairead Webb, who grew up in Toowoomba in southern Queensland, is the 2022 recipient of the Scholarship. At the age of 19, Mairead left home in pursuit of her childhood dream to become a lawyer and, with support from the ANU donor community, is now studying a Bachelor of Arts/Law (Hons) at ANU.

“Being awarded the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship means greater freedoms and less stress, especially in regards to making the move to Canberra to complete my studies,” says Mairead.



Image: Mairead Webb. Photo by Mairead Webb.

“Beyond the material aspects of the scholarship, it means a lot to me to be able to continue on the legacy of Phillipa Weeks and be allowed this opportunity to study at the ANU College of Law.

“I hope to do Phillipa proud by remaining actively engaged in my studies and trying my best to succeed in my degree.”

— MAIREAD WEBB



**\$84,425** given to support the  
Phillipa Weeks Scholarship



**65** donors



**65** gifts

# Philanthropy preserves the past and unlocks new futures

John and Elizabeth (Liz) Baker's long-standing relationship with ANU dates back to 1970, when John received a PhD scholarship, which brought them to ANU from their native England, with Liz also working in the University.

John and Liz have been loyal ANU donors since 2008, when they created a Sculpture Prize, and later a Design Prize, at the ANU School of Art and Design (SoAD). In 2022, John and Liz made new gifts to both SoAD and University House.

Following their retirement in 2018, rather than leaving their executors to fulfil their philanthropic intentions, John and Liz decided they were in a position to bring their plans forward. This allows them to realise the full potential of their philanthropy during their lifetime.

In 2022, they established the John and Elizabeth Baker Honours Scholarship, awarded annually to an Honours student in Art and Design experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage.

John and Liz also made a donation to University House that will support the maintenance and acquisition of works of art for the newly refurbished building. University House is particularly close to the Bakers' hearts as it was their regular lunch spot during their years at ANU.

When asked about the motivation for their gifts, the Bakers said, "An ANU scholarship was the catalyst for us coming to Australia, building our careers and raising our family here. We arrived in Australia in 1970 with nothing but three trunks of belongings – and look what Australia and ANU have done for us."

By giving back to the community that has helped shape their lives, John and Liz Baker are helping to preserve the University's unique identity and heritage, while also paving the way for future generations to unlock their potential.



Image: Liz and John Baker at the 2022 ANU Springbank Circle Long Lunch. Photo by ANU.





Image: Raichel Brodie. Photo by Raichel Brodie.

## Alumni in the UK join forces to change a life

The London Alumni Scholarship exemplifies the power of community, with alumni coming together to provide a life-changing scholarship for a deserving student at ANU.

Established by ANU alumni living in the UK, the London Alumni Scholarship supports students experiencing financial hardship in completing their undergraduate degree at ANU. It offers \$8,000 per annum for up to five years to assist with educational and living expenses. In 2022, the scholarship was awarded to Raichel Brodie.

Raichel, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) at ANU, received the scholarship in recognition of her drive, determination and commitment to using her education to make a positive impact on the world.

“I chose Psychology because I have always had a strong motivation to help others and offer my support in difficult circumstances,” she said. “Having financial security allows me to achieve the best possible results I can at university

and enables me to accomplish greater things throughout my career.”

Margaret and Simon Beresford-Wylie, prominent donors to the scholarship, spoke about their motivations behind giving to ANU.

“Graduating from ANU changed our lives. Our degrees led to amazing opportunities, successful careers, and a wonderfully fulfilling life together,” Margaret said.

“We now feel so fortunate to give back, to be in a position to help other people whose lives will be changed forever as a result of having the opportunity to study at ANU.”

The London Alumni Scholarship is testament to the impact a group of individuals can make when they come together to support a common cause. This scholarship would not be possible without the support of the passionate community of ANU alumni who reside in the UK, and who collectively make a difference to their alma mater.

# Enhancing Australia's engagement in the Indian Ocean region

The Indian Ocean region has the potential to be the next global economic powerhouse, and the Sid and Fiona Myer Foundation is making sure Australia does not miss this opportunity.

