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Your generosity helps ANU fulfil our unique responsibilities as Australia's national university.

Your support helps talented students from any background succeed in their study and careers.

Thanks to you, ANU is playing an active role in the recruitment and success of Indigenous students.

Boosted by your generosity, our researchers are raising new hope in the treatment of rare diseases, and helping bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

With your support, ANU is driving climate research to help us shift to a safer and more sustainable future.

The growth of philanthropy at ANU has had a great champion in Professor Gareth Evans, who relinquished his robes as Chancellor in 2019. We are

grateful to Gareth for his generosity and leadership, which will continue to guide us.

It was my pleasure to welcome the Hon Julie Bishop as our new Chancellor earlier this year. We are excited to have a leader of Julie's calibre and experience to guide our University through 2020 and beyond.

Thank you again for inspiring us to work towards a better future.

Professor Brian P. Schmidt
Vice-Chancellor and President
The Australian National University

YOUR GENEROSITY SHAPES OUR UNIVERSITY

On behalf of ANU Advancement, I thank you for the positive impact you have on the ANU community.

I am delighted to present the 2019 Report to Donors – a celebration of you and all that your support makes possible at the University.

This report is a collection of the stories that you have helped us write over the last year. Each of these stories shows how you inspire us to deliver positive outcomes, both within the ANU community and beyond.

Your generosity is powering world-leading research, creating the right environment for our talented students, and helping us forge new partnerships with Indigenous Australia. Your support is enabling us to harness the power of education to enrich lives and create positive change in society.

In 2019, the University took a bold new admissions approach, with a commitment to offering every student in need a chance to attend Australia's national university. Thanks to you, our focus to Support Australia's Students is creating opportunities for students to succeed in their study and careers, no

matter their background or means. You have inspired us this year to establish the Kambri Scholarships, to help Indigenous students attend ANU and go on to fulfilling careers, while giving back to Country.

It was my pleasure to meet many of you at the Celebration of Giving and other events for our donor community last year. Our team will continue to seek out new and creative ways to connect with you meaningfully over this and the coming years.

The first months of 2020 have been challenging for many, so I hope you enjoy taking this chance to reflect on these inspiring stories as much as I did. I look forward to continuing our important work in helping shape the future of ANU and beyond.

Best wishes

Barbara Miles
Vice President (Advancement)
The Australian National University

Image on cover: Christine Roach with Jimmy Park at the 2019 Whitworth Roach Competition

Image above: ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian P. Schmidt, Head of School of Art and Design Professor Denise Ferris, Vice-President (Advancement) Ms Barbara Miles and former Chancellor Professor Gareth Evans at the 2019 Celebration of Giving event.

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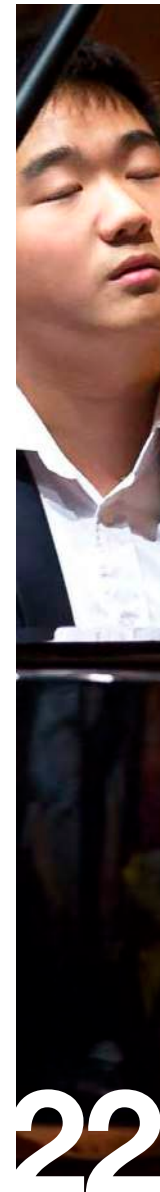
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INTRODUCTION

Throughout this report you will see images of heritage sites, trees and artefacts of the ANU Acton campus to highlight the way in which Aboriginal people have used this area for thousands of years and the continuing culture and connection to Country.

We welcome you to visit the campus to enjoy the self-guided walking trail – part of the ANU Walks series. The Aboriginal Heritage Trail is available on the ANU Walks app or contact **ANU Heritage** at fs.heritage@anu.edu.au to request a hard-copy brochure.

2019 GIVING BY NUMBERS

New funds raised for
the University

\$21,700,000+

(including pledges and gifts in kind)

Largest gift raised

\$3,000,000

In 2019, UniLodge pledged \$3 million to provide financial support to help students receive an ANU education and realise their potential, regardless of their background. In the first round, the UniLodge Australia Scholarships were awarded to six ANU students. Read full story on page 13.

