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This report is a celebration of you, our donors, and your positive impact on the students, research and ambitions of The Australian National University (ANU).

Thanks to you, students who may not have had the financial support to study here are now well on their way to realising their full potential.

Thanks to you, ANU researchers are developing novel cancer immunotherapy and providing hope for genetic diagnostics.

And thanks to you, we are harnessing the outstanding talent across our University to tackle the grand challenges ahead.

It is because of your commitment, leadership and vision that we are creating new partnerships with Indigenous Australia, better managing the balance between agricultural production and long-term sustainability, and supporting renewable energy research.

On behalf of the entire ANU community, we thank you for all that you give us.

Your support provides emotional encouragement, a recognition of excellence and a springboard for innovation.

The talent, potential and ambition nurtured by you will resonate for generations to come.

ANU Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor at the 2018 Celebration of Giving event in front of the 10 panels from the Iconography series 2011-2014 Naata Nungurrayi (c.1932-)

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Since 1949, the ANU Art Collection has promoted a broader understanding of our visual culture and reflected important developments in Australian art.

The cover of this report is graced by a detail from Sidney Nolan's Riverbend, which was donated to ANU in 1965 and is now on permanent display in a purpose-built space at the Drill Hall Gallery.

In recent years, our Collection has greatly benefited from the generosity of donors who value the cultural, visual and intellectual impact of art on both the ANU and broader communities.

In 2018, ANU alumnus Craig Edwards made a landmark gift of Indigenous art by donating a remarkable collection of 124 Western Desert art paintings. This included the Naata Nungurrayi

Panels which are now on display in the ANU Kambri Cultural Centre.

Such inspirational acts of philanthropy are celebrated throughout this report with images of just some of the artworks which have been donated by our generous supporters.

I would like to thank our donors and the artists for the impact of your generosity and talent on our community. Each artwork in our Collection significantly enriches the experiences of those who study, work or visit our beautiful ANU campus.

Terence Maloon
ANU Drill Hall Gallery Director

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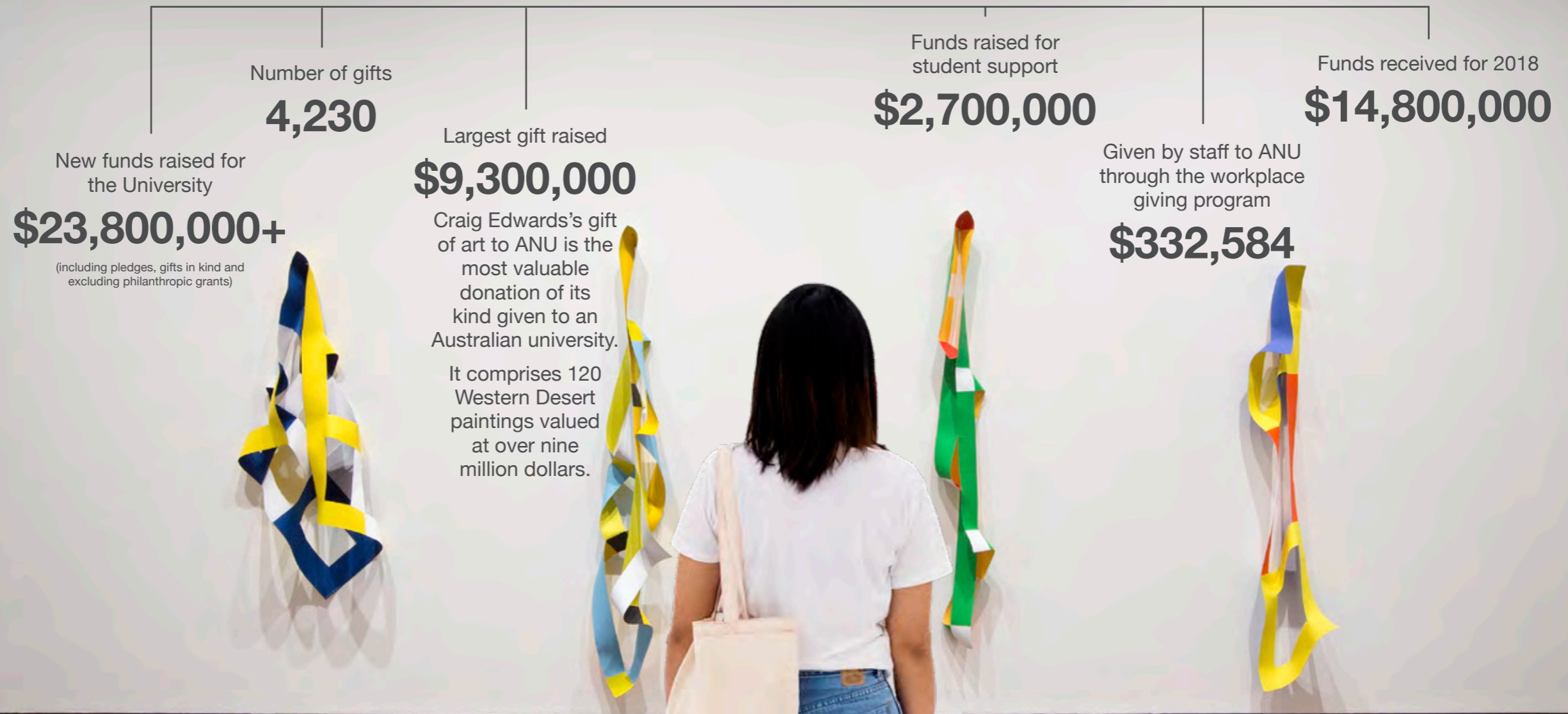
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2018 Giving by numbers