By funding the Enhancing Australia's Indian Ocean Engagement Project – a vital initiative that brings together leading policymakers, business leaders, and thought leaders – the Sid and Fiona Myer Foundation is enabling researchers to develop a strategy for Australia's engagement with the Indian Ocean region. Dr David Brewster, Senior Research Fellow at the ANU National Security College, is the lead researcher on the project. He says that without a comprehensive approach, Australia risks missing the next economic wave.

“In the past, Australia made a strategic decision to engage with the Asia-Pacific region and this has proven to be a great success for the country,” says Dr Brewster.

“The Indian Ocean region, however, has been neglected and lacks a clear plan

for Australia's engagement. The region is poised for significant growth in the coming decades, with east Africa becoming a major low-cost manufacturing hub. China is already moving their textile manufacturing to Ethiopia and this is expected to drive sustained economic growth in the country over the next 20 years.”

Dr Brewster emphasises the importance of a comprehensive approach in order for Australian businesses to take advantage of the opportunities in these rising economies.

“Australia is a major Indian Ocean state with the longest coastline and the largest maritime jurisdiction of any country in the region. The country relies on the Indian Ocean region for much of our wealth, making it imperative to have a political, security, and economic strategy,” he says.

The Enhancing Australia's Indian Ocean Engagement Project is the next step in finding Australia's place in an ever-changing world.



Image: Statue of The battle of Adwa; an Ethiopian victory that ran against the current of colonialism at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.





# Donor community establishes Chair to enhance political dialogue

The ANU donor community is helping to enhance political dialogue in Australia by supporting the establishment of the University's inaugural Chair in the Practice of Australian Politics.

The Chair is positioned in the ANU School of Politics and International Relations. It plays a crucial role in fostering a diversity of perspectives, which will enrich and enhance political discourse in Australia.

In 2022, ANU announced the inaugural Chair as the Hon Tony Smith, former speaker of the House of Representatives, who was first elected to the Federal Parliament in 2001 and re-elected at six subsequent federal elections.

As Chair, Professor Smith provides specialist knowledge in the field of Australian politics and engages with external stakeholders to shape and influence public policy across the nation.

Under his leadership, ANU is poised to reshape the landscape of political teaching and debate in Australia and bring the exchange of ideas through research, public commentary and policy collaboration, into a new era.

The creation of the Chair has been made possible by the generosity and foresight of a member of the ANU donor community. Not only is it a step towards creating better political discourse in Australia, it is an example of how this kind of philanthropic funding can help to attract and retain top talent at the University – enhancing the academic rigour of ANU and contributing to the advancement of knowledge in politics and international relations.

# The enduring legacy of Christine Whitworth Roach

This year brought the sad news of the passing of Christine Whitworth Roach, a treasured member of the ANU donor community whose generosity and commitment to classical music education has touched the lives of many aspiring musicians at the University.

“Christine came to the ANU School of Music with a dream to support young musicians and the school that fosters them. From that wonderful place, she has helped make dreams come true.”

— PROFESSOR KIM CUNIO, HEAD OF THE ANU SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Christine’s contributions to the School – including the Whitworth Roach Classical Music Competition, the Whitworth Roach Scholarship, and support of the ANU Orchestra – have provided vital resources for students to excel in their music careers.

Through her involvement with the ANU Springbank Circle, Christine was actively engaged with the University and its community, attending events and activities, and building relationships with students, faculty and staff.

“Christine was like a family member in every sense of the word. Christine is not only survived by her loving children and grandchildren, but by the vision of the bequest she has made, which will allow her beloved competition to continue on for many years.”

— PROFESSOR CUNIO

The passing of Christine Whitworth Roach is a great loss. The ANU community can take comfort in the fact that Christine’s legacy will endure, and her impact will continue to be felt for years to come.



Image: Christine Roach. Photo by Christine Roach.





Images: Whitworth Roach Classical Music Competition 2019. Photo by ANU.



# Making a lasting impact: Xiang Li's bequest journey

ANU alumna Xiang Li is a proud participant in the ANU Springbank Circle. Her journey to leaving a bequest is rooted in her love and appreciation for ANU, where she spent formative years studying and growing as a person.

After graduating, Xiang's passion for art and mental health led her to a career as an art therapist, where she has since made a significant impact in the disability sector as a consultant and educator. Throughout her journey, she has never forgotten the impact education has had on her life and has made it her mission to provide opportunities for others.