Funds received for 2018

\$14,800,000

WHO GAVE

Funds raised for student support

\$8,400,000+

Given to ANU by staff through
the workplace giving program

\$322,995

1,410

Australian donors

126

International donors

951

Alumni donors

108

Organisational
donors

444

Donors who gave
for the first time

1,092

Donors who continued
their support in 2019

1,536

Total donors

Background image: **The Ground Map** was designed in collaboration with clan elders and Wellspring Environmental Arts and Design. The Map includes stones from Mt Ainslie, Black Mountain and Red Hill and several artefacts from the elders' collections. Grinding Stone was made by Carl Brown.

Project participants include Wally Bell – Buru Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation; Carl Brown – King Brown Tribal Group; Matilda House – Little Gudgenby River Tribal Council; Jennifer Jones and Phil Nizete. Project advised by Dave Johnston, Aboriginal Archaeologists Australia Pty Ltd.

Note: All figures refer to activity in
the ANU Foundation in 2019
unless specified otherwise.

HELPING BRONTË EXCEL ON HER JOURNEY TO A MORE ACCEPTING WORLD

Growing up in her community in Tasmania, Brontë Charles witnessed enormous inequity between the haves and have-nots, between men and women.

“There was no place for me, an ambitious gay woman to live authentically and to excel,” said Brontë.

Studying at The Australian National University (ANU) has helped her develop herself without having to hide her sexuality or values. Brontë is studying Political Science and International Relations and is the inaugural recipient of the Frances Cassidy Scholarship, the first philanthropically funded LGBTQI+ student scholarship at ANU.

“I came to study my subjects at ANU with the idea that, if I understood the systems and structures that empower some and denigrate others, I could find ways to dismantle those systems, or pull up as many women, people of colour, LGBTQI+ people and people with disabilities to share in the privileges implicit to some in Australia,” said Brontë.

She feels there is nothing so satisfying as developing her thoughts with other people in a university environment.

“This is the way that the financial scholarship has most assisted me, as I have been able to live in student accommodation surrounded by people my own age sharing a common goal – to learn concepts, ways of thinking and experiences. I feel as though I am getting a full university experience living on campus, which I would have missed out on if I had remained in Tasmania.

“Having just completed my first year of tertiary education, I am happy and proud of my results, having moved away from family, learnt to navigate a new city, made new connections, been self-reliant, and adopted new skills and ways of managing during a very stressful time.”

The scholarship was established by Frances Cassidy (BA '81) to provide support for a LGBTQI+ student, with preferences for a student who identifies as a woman.



“I am personally aware of the difficulties LGBTQI+ people face in general, but particularly in smaller, more provincial towns both in Australia and in the US, and in the world generally,” said Frances.

“Education and careers help them to firstly move to more tolerant parts of their own and other countries, and to become financially independent from those who would oppose and not support their lifestyles. My personal life story can attest to that.”

Frances credits her ANU education and related work experience for helping her broaden her own career path and eventually work and reside in New York city. The scholarship is her way of making a similar impact on the lives of the recipients.

Brontë feels grateful for the life-changing support she has received from the Frances Cassidy Scholarship.

“It motivates me to fully embrace all facets of university life,” said Brontë.

Image left: Brontë Charles
Image above: Frances Cassidy



Image above: Stella Wadeson

Image left: Sullivans Creek holds significant cultural value to the Aboriginal people of the Canberra region. Water has a strong spiritual and cultural significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is often linked to Dreaming and Creation stories.

Receiving the scholarship has confirmed I was in the right place doing the right thing for my studies and future.

FUELLING STELLA’S FIRE AND PASSION FOR ART

Stella Wadeson is studying a Bachelor of Design and a Bachelor of Art History and Curatorship at ANU. She was in the middle of the outback when she learned about her ANU Visual Arts Endowment Scholarship.

This award aims to encourage and support students showing exceptional promise in the fields of Design and Visual Arts. Stella was visiting Indigenous communities to learn about Indigenous art when she received the news.

“I had limited reception and I honestly couldn’t believe my eyes when I saw the email,” she says. “One of my passions is understanding the diverse history of Australia which begins with our First Australians.

“I took a Bachelor of Art History and Curatorship degree because it improves my prospects of working with Indigenous communities and also with art centres in the future,” she says. “Receiving the scholarship has confirmed I was in the right place doing the right thing for my studies and future.”

Stella feels the scholarship gives her flexibility in planning her future studies and helps her chart her career.

“This kind of money is something I do not take for granted and I intend to use it to the fullest. I plan to split and utilise the scholarship money in two ways.”