HOW IT HELPED

Number of students who benefited from philanthropic support
850

WHO GAVE

135 International donors	1,230 Alumni donors
1,922 Australian donors	709 Other donors
844 Donors who gave for the first time	118 Organisational donors
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NB. All figures refer to activity in the ANU Foundation in 2018 unless specified otherwise.

Amongst Other Things exhibition view featuring three works by Karl Wiebke O.T.W 7, 8 & 9 2003, acrylic paint on loomstate cotton, donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by James and Jacqui Erskine.
(Photo: David Paterson)



Ildiko Kovas, Circling II, 2015, oil on plywood, 122 x 244 cm. Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Ildiko Kovacs.

Image: Professor Myint Zan

Overcoming challenges

Professor Myint Zan has links with many international universities, but holds a special regard for the ANU College of Law, from which he graduated in 1984.

An active philanthropist, Myint has given generously to the ANU Centre for Law, Art and Humanities and the ANU School of Philosophy. He recently endowed a Prize in Law Studies to encourage students to explore interdisciplinary approaches to understanding the law.

“Interdisciplinary perspectives are so important because they help us to overcome and unpack compartmentalised thinking,” said Myint.

Based in Myanmar, and having taught at universities in Malaysia, Australia and the South Pacific, Myint is passionate about legal education and philosophy. His focus on human rights law has been motivated both by the political and legal situation in Myanmar, and the challenges he faced in pursuing an international legal education.

Myint hopes to help others, especially international students, overcome these kinds of challenges in the future. He intends to leave a bequest to ANU to help fund disadvantaged students from South East Asia and Latin America to study in multiple disciplines, including law.



A geospatial partnership with the Yawuru community

Donors to the Lesslie Endowment are supporting an ongoing partnership between ANU and the Yawuru people, who are the traditional owners of country in and around Broome, Western Australia.

In 2012, senior Indigenous leader and Yawuru man Patrick Dobson requested ongoing engagement from ANU in building geospatial capacity and broader skills to assist the Yawuru community in meeting post-native title challenges.

Today, the Yawuru are using Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technology to digitally map Yawuru Country in partnership with the Fenner School of Environment and Society.

Dr Bruce Doran, Senior Lecturer in GIS at the Fenner School, says the long-term partnership with the Yawuru community is focused on developing practical uses of GIS to support Native Title decision making.

“This process informs the geographic aspects of Yawuru Country and maps places of cultural and social significance for Yawuru people,” said Dr Doran.

The partnership enables Yawuru people to map and monitor historical, current and future use of Yawuru terrestrial and marine environments, and provides evidence – both from a Yawuru cultural perspective and from western science – to assess the impact of activities on Yawuru Country.

Currently, work is focused on the Yawuru estate, but discussions are underway to extend these innovative approaches to Indigenous communities across the Top End.

Dr Doran says that donor support for the Fenner-Yawuru GIS partnership has come at a key moment of looking to expand on and share the success of using mapping to support key Yawuru decision-making processes.

“The flexibility of the funding enables us to take up opportunities that emerge at relatively short notice. In 2018, following a presentation at the Native Title Conference, we were invited to present at a Defence Environment Conference in Canberra, and ANU funds were used to support travel and accommodation for Yawuru colleagues. Donor support has also allowed us to purchase some GPS tracking equipment to further develop and validate some of our land use models.”

The partnership also includes the appointment of a Yawuru Visiting Fellow, Dean Matthews, who has co-supervised Honours projects and co-taught case studies about Yawuru country. This is an important recognition of the joint nature of the partnership and a model for collaborative work with Indigenous communities.

In 2016, Dr Bruce Doran and Dean Matthews received the ANU Vice-Chancellor's Award for Indigenous Education.

The Lesslie Endowment recognises the contributions to landscape conservation and ecology by Dr Rob Lesslie, an alumnus of ANU, and supports applied research in these areas.