Xiang's decision to include a gift to ANU in her will is a reflection of her belief in the power of education and her desire to support gender equity for women.

"I always believed that education would provide a person with the opportunity to make a difference and a better future," says Xiang.

Through her bequest, Xiang is leaving a legacy and through the ANU Springbank Circle she will be better able to understand in her lifetime the impact her contribution will make.



Image: Xiang Li. Photo by James Pipino.



# Have you considered a gift in your will to ANU?

The ANU Springbank Circle recognises and celebrates benefactors who, like Christine and Xiang, leave a lasting impact through a gift to ANU in their will. Donors receive news about upcoming events and activities taking place across the University, opportunities to connect with the talented students, researchers and academics their bequests support, and learn more about what is happening at ANU.

A gift in your will provides enduring support for learning, education and research beyond your lifetime. If you have included the University in your will, or you are thinking about doing so, please let us know. We would be delighted to learn more about your areas of interest and show you the type of impact your future gift will have. It will also give us the opportunity to thank you for your gift during your lifetime.

Please contact the Gift and Estate Planning team for further information, or to arrange a confidential discussion.

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# Alumni volunteers expand global reach and impact

ANU alumni have shown that distance is no obstacle when it comes to giving back to their alma mater, as they came together in cities across the world to celebrate the University's 75th anniversary.

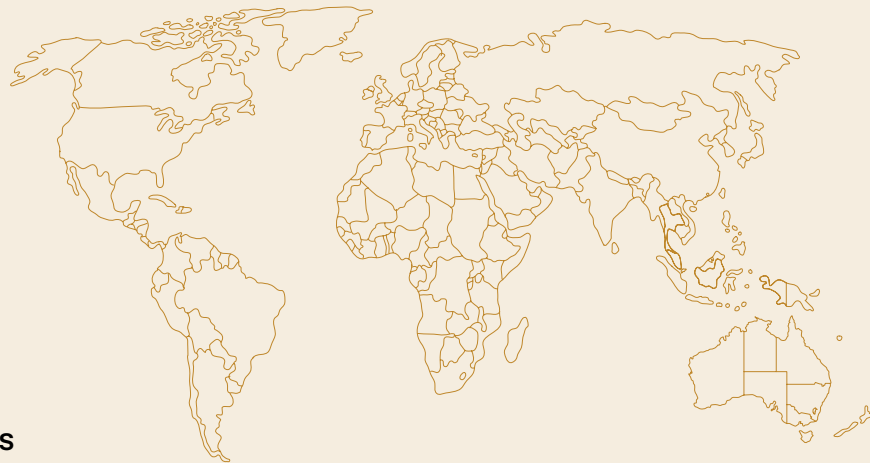
Throughout 2022, volunteers were invited to help the University mark its 75th anniversary with *75 Cities*, a series of celebrations hosted and run by alumni, in Australia and around the globe.

Exceeding all expectations, more than 150 alumni took up the call to volunteer, hosting events in 88 cities – from the thumping metropolises of London and Los Angeles to the remote city of Guwahati, India.

“After reconnecting with ANU through *75 Cities*, I feel grateful to be part of the ANU family,” says alumnus Khairul Arif Razali (BA '15), who volunteered at the *75 Cities: Kuala Lumpur event*,

“To be honest, without *75 Cities*, I might not have ever seen my ANU friends again, because after graduation we basically went our own ways. Reconnecting with old friends and making new ones was an amazing experience.”

More than 3,000 alumni and friends attended the events, activating 20 new alumni networks, and expanding the impact that ANU can make in the world.



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Please contact the Alumni Relations team if you are interested in volunteering at ANU and would like more information about the various opportunities through which you can contribute your time and experience.

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Image: 75 Cities event photos. Photos by ANU.



# From student to change-maker: Frank Gafa's volunteer journey

The dedicated ANU volunteer community embodies the true meaning of giving back, demonstrating that contributions do not need to be financial to have a profound impact on the lives of others.

Frank Gafa is one such volunteer. From the time he was a first-year student in 2008, Frank has taken an active role in helping shape the University for the better. He quickly became involved in the ANU Students Association as its Indigenous Officer, a position he held from 2008 to 2010.