She wants to use a part of the scholarship towards the Art of the European Courts study tour in 2020. It would help her experience and learn about the classical beauty of renaissance art in the heart of France and Italy. With the remaining funds, she intends to take up an internship in a remote Indigenous community art centre.

“I am committed to learning through the traditional study pathways which perfectly complement a broader learning approach, such as the internship. I personally believe being thrown in the deep end and being asked to think beyond what you know is how we find our fire and passion in life.”

Stella strongly believes these experiences, supported by the ANU Visual Arts Endowment Scholarship, will help her channel her passion and lay a strong foundation for a career in the arts.

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS IN HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH

The Simon Fenwick Award for Indigenous Research supports the Higher Degree Research Program at the ANU National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS).

As a founding partner of International Value Advisers, Simon Fenwick spent 20 years working overseas. After returning to Australia, he was dismayed by the ongoing problems facing Indigenous Australians.

“What struck me, on my return, was the lack of improvement in two decades for Indigenous people across many metrics – health, longevity and education.”

The 2019 awardee, Adam Delaney, is an NCIS Higher Degree Research scholar at the start of his PhD journey. The award helped Adam attend a three-day workshop, *Global Common Roots, Common Futures Network: Indigenous Governance*. The workshop was hosted by the Centre for Maori Law and Governance (CLG) at University of Waikato, New Zealand (Aotearoa).

“It’s a small contribution but one that will, hopefully, allow Indigenous people to reach their potential via better education.”

“My participation in this high-level workshop was an honour and has provided me with a rare opportunity to converse with some of the leading thinkers and practitioners of Indigenous governance in the world,” said Adam.

At the workshop, Adam learnt about the latest trends, solutions and challenges in Indigenous self-governance, a topic relevant to his PhD on the *Indigenous Motu Koita governance in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea*.

Simon hopes that his gift will allow NCIS researchers to focus on their work and improve outcomes for Indigenous people.

“It’s a small contribution but one of a number of philanthropies I’m involved in that will, hopefully, allow Indigenous people to reach their potential via better education. Without education, I fear more waste and short-term solutions that treat the symptom and not the cause.”

Simon’s generous philanthropic contributions to Indigenous education also include a transformative donation of \$1.34 million to the Brisbane Grammar School.



Image: Adam Delaney, 2019 awardee



Image: Benny Tipungwuti, *Pukamani poles* 1973. Fire-blackened bloodwood, commissioned 1973 (lawn, western side of HC Coombs Lecture Theatre)

UNILODGE SUPPORTS AUSTRALIA’S STUDENTS

In 2019, UniLodge pledged \$3 million to establish the UniLodge Australia Scholarships for supporting undergraduate students at The Australian National University (ANU). The scholarship aims to provide financial support to students in need to help them get an ANU education.

Peter Bates, CEO of UniLodge, stressed the importance of helping students realise their potential, regardless of their background.

“UniLodge established these scholarships because we want to make a difference to the lives of young people,” said Peter. “There are so many talented students in Australia who struggle to afford uni, and

we believe that this should never be an obstacle to achieving your dreams.”

Philanthropic support through the UniLodge Australia Scholarships is an important investment in the future of young Australians, ensuring their ongoing development and contribution to the broader community.

Partnerships formed by ANU with corporations and foundations to establish scholarships are based on a shared vision of empowering students and having a transformative impact on their lives.

For further queries about corporate and foundation partnerships at ANU, please contact **Carson Walburn, Head of Advancement, Corporate and Foundation Relations at +61 2 6125 5450.**

THE ENDURING POWER OF GIVING

Antonella Salpietro first joined ANU as a Visiting Fellow in 1988. She initially intended to stay only for a couple of years, but her love for Australia, her strong association with ANU and new friendships led her to stay. More than 30 years on, that deep connection has endured and made an impact on the University and the broader community.

“ANU was my first experience in academia here and also gave me an insight into the Australian community,” she says. “And since then that connection has evolved with many opportunities to be engaged, through public lectures, presentations and open days.”

A visit to the Great Barrier Reef made a huge impression and inspired a deep interest in marine ecology. “It is one of the wonders of the world, critical for the planet’s marine ecology and must be preserved for future generations.”

In 2008, she set up the Antonella Salpietro Prize for Marine Ecology to recognise a student’s commitment to study the marine environment and contribute to its preservation. It also marked the twentieth anniversary since she joined ANU as a Visiting Fellow.