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Image: Fenner School Honours Student Rory Taylor and Yawuru Country Manager Pius Gregory examining a surface water map on Roebuck Plains Station in 2017



Zorro the dog helps masked owls

Scientists from the ANU Difficult Bird Research Group have turned to crowdfunding so that Zorro the dog can help save one of Australia's most elusive bird species, the Tasmanian masked owl.

Detection dogs are helpful in conservation programs like this one, because their sensitive noses detect targets more quickly and efficiently than people can.

"Masked owls are very hard to find using ordinary survey techniques so we had to get creative and find a new solution," said campaign lead Dr Dejan Stojanovic.

The crowdfunding campaign built on previous work by the group to protect the critically endangered swift parrot and orange-bellied parrot and managed to raise \$63,842.

Thanks to the enthusiastic donor response, Zorro is now being taught to sniff out owl pellets on the forest floor and is expected to be ready to deploy in the field by the end of 2019.



Healthier farms make for healthier farmers

For two decades, ANU has researched and collected data from over 300 farmers engaged in sustainable farming from north-east Victoria to south-east Queensland. It is one of the largest, long-term studies of its kind in the world.

After a \$2 million grant from the Ian Potter Foundation and generous donor support, these findings now inform the Sustainable Farms initiative, which helps farmers better manage the balance between agricultural production and long-term sustainability.

Not only have farmers who are better environmental stewards reaped the benefits of their work financially; many farmers attest that the increased presence of

vegetation, tree cover, greener pastures and bird calls has improved their mental health, sense of wellbeing and pride in what they do.

Paul and Rachel Graham took over Bongongo, the 1,800 ha family farm located near Adjungbilly, north-east of Gundagai, over a decade ago. They've gradually taken on larger and more challenging rehabilitation projects, gaining confidence through practical experience.

"Like all farmers, there's a history for why you're here. You're really just the next custodian. If you take that into account, you look after the land better as the next custodian," said Paul.

Image above: Tobias Keller, Unsplash
Image on left: Zorro the dog

Happy to give back – ANU workplace giving

Sarah O’Callaghan says that she’s grateful for the important role that ANU has played in her life by giving her wonderful study and professional experiences, as well as friendships which have lasted for over two decades.

Sarah first arrived at ANU to study science and law in 1996, and has maintained these links throughout her career, by working with the Department of Geology after graduating and currently as the ANU Space Manager at Facilities and Services.

Eager to help others enjoy a similarly positive undergraduate experience, Sarah has established a Research School of Earth Sciences (RSES) Equity Scholarship along with RSES Director, Professor Stephen Eggins, through the ANU workplace giving program.

“I hope that the students who are supported by this scholarship get to successfully finish their degrees and have some of the incredible experiences that I had. There were people in my year group for whom even paying a couple of hundred dollars extra to go on a field trip was a struggle. There are still students like that and that’s why supporting an equity scholarship is important.”

Sarah says that she wishes more people realised how easy it is to participate in workplace giving.

“It’s a relatively small amount of money that can have a huge impact on someone.”

Sarah has also made the decision to update her Will, intending to leave her estate to the University in order to establish a scholarship for women to study geoscience.

“I passionately believe in what the University is doing. Leaving my Will to one place with a relatively narrow focus means that the scholarship can be there forever.”