“My two most fulfilling achievements at ANU during this time were setting up regular social catch-ups for Indigenous students and putting together the ANU team for the annual Indigenous Games. I really believe they contributed to a great sense of community for all the mob at Tjabal, and this is one of the reasons I believe in the strength of community-based and run groups like this alumni network,” says Frank.

Since graduating, Frank has remained a keen volunteer of the University. He graduated in 2015 and was subsequently invited to be the Chair of the ANU

Indigenous Alumni Network. Since 2017, he has played an integral role in steering the Network. He uses his position to bring together the University's Indigenous alumni community, highlighting the impactful work they do, while also providing a platform for advocacy and change.

Frank stated, “It is our vision that this network will continue to provide an avenue for alumni to help create an environment where Indigenous peoples can thrive at ANU.”

In 2022, Frank's volunteering extended to moderating panel discussions on Indigenous issues and being part of the University's 75th anniversary celebrations.

His motivation for volunteering and improving the experience of Indigenous staff and students at ANU is rooted in his personal experiences with the University.

“I continue to make a contribution to ANU,” Frank says, “because, as alumni, we're the ones who have actually experienced the University, so it's important that we have a say in how to improve things for future generations.”



Image: Frank Gafa. Photo by ANU.



# The gift of time and talent

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Vincent Li

## **Vincent Li (BA '21), ANU LGBTQIA+ Network volunteer:**

“Every time I helped [the ANU LGBTQIA+ Network] run campaigns and meetings, I made connections with people who wanted to better the welfare of students. By joining others who shared my passion, I made wonderful connections with academics and my peers. It was a really touching experience for me.

“A big project the ANU LGBTQIA+ Network is working on, is to make it easier for transgender and non-binary alumni to change their names on their testamurs, diplomas, and degrees. The ANU LGBTQIA+ Network is trying to help make that process just a little bit smoother, and to acknowledge the experience people have been through. That’s something I’m really proud to be able to weigh in on.”

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Amer Qureshi

## **Amer Qureshi (BEc '82), 75 Cities volunteer:**

“Today, I enjoy mentoring students, many from China, India and Pakistan. [My son and fellow ANU alumnus] Ali mentors in the Momentum program at the ANU College of Business and Economics and helps students to access professional expertise. [My other son] Ahmed, also mentors graduates through his work.”

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Abigail Yvette Agbeteti

## **Abigail Yvette Agbeteti (MAppAnthParDev '19), 75 Cities volunteer:**

“I have become a great advocate of ANU, trying to get students from Africa to go over to Australia. I want to share the story of my time there, hoping it will encourage others to seek out the same transformative experience that I had. ANU is a great place to study because every person and every idea is welcome.”

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# The ANU philanthropic community reunites

After three years of COVID-19 halting in-person events, 2022 provided the long-awaited opportunity for the University's donor and volunteer community to come together again at the annual ANU Springbank Circle Long Lunch and ANU Celebration of Giving.

Professor Brian P. Schmidt, ANU Vice-Chancellor and President, welcomed guests to both events and emphasised the importance of philanthropy in helping students and researchers unleash their full potential.

Springbank Circle members enjoyed a traditional long lunch and listened intently to a panel discussion moderated by Arik Thormahlen, Head of Advancement at the ANU College of Health and Medicine. The panel discussed the role of philanthropy in research and showcased their areas of expertise.

The festivities continued at the ANU Celebration of Giving. Open to the University's entire philanthropic community, guests were able to connect face-to-face with those who had benefitted from their generosity. They were also treated to a musical performance by ANU School of Music alumnus and Yil Lull studio leader, Will Kepa, and the Sound of Space, a unique performance capturing the Earth's natural radio sounds by the ANU School of Music and the ANU Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Both events are important mainstays of the ANU calendar. Being able to host them once again, after a three-year hiatus, has allowed the University and those who have been helped by its dedicated donor and volunteer community to say 'thank you' in a meaningful way.



Image: Karlie Noon & Professor Kim Cunio. Photo by ANU.





Image: ANU Celebration of Giving and ANU Springbank Circle Lunch events. Photos by ANU.

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