“The marine environment is an important part of our culture. At the beach we are all equal, and I think that is an important reflection of the Australian identity.” The prize has been awarded every year since 2008.

In recent years, Antonella has extended her generosity by setting up the Tina and Tano Salpietro Award, funding internships to the Kimberley region. The award will support ANU students undertaking paralegal work as part of the Kimberley Community Legal Services (KCLS) – ANU partnership. Antonella has named this scholarship after her parents, Tina and Tano Salpietro, to acknowledge their strong sense of social justice and solidarity towards those experiencing disadvantage.

“This partnership is really important to address the legal needs of the local community,” says Antonella. “And also to give the students a first-hand experience of the issues faced by the Aboriginal peoples, which may also escalate if they are not addressed when they arise due to insufficient legal or paralegal staff being available.”

The work experience and increased awareness gained through the award equips students for a legal career with the required sensitivity to the culture and challenges faced by Indigenous people living in remote areas.

Having also made a bequest to ANU, she truly believes in giving back to the institution from which she feels she has gained so much.

“ANU is at the forefront of research and the academic standard is really very high. Having worked here, I have gained a better understanding and appreciation of Australian society and culture, and the pivotal role that Australia can play in leading research and educating the emerging generations.”



Image: Antonella with prize winner Jessica Pink
Image right: Tina and Tano Salpietro with Antonella as a toddler





Image above: Brenda in conversation with Sam Provost, 2016 recipient of the Joseph and Lindsay Croft Memorial Scholarship

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS – BY HONOURING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Makayla Brinckley was relieved to be awarded the Joseph and Lindsay Croft Memorial Scholarship.

“For Indigenous students like me, financial pressures can often limit our ability to perform well at university,” she said. “So I knew the scholarship would help me perform my best in my Honours year.”

The scholarship assists undergraduate Indigenous Australian students to undertake study at ANU. It was established by Brenda L Croft and her brother Timothy in 2000 to honour the memory of their late father Joseph and brother Lindsay. Joseph was the first Aboriginal person to study at an Australian

university. Lindsay was an Aboriginal student advocate and Harvard University postgraduate student, who tragically lost his life in a car accident in the US. Both felt passionately that further education was the key to Indigenous self-determination and direction.

Makayla has come a long way since graduating high school in the rural NSW town of Cootamundra. She is passionate about the social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

She says the quality of support she received at ANU had a positive and tangible impact on her student life.

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students come from all walks of life, with diverse experiences that make each of their university journeys unique. The individualised support will ensure that each and every student will receive the help they need.”

“Receiving the scholarship meant I could reduce my paid work hours to focus on my Honours studies and research project. It helped with my living expenses, travel, and buying my textbooks. It gave me freedom and helped me take another step in my journey to becoming an Indigenous psychologist.

“Whether it was financial or pastoral support, or just a safe space to go to on campus, my student years were really enriched by the Tjabal centre. They listen without judgement and help you with any difficulties you may have.”

Brenda believes philanthropy plays an essential role in supporting Indigenous students and the wider community.

“Many Australian First Nations students come from lower socio-economic backgrounds, often being the first in their family to reach tertiary education. Their expenses are manifold and can really affect their capacity to fully participate and engage with tertiary study,” said Brenda.

“My brother Lindsay was very aware of these expenses as a student and desired to set up something to ease that burden for other Australian First Nations students.”

Honouring Lindsay’s and Joseph’s work with First Nations communities throughout the country motivated Brenda to make a positive impact on the

lives of Indigenous students. She is also grateful for all the support in her own life and wants to pay it forward.

“Giving back is a great way for me to acknowledge the support I have received throughout my life from so many people, Australian First Nations and non-Indigenous.”

“Receiving the scholarship...gave me freedom and helped me take another step in my journey to becoming an Indigenous psychologist.”



KAMBRI SCHOLARSHIPS – ENRICHING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES

ANU has established Kambri Scholarships to support Indigenous students from across the country.

These scholarships will ensure that all Indigenous Australian students at ANU will receive the financial, academic and pastoral support they need to thrive. The endowment will fund at least 30 scholarships per year.

Brenda believes the scholarships show the University’s commitment to making a meaningful impact on Indigenous communities.