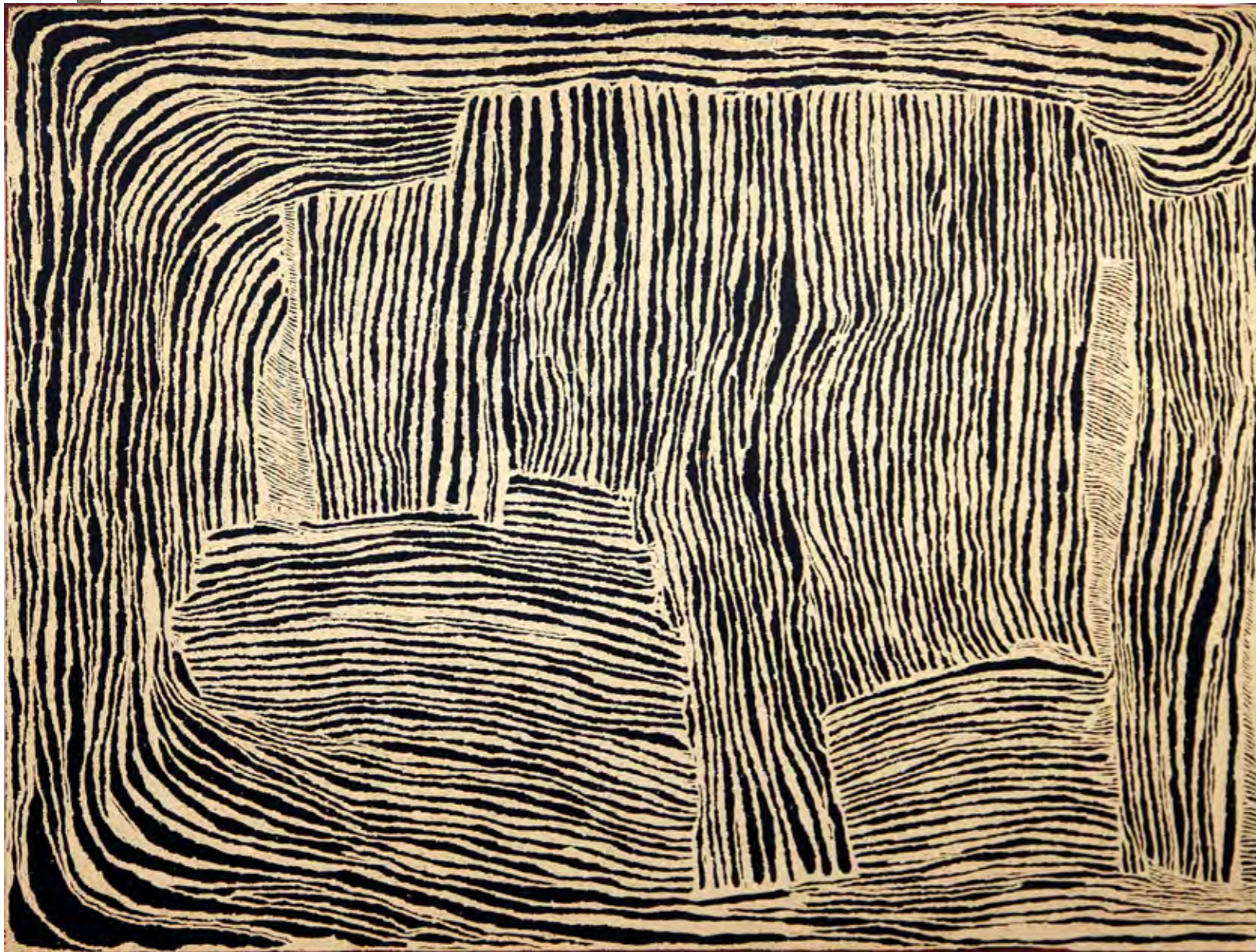
Sarah says that, aside from her many positive associations with the geology department, she is also motivated by the importance of giving back.

“For me it’s about giving back. This University has given me a fantastic set of opportunities and a fabulous undergraduate experience. This is a way of saying thank you for the life experiences you’ve given me. I feel valued and in me feeling valued I’m happy to give back.”

For more information about workplace giving, go to: www.anu.edu.au/giving/how-to-give/giving-through-work

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Mrs Bennett Nyurapayia Nampitjinpa, Untitled, 2010, acrylic on linen, 184 x 244 cm. Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Craig Edwards in memory of Edmund Charles Edwards and Alan Edmund Edwards, teachers. (Photo: Rob Little)

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Supporting Indigenous students to study medicine

In 2017, the John James Foundation generously pledged \$72,000 over four years in support of the ANU Medical School Indigenous Scholarship, which supports one Indigenous medical student with a scholarship valued at \$18,000 annually.

The current John James Foundation Award recipient, Stephanie Pollard, is a Ngemba woman who says the support has made a real difference to her studies.

"The financial aspect has enabled me to purchase all of the necessary equipment and has also allowed me not to have to work."

Stephanie has successfully completed her second year of the four-year *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae* Doctoranda degree and says she is proud of her academic improvement.

In 2019, Stephanie will undertake her study through the Rural Health Stream, which will see her spend the entire year in rural communities.

"The Indigenous and rural streams drew me to ANU as I saw them as the perfect way to boost my knowledge and experience so I am better prepared to treat Indigenous people."

In photo from left to right: Dr Linda Weber, Dr Vida Viliunas, Stephanie Pollard and Dr Prue Martin



Hope for genetic diagnostics

Donors to the Alan Harvey CVID Research Endowment are supporting important research into the human immune system that offers valuable information on diseases such as Common Variable Immune Deficiency (CVID).

Professor Matthew Cook is the group leader of the Cook Group at the John Curtin School of Medical Research and a co-director of the Centre for Personalised Immunology (CPI) at ANU. Professor Cook says that 2018 has seen considerable progress in CVID research at CPI.

"Our sequencing program is running very efficiently now and we have established a national network under the umbrella of the Australian Genome Health Alliance, which operates in parallel with CPI."

"Almost 100 families have entered this program during 2018. We are able to make a new diagnosis about 25 per cent of the time because patients carry genetic

variants that we already know about. For the other 75 per cent, we proceed to further research to try and discover new mechanisms of antibody deficiency," said Professor Cook.

The Endowment was established in memory of ANU alumnus Alan Harvey, who suffered from CVID, a rare disease that leaves your body defenceless against infections due to an inability to develop and mature cells in the immune system.