“Kambri Scholarships is a big step in providing diverse pathways for Australian First Nations students with

undergraduate and higher degrees opportunities. Making mainstream education pathways work for Australian First Nations individuals and communities is key.”

Makayla feels the model of support offered in the Kambri scholarships is especially important.

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Image above: Makayla Brinckley

Image right: Brenda’s father Joseph Croft (1926–1996) and younger brother, Lindsay Croft (1967–1994)



TALENT IS EVERYWHERE; OPPORTUNITY IS NOT.

2019 saw the University take a bold new admissions approach, that put the spotlight on scholarships – with a commitment to offering every student in need, a chance to come and study at ANU, no matter their background.

As supporters of the University, you are aware of the power of education in enriching lives and creating change in society. Your support provides opportunities to students in many ways, through scholarships, prizes, bursaries and travel grants. It helps us in our commitment to ensuring that a scholarship is available to any student who needs one. Our new admissions process for domestic undergraduate students is the first step in ensuring Australia's national university has a student population reflective of the diversity in our nation.

Total funds raised in 2019 – **\$8.46M**

Funds raised between March 2018 and December 2019 – **\$10.54M** which is **70.26%** of the target

1187 donors gave to support talent and create opportunities in 2019

Majority of these gifts were given by individuals and **70%** were ANU Alumni

Image below: Fiona Foley, *Winged harvest 2001*, Wood, aluminium, ochre and stainless steel, commissioned 2000 (WEH Stanner Building courtyard)



Image above: Christopher Hagan, recipient of the 2018 Peter Sharp Scholarship

IHS MEDICAL STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY ACT HEALTH

Medical students at ANU have the unique opportunity to join an Indigenous Health Stream (IHS) and receive support through the Peter Sharp Scholarship program, thanks to an ACT Health funding package worth \$353,000 over four years.

The scholarship program celebrates Canberra GP, Dr Peter Sharp, whose work and dedication made significant contributions towards improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dr Amanda Steele, former IHS student and ANU Medical School graduate, says she appreciated opportunities such as her six-week placement in Yuendumu, a remote town in the Northern Territory.

"The Indigenous Health Stream was a great support for me, because it enabled me to connect with my culture throughout Medical School, which was so good for the mind, body and soul."

Funds from ACT Health provide one scholarship of \$18,000 a year, during the four years of the medicine program.

The 2018 Peter Sharp Scholarship recipient, Christopher Hagan, says that he is grateful for both the financial security and the opportunities that the scholarship have opened up for him.

"I have opportunities here that a lot of people in my family and my community have never had, and I feel so lucky and so grateful. My dream is to be a rural GP in a country town – hopefully back home."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants also receive financial assistance to help with the often overwhelming process of preparing for the GAMSAT test to get them into the ANU Medical School. In addition, ACT Health assists IHS students to participate in a two-day cultural immersion program on the south coast of NSW through the Ngaran Ngaran Culture Awareness program.

"It was inspirational to hear from people who are looking forward, and focusing on how to improve the lives of Aboriginal people through sharing their culture," said one participant. "The experience has helped me to see how we can focus on the strengths of Aboriginal culture in the practical application of health and medicine."

So far, a total of 68 medical students have participated in the IHS, with 41 students enrolled in the four-year program in 2019.

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GIVING TO SUPPORT MUSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The annual Whitworth-Roach Classical Music Performance Competition is a key event on the ANU School of Music calendar. It celebrates the talent and dedication of ANU classical music students, who have the chance to win a share of \$20,000, and the opportunity to perform for internationally acclaimed musicians and a gathering of the wider community.

The music competition, supported by the generous donation of Ms Christine Roach, completed five years in 2019. Christine had her first experience of classical music at age 10 when her parents, Sylvia and William Whitworth, took her to a Chopin piano recital. Listening, playing and appreciating classical music became a constant in Christine's life and when she

was looking for ways to give back to the community, her mind turned to the ANU School of Music.

In recent years, Christine has deepened her support of the ANU School of Music and its students by establishing the Whitworth Roach Classical Music Scholarship. It aims to encourage and support first year undergraduate students to undertake studies in classical music performance at the school. Established in memory of Christine's parents, the scholarship offers up to four awards each year.

Of the scholarship, Kim Cunio, Head of ANU School of Music, says, "For a young musician, finding out that a lovely person has given you a scholarship, and that they believe in you as a musician, has a profound effect.

"Often when musicians come into this career, they are only told how hard it is and that no one will support

them. But when someone like Christine comes along, it shows these young students that someone believes in them."

"Winning the scholarship meant that all my hard work as a musician had been recognised," said Lily Ward, 2019 Whitworth Roach scholar. "It also meant that I would be able to continue practising without financial limitation. Without the scholarship, I would not have been able to travel from my home in Tasmania to the ACT to study at ANU."

For Jarrod Hunter, winning the 2019 scholarship confirmed to him that he had made the right choice by studying at ANU.

"The Whitworth Roach scholarship has allowed me to settle into my new life in Canberra comfortably. Without this support, I would not have been able to maintain rental payments, so it has allowed me to

find my feet and focus on performing my best at my studies."

Chenxiao Chen, 2019 Winner of Whitworth Roach Classical Music Competition, feels honoured to have been selected. "I am very grateful for this opportunity and competition, which allows me to play in front of an audience."

Mia Huang, the 2018 joint winner of the competition, said "The prize money assisted significantly with living and study costs, as my family was going through health and financial issues at the time.

"Winning the competition was an important milestone in my development as a musician. It was a great encouragement to receive such positive feedback from the audience and internally acclaimed adjudicators."



Image above: 2019 Whitworth Roach competitors
Image background: Chenxiao Chen 2019 Winner of Whitworth Roach Classical Music Competition

Without the scholarship, I would not have been able to travel from my home in Tasmania to the ACT to study at ANU.

“This bequest changes everything. It will enable us to build the most comprehensive discovery program for this rare disease in Australia and possibly the world.”



Image above: Professor Carola Vinuesa says the Pryor bequest will be a 'game changer' for research in dermatomyositis. Photo by Lannon Harley

A LEGACY GIVES NEW HOPE FOR RESEARCH ON RARE AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

Professor Carola Vinuesa, Co-director of the ANU Centre for Personalised Immunology (CPI) calls it a 'game-changer'. She's referring to the \$10 million donation for research on dermatomyositis, a rare autoimmune disease.

There is so much about this donation that makes it unique. It comes from Jenny and Bruce Pryor, who both passed away in 2017, and is the largest bequest ANU has ever received. And it has helped establish the Jenny and Bruce Pryor Research Fellowship at the CPI to support research on dermatomyositis, or DM, which Jenny suffered from in her later years.

DM causes chronic muscle inflammation, pain and weakness, and Professor Vinuesa feels the funding will unlock vital work that gives sufferers new hope for a cure.

"It is a rare disease that affects about one in 100,000 people and therefore not a prominent part of current large research programs," Professor Vinuesa said.

"This bequest changes everything. It will enable us to build the most comprehensive discovery program for DM in Australia and possibly the world."

The Pryors first approached ANU with their intentions in April 2017. Their wishes have been stewarded by nephew, James Graham, and his partner Tanya.

"Bruce and Jenny loved each other dearly. Everything they did in life was for each other. So it is fitting that this major bequest and the vital work it will fund will carry their names," Mr Graham said.

"I can think of no better place than ANU to honour Bruce and Jenny's lives through world-leading research to which their legacy will make a tangible difference."

ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt feels this inspirational gift from Jenny and Bruce will empower the University to use research into this complex autoimmune disease in the most profound way.

"People who they have never met, and will never meet, will benefit from the Pryors' generosity and commitment to making a difference," Professor Schmidt said. "Great breakthroughs are founded in great research. And great research is boosted by generous donations like this."

Professor Vinuesa aptly articulates the positive impact of this bequest on DM research and treatment. "This is not just a gift to ANU. This is a gift to the world."

BEQUEST LEADS TO NEW DIRECTION IN WATER RESEARCH

Beryl John, inspired by the University's leading environmental research, committed a bequest in her will to ANU. Established in her mother's name, the Hilda John Endowment supports education and research in environmental land and water problems.

On making her bequest, Beryl reflected, "In common with others of my generation, I find that I cannot waste – not water, energy, air or soil, nor consumer goods or cash – and as a result, at the end of my life, I have assets to give away. My hope, of course, is that they will be well used".

Dr Barry Croke, Associate Professor, Integrated Catchment Assessment and Management, The Fenner School of Environment & Society as well as the Mathematical Sciences Institute, is currently realising Beryl's vision with the support of the Hilda John Endowment.