"We are optimistic about bringing genetic diagnostics to more patients in the near future and are looking forward to developing further understanding of CVID and its genetic causes in 2019," said Professor Cook.

Image below: Professor Matthew Cook, far right



Peter Maloney Untitled 1995 mixed media on paper 73 x 55 cm. Gift of the artist. (Photo: David Paterson)



Role models on the path to University

When Khamis Buol arrived in Australia as a nine year old from South Sudan his first meal was a burger.

“It was completely foreign to me! I didn’t know how to eat it. I took off the bun and ate each piece of the burger one by one, separately,” said Khamis.

When Hans and Connie Bachor arrived in Australia from Germany in 1981, they also found themselves in unfamiliar territory.

“Learning how to eat a meat pie at a football match was a very interesting challenge. Eating it with your hands, and discovering it’s boiling hot in the middle: something I never experienced in Germany!” said Hans.

The challenge of adapting to a new culture far from home inspired Hans and Connie to establish a scholarship for refugee students like Khamis.

“We arrived here with no support system, so we know what it is like,” said Connie.

They established The Bachor Undergraduate Science Scholarship to give refugees like Khamis easier access to university.



Image above: Connie Bachor and Hans-Albert
Background image: Scholarship recipient Khamis Buol

Khamis says the scholarship has helped him stay committed to his Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Advanced Computing flexible double degree.

“The money from the scholarship has helped me buy a new laptop at a time when I was financially unstable. It has also helped me not be so reliant on the bus for transport, so I can stay at uni studying longer.”

Khamis says he’s now motivated to be a positive role model to his younger brother and sister.

“I want to encourage them to come to university because it gives you so many more options in life.”

Hans says he’d like to be a role model too. Not to future immigrants, but to future donors.

“Our science scholarship is a good start,” he says. “But I would love to see other refugee scholarships in areas such as law and business studies following suit.”



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A rose for cancer research

When Ken Cooper lost his wife Susan to cancer, he created a new rose dedicated to Susan's memory.

Working with Swane's Nurseries, Ken searched through nearly 400 potential new roses which could bear her name.

"There was one that I thought was absolutely Susan. When I showed it to our children, they said, 'That's Mum.' It is a very beautiful rose that subtly changes colour over time, and it has this wonderful fragrance."

For every Susan Cooper Rose sold, the family will donate ten dollars to the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) at ANU.

"It felt like a good way to honour Susan, and bring attention and funding to the JCSMR. I hope it will help to build a groundswell of interest in the research currently being carried out at this world-class institution."

Susan Cooper Rose is stocked at the Swanes Nurseries www.swanes.com/susan-cooper-winter-rose.html



Insert image: Susan Cooper
Background image: Tinza van Dijk, Unsplash



Image above: Associate Professor Aude Fahrer far left
Image below: Lea Chapuis

Trialing a novel cancer treatment

Thanks to the generous support of donors to the Lea Chapuis Memorial Fund, Associate Professor Aude Fahrer and her small team from the Fahrer Group at ANU are trialing a novel cancer treatment.

The treatment involves injecting a slow-release bacterial preparation as an immune stimulant directly into a cancer tumour.

Lea was the Principal of Yarralumla Primary School, a close family friend of Aude and a cancer patient.

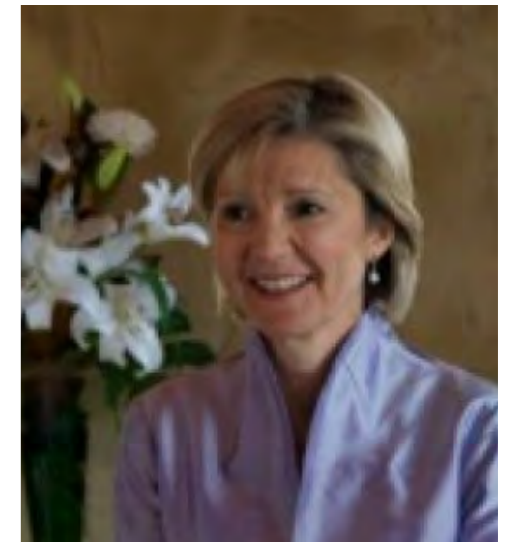
"Lea followed my research for many years and had volunteered to take part in a clinical trial. Sadly, she just missed out as she got too sick. One of her final wishes was that people would make donations to the Fund in lieu of flowers at her funeral," says Aude.

Two years after the untimely loss of Lea, the generosity of her family, friends and the community has made an incredible difference to the Fahrer laboratory.

"It has kept our research going and it's supported some brilliant young PhD students," says Aude.

"One of the real benefits is that the treatment is so inexpensive and simple that it can be used everywhere in the world. It also has few side effects, which is incredible compared to the horrible side effects of chemotherapy."