"The funding is being used to carry out several projects, including an uncertainty analysis of the Queensland Paddock to Reef model," said Barry.

"Impacts on water quality on the Great Barrier Reef are an important part of protecting this key natural asset from future negative impacts, particularly given the stresses introduced through climate change. This

will have important implications in terms of social, cultural and economic viewpoints."

The project also focuses on improving model predictions under climate change scenarios that can help guide catchment managers and policymakers.

"We are also trying to understand the impacts of extended periods of low flows on the water supply to rural and Indigenous communities like Brewarrina and Walgett. This has an impact on community health through increased concentration of sodium, as well as the environmental and social impact of potential algal blooms and fish kills."

Barry believes philanthropy plays a vital role in driving critical environmental research.

"The support received through the funding helps facilitate multi-disciplinary research across ANU, enabling advances to be made that would otherwise be missed.

"Our research is increasingly important in a world being impacted by factors like climate change and population growth. We seek to honour Beryl's vision through our work."

The project is a fitting tribute to the memory of Beryl's mother, Hilda John, who loved people and the land.

Image background: photo by Alex Perez, UnSplash.com

ANU FOUNDATION

Chair's message

Thank you for your continued support, creating opportunities for our students, researchers and staff.

We truly value the support of our donor community and the trust you put in us with your gift. We are committed to honouring this trust by ensuring your gift is managed in the most ethical and transparent manner.

The ANU Foundation was established in 2019 to deliver on this commitment, improving upon and replacing the ANU Endowment for Excellence. As our philanthropic support grows, it is the role of the ANU Foundation and its Board to ensure we continue to direct your gifts towards their intended purpose in an appropriate and accountable manner.

I would like to thank the members of the ANU Foundation Board – each of whom works in a volunteer capacity – for their valuable contributions in delivering greater assurance to you, our valuable donors. I also extend my thanks to all the volunteers who have supported the Endowment for Excellence with their time, effort and dedication over many years.

I and my colleagues on the ANU Foundation Board are committed to ensuring that your gifts continue to be translated into research, teaching and student support that has a transformative impact on society.

Your support is vital to ANU working towards a better future.



Thank you for everything you make possible.

Ms Robyn Watts
Chair, ANU Foundation Board
The Australian National University

What is the ANU Foundation?

The ANU Foundation is the governance framework for all gifts made to the University. It ensures that ANU maintains the highest standards in relation to its fundraising activities and that gifts made to the University are properly used and appropriately accounted for.

The ANU Foundation Board is the key oversight body for the ANU Foundation, advising Council and the Vice-Chancellor on the governance, management and performance of the University's fundraising activities and of all gift funds. The Board oversees the responsible 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 and for the life of each gift.

The ANU Foundation was established on 1 January 2019 by *The Australian National University (ANU Foundation) Statute 2018*. The ANU Foundation and ANU Foundation Board supersede all bodies established under the previous legislation – including the the ANU Endowment for Excellence, Endowment Fund, Board of Governors, Foundations of the Endowment, and Foundation Directors.



Image: Scar tree, ANU Campus, Photo by Lannon Harley

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GIVING DAY

A better future for Sonesh

Sonesh, an ANU Engineering student, moved from Afghanistan to Australia due to safety issues. She had to overcome a lot of obstacles to get to where she is today. She feels studying at ANU is a road to a better future for her.

"The ANU community has so much potential to make change and university has allowed me to study subjects of interest in depth.

"I believe if I become an engineer I can make a difference and build facilities that would make the world a better place, so fewer people would have to struggle.

"I wouldn't be here without a scholarship and, like myself, there are many other students out there who have experienced hardship that has disadvantaged them in getting a tertiary education. Scholarships and student support allow us to reach our full potential and become the new generation of Australia's leaders."

Sonesh believes scholarships give students more than a degree.

"You might not be able to change the world, but you can definitely change the world of one person."

Image background: ANU Engineering student Sonesh at the 2019 Giving Day BBQ
Image right: ANU Student Caller Rohan

Giving Day 2019 raised more than \$120,000, including \$40,000 of challenge funds from ANU, towards scholarships and student support that directly impact both current and future students. Thank you to our donors! Save the date for Giving Day this year on Wednesday 30 September 2020.

Helping Soumi realise her dream

Soumi Gopalakrishnan is studying a Bachelor of Health Science, which is the first step towards her dream of studying Postgraduate Medicine.

"I really wanted to go to a university that would help me get where I need to be in the future."

She believes that being at ANU has challenged her to learn more about herself, setting her on the right path for her future in medicine.

Looking out for others and offering support whenever possible is especially important for Soumi as a recipient of the ANU Humanitarian Scholarship. She is keen to highlight the positive impact that donors have on scholarship recipients and the wider community.

"If it wasn't for the scholarship, I wouldn't be here on my way to reach my dream. It feels great to know there are people who care about others, even people they have never met. Without them, so many students wouldn't be able to achieve their dreams. What they're doing is not just helping the individual, but the whole population in general."

Soumi believes that, alongside her ambition of taking on leadership opportunities, giving back will also be an important part of her future.

"I think it is very important to give back to society, in appreciation for everything that they have done for me."

PHONE APPEAL

Speaking to alumni and donors means a lot to Rohan.

The 2019 ANU Calling Program was focused on building relationships with our valued alumni and raising support for ANU scholarships.

Rohan, an ANU Student Caller, has enjoyed having meaningful conversations with alumni. He is currently in his fourth year of studying a Bachelor of International Security and Criminology double degree.

"When I heard the ANU Calling Program was spreading the word about scholarships, I was really interested in being a part of it. Scholarships give an incredible opportunity to study at a world-class university like ANU. A lot of people I know are on scholarships and they're redefining what societies are doing and what experiences other people are having.

"I also enjoy talking to alumni about their experiences at ANU. When they share fun stories, I hear them light up at the end of the phone. More often than not, their stories and time here at ANU have fed into what they're doing now.

"Our alumni are out there living in the world, making a difference and succeeding after graduating from ANU. Any help they give is incredible and means a lot to us."

Rohan truly believes students get more than a degree at ANU.

"There are so many clubs and societies, and extra-curricular opportunities here that many students

participate in. I can speak from the theatre side of it, because that's where I really got involved. I know people who never touched sport before they came here and now they're playing at uni games every year. There's a lot more than a degree at ANU when people take the time to experience all that is on offer here."





Image above: Dr Kamalini Lokuge
Image right: provided by Dr Lokuge

ENSURING SAFE DELIVERIES IN A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Sierra Leone has the world's worst maternal mortality rate. An experienced team of ANU epidemiologists and public health physicians are working with local partners to halve maternal death rates in just three years.

A crisis in maternal health

One in 17 women die during childbirth in Sierra Leone. This is devastating for families and the entire community. The vast majority of maternal deaths are preventable but a lack of qualified health personnel, years of civil war and the Ebola epidemic have shattered local health systems. With crisis becoming the status quo in Sierra Leone, aid agencies and governments have been unable to adequately intervene.

This project wouldn't happen without the support of Alastair and our other generous donors.



Halving maternal deaths

An ANU team, led by Dr Kamalini Lokuge, is working in collaboration with local communities, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) to deliver effective, sustainable and scalable solutions that leverage and transform existing programs.

MSF doctors are currently providing life-saving services to pregnant women and their newborns. However, long lasting change will need deeper and systemic solutions, which Sierra Leonean health staff can implement after MSF leave.

Dr Lokuge and her team are leveraging their unique model – which has proven successful in the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and in helping tackle family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea – to build a capable local health workforce and community.

Using a rigorous evidence-based approach, they work closely with local universities to train local health personnel. This will help them to continue delivering critical solutions over the longer term, catering to the unique health challenges faced by mothers in Sierra Leone. It also ensures a sustainable impact is made from within the community.

Alastair Holberton (BEC '70), CEO of Interchange Group, is the lead donor to the program. His support was inspired by its potential to make a positive impact on the lives of thousands of people.

"The ANU research team has a unique capability of operating in Africa. When they came to me with their proposition of halving maternal death rates within three years, I immediately wanted to help in facilitating this project," said Alastair.

"It will have a profound impact by saving the lives of thousands of mothers and children. What could be more rewarding and worthwhile?"

Dr Lokuge said that philanthropic support is critical to the project's progress. "This project wouldn't happen without the support of Alastair and our other generous donors."

"There is a very high level of trust in our work, including with our partner, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation in Freetown. The research program will give us a very clear understanding of the community and the health system barriers that contribute to the maternal deaths, and much more importantly, how we can support local communities and health workers to fix them."

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