Aude is immensely grateful for the difference that donors to Lea's Fund have made to her team's research, saying that the Fund will continue to support improving a cheap, simple and potentially life-saving cancer treatment.



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A musical gift - honouring a brother's memory

Since 2010, the Imad Nassir Prize for Encouragement in Piano Performance has both honoured the memory of a beloved brother and son as well as inspired talented young pianists.

Imad Nassir was a gifted Iraqi-born pianist who suffered from Alagille syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects the liver and heart.

At only four years of age, his family noticed his talent for music and at age six Imad enrolled at the Music and Ballet School of Baghdad. When Imad later arrived in Australia, he enrolled at the ANU School of Music but sadly passed away two years later because of his illness.

To honour the memory of a gifted young pianist, the School of Music suggested that Imad's family establish a prize in his memory. Imad's brother, Oday Nassir, says that the family were thrilled with this suggestion.

“I'm inspired to keep my brother's name alive in music as it is what he loved most in his short life. Despite his health condition, Imad was so devoted to music.”

The 2018 prize recipient, Alexander Pecenko, says that receiving the prize has been very encouraging.

“The prize helped my financial situation and allowed me to focus more on my piano studies – a very time-consuming endeavour.”

Oday hopes that the prize will continue to motivate musicians into the future.

“I would like students to get the message that, despite how hard and unfair life is, you can still make success through tough times,” says Oday.



JWLand and ANU partnership to support renewable energy research

In 2018, JWLand and the Australian National University's Energy Change Institute announced a two-year partnership to support renewable energy research.

Michael Prendergast, JWLand Head of Development, said JWLand recognised that Australian businesses have a role to play in investing in clean energy as part of the global effort to reduce carbon emissions.

"JWLand is committed to advancing sustainability and the use of renewable energy in the property sector and the partnership with the Energy Change Institute is part of this."

Professor Ken Baldwin, Director of the ANU Energy Change Institute, said JWLand's support was a welcome boost for their research programs.

"This generous pledge will enable us to push forward the frontiers of knowledge in energy research, and contribute to advancing the shared interest we have with JWLand in creating a productive and low-carbon future for the nation."

Funding from JWLand will be used to support two researchers in partnership with the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE). The researchers will be seconded to ANU from the department and will be instrumental to the ECI in undertaking projects that have an impressive mix of energy policy and industry-led research relevant to society.



In photo from left to right: Michael Prendergast, JWLand; James White, DoEE, David Gourlay, DoEE, Chell Lyons, DOEE, Kushla Munro, DoEE, Ken Baldwin, ECI Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE)



Elizabeth Cummings Waterways 2009, ink on paper 36 x 55 cm. Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Elisabeth Cummings.

The President's message



On behalf of the Board of Governors of the ANU Endowment for Excellence, thank you to all our valued donors for your support of our students, researchers and staff.

Your support means that talented students can study at ANU regardless of background and that ANU can keep achieving research breakthroughs of global benefit. Your support contributes to ANU achieving global excellence in research and education, and having a transformative impact on society.

The ANU Endowment for Excellence is the University's main vehicle for receiving, sourcing and managing donations and gifts, including bequests, from University graduates, staff and friends in Australia and globally. I am honoured to work with our dedicated Board, each of whom serves in a volunteer capacity, to keep building on the successes the Endowment has already achieved.

I would like to thank Dr Vince Fitzgerald AO for his many years of service as the previous President of the Endowment. Alongside our Board members, Vince has provided exceptional stewardship and service to ensure the wishes and interests of donors are honoured as we keep evolving philanthropic development at ANU.

Your ongoing support is not only critical to students, researchers and staff, but also to philanthropic development at ANU so that we can continue to grow as one of the world's great universities. Thank you for your support and all that you help us achieve.

Ms Robyn Watts

President, Board of Governors
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ANU School of Music Foundation Endowment

School of Music and Canberra Symphony Orchestra collaboration

In 2018, funding from the School of Music Foundation supported an exciting collaboration between the School of Music and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO). Students and faculty members joined musicians from CSO to form the Side By Side Chamber Orchestra, which performed in the School's May and September Gala concerts. The collaboration was an invaluable experience for students and engaged the Canberra community with the performance excellence of the School.

Joint orchestra conductor

David (Max) McBride was engaged by the School in 2018, partially funded by the Foundation. As conductor for the Side By Side orchestra, Max provided strong guidance and mentorship. His contribution to both the excellent concert performances and broader mentoring of students was a highlight of 2018.

Excellence in Performance Fund

The School of Music Foundation contributed to significant performance master classes, visiting artists and chamber music coaching during 2018. Masterclasses included European saxophone virtuoso Julian Arguelles, pianist Bernadette Hervey and cellist Julian Smiles from the Australia Ensemble and the Goldner String Quartet; acclaimed pianists Sonya Lifschitz and Lisa Moore; and the dynamic touring jazz band Speedball. Multi-award-winning pianist Edward Neeman delivered intensive one-on-one chamber music coaching for many pianists and chamber orchestra players.

Edith and Joy London Foundation

In 2018 there were renewed efforts to rebuild the Edith and Joy London Foundation, culminating in the first meeting of the new Board of Directors in May 2018. The result is a broader spread of skills and talents in the Foundation Board, and a commitment to seeing the Kioloa Coastal Campus offer significant research opportunities to ANU academic programs and an attractive off-campus conference facility.

Herbert and Valmae Freilich Foundation

Since 1999, the Herbert and Valmae Freilich Foundation has supported research into the causes, histories and effects of ethnic, cultural, religious and sexual bigotry. Approaching its 20th anniversary, the Foundation has benefitted from an upgraded website, a growing mailing list and the ongoing support of the ANU and broader Canberra community.

In 2018, the Foundation hosted a number of public events, including two lectures, a film screening, a graduate masterclass and a book launch. The Freilich Foundation wishes to thank its partner organisations for these public events: the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Canberra, the Australian Baha'i Community and the Australian Human Rights Commission.

In 2018, Professor James Arvanitakis of the University of Western Sydney was appointed to the Foundation's Advisory Board. The Foundation also thanks its ongoing board members: Professor Will Christie (Chair), Mrs Valmae Freilich, Professor Rae Francis, Ms Felicity Gouldthorp, Dr Renata Grossi and Professor Suzanne Rutland.

The Freilich Foundation congratulates the following researchers who will receive funding from the 2018 round of the Early Career Research (ECR) Small Grants Scheme:

- > **Dr Bernhard Resch, University of Sydney Business School, for *Human Methods Lab: Deploying Human Difference to counter Bigotry*. Award amount: \$5000.**
- > **Mrs Kristen Stevens, University of South Australia, for *Welfare stigmatisation and racial conflict: Contextual explorations of the lived experiences of the cashless debit card impacting community cohesion and inclusion in Australia*. Award amount: \$5000.**
- > **Mr Jordan McSwiney, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, for *Networked Organisation: The Far Right in Australia*. Award amount: \$5000.**

Jan King Monastery 2006 steel, hot zinc sprayed and painted, 198 x 110 x 70 cm. Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by the artist.



Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation

The Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation was created to steward the gift of Graham and Louise Tuckwell in its execution of the Tuckwell Scholarships.

Future Shapers Forum

In 2018, a number of Tuckwell Scholars were involved in the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation's Future Shapers Forum. The Forum is an annual initiative of the Foundation and is supported by the ANU Crawford Leadership Forum. Four Tuckwell Scholars spoke in a panel discussion at the Forum's opening lunch on the theme "Tomorrow's Custodians of Today's Decisions" and a group of Scholars joined the team of Digital Storytellers to help capture the Forum.

Governor-General hosts Tuckwell Scholars

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Lady Cosgrove hosted Tuckwell Scholars at Government House. Sir Peter noted that, although his term as Governor-General would soon be coming to an end, he was confident that future Governor-Generals would share his enthusiasm for welcoming Tuckwell Scholars back to Government House.

How change happens

Tuckwell Scholars from all year groups participated in a discussion series reflecting on Duncan Green's book, *How Change Happens*. Scholars discussed changes they'd like to see in their communities, as well as more widely in Australia and at a global level. They considered systems thinking, power and activism, and how real change can happen in a complex world. The series culminated in an inter-year group reflection and workshop delving further into issues such as the University's response to sexual assault on campus, influencing policy in Indigenous affairs and increasing the uptake of renewable energies in Australia.

Tuckwell Scholar awarded both a University Medal and the Tillyard Prize

In 2018, Tuckwell Scholar Marcus Dahl was awarded both a University Medal and the Tillyard Prize. As President of the Residents Committee at Ursula Hall, Marcus took on the role of Secretary of the Interhall Council, a peak body of all the senior elected student leaders from all ANU residences. In his fourth year, Marcus joined the Hall's team of Senior Residents who provide pastoral care to residents. Marcus also mentored Indigenous high school students coming to ANU for the Indigenous Summer School Program and received the Baden Powell Scout Award from the Governor-General. Marcus graduated from a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Psychology.

ANU Visual Arts Foundation

The ANU Visual Arts Foundation (VAF) financially assists the School of Art and Design and the Drill Hall Gallery with a variety of activities including visiting artists, student scholarships, exhibition development, catalogue publication, and the University Art Collection and its presentation.

At the School of Art and Design in 2018, the Board agreed Foundation funds be allocated towards the refurbishment of the school's on-campus accommodation for visiting artists and assistance with donor management, the Emerging Artist Support Scheme Patrons event and the end of year awards ceremony.

The School did not offer a visual arts scholarship in 2018 because of a glitch in an external system and the loss of relevant data. A new entry interview system has been established to rank applications and produce transparent, equitable selection criteria for the award of the annual VAF Scholarship.

At the Drill Hall Gallery, with Friends of the Drill Hall Gallery Endowment Fund, the VAF co-funded the acquisition of new mobile, lockable display cases. This enables the University's impressive collection of ceramic and glass works, artists' books and small sculpture to be prominently displayed and accessible to students, staff and the general public who visit the Gallery. Another significant project co-funded by the VAF, the DHG and the School of Art and Design was a catalogue and major exhibition *Painting Amongst Other Things* shown at both venues and the Australian National Capital Arts (ANCA) Gallery.

Noting changes in the recent ANU Foundation Statute, at its last meeting the Board agreed The Visual Arts Foundation successor body should be called The Visual Arts Endowment Advisory Committee comprising the School of Art & Design Head, the Drill Hall Gallery Director and other members to be announced.

In this context, it was agreed to clarify the purpose of the Visual Arts Endowment and that the conditions of the Visual Arts Scholarship Award be reviewed and submitted to the Registrar for approval.

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation

The Sir Roland Wilson (SRW) Foundation advances the study and development of public policy in Australia, its regions and the world. The Foundation offers prestigious postgraduate scholarships to Australian Public Service (APS) employees, contributing to the development of a highly educated and agile public service capable of rising to the emerging national and global policy challenges that Australia will face in the coming decades. Many of the alumni are expected to be the next generation of APS leaders and will bring to their roles an intellectual rigor and appreciation for high-quality research in policy development.

In 2018, ANU welcomed its 8th group of SRW PhD scholarship recipients, bringing the number of scholars on campus to 15. The Foundation also established the Pat Turner Scholarship Program, which is offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander APS employees to undertake full time postgraduate study, either at ANU or Charles Darwin University. The first cohort of scholars will commence in 2019. The Foundation has further plans to establish an international scholarship to provide high-potential public sector employees from the Asia Pacific region with a tailored talent and network development experience to supplement their PhD studies at ANU.

Steve Munns, a Bundjalung man from Grafton in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales and an employee of the Department of Human Services, has been awarded one of six inaugural SRW Foundation Pat Turner Scholarships to undertake a PhD at ANU.

The Foundation also has an active program of events to inform policy debates and decisions. The events are run in partnership with other areas of ANU and provide expert, evidence-based discussions. They also provide scholars and graduates with breadth of knowledge and worldviews to complement the depth of the PhD experience. A key Foundation event, the annual *Future Shapers Forum*, continues the leadership development of graduates by connecting them to the next cohort of Australia's leaders from business and social enterprise, policy, research, advocacy, and the media.

Giving more than a degree

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Scholarship donors making a difference

Seraina Elia is studying a Bachelor of Health Science at ANU. She is the recipient of an ANU Love Scholarship and a Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship for rural and regional students.

Despite focusing on humanities subjects during her high school years, Seraina is studying Health Science to realise her ambition of becoming a rural doctor so that she can help people.

“I think it comes from having chronically ill family members. Every single member of my family that I live with has been chronically ill so I've watched all these doctors for years take care of my family.”

Seraina says that receiving scholarship support has helped her settle in to her first year of a demanding degree.

“The scholarship has made the transition from rural to city life a lot easier because I've had that buffer zone to get acquainted with how city life works. It's allowed me to branch out and do things that I couldn't have done if I'd had to work fulltime. I can go out and do things around campus, I can volunteer and I can take all these opportunities that don't exist in rural Australia.”

Seraina thinks that donors make the difference to a student being able to live their life instead of just surviving day to day. The generosity of donors has also inspired Seraina's philanthropic instincts.

“I'd like to do more than I'd already imagined I would. One of our local GPs helps school students by giving a bit of encouragement and a small cash reward to

the highest scoring HSC student. I'd like to do things on that level as well as on a wider level of helping out with schools and getting students to university because that's really pivotal in rural areas.”

For Seraina, there's no doubt that scholarships truly make a difference to recipients' lives.

“For a child who may have had a difficult upbringing or couldn't make it to university, you're changing their entire life. Because that's what a scholarship is; it's life-changing.”

Celebrating five years of community connections

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Eleanor enjoys calling alumni

Eleanor Armstrong is a third year ANU student studying a Bachelor of Philosophy with a Diploma in Languages:

"I'm lucky enough to be a recipient of the National University Scholarship, which has given me the freedom to enjoy my studies and University life and get more than a degree. And it's a good thing too that I'm enjoying ANU as I plan to do more study after my Bachelors and be at university for a long time!

One of the things I've enjoyed most about being at ANU has been working as a caller on the Phone Appeal. This is my second year on the Phone Appeal and it's a great opportunity for me to give back to a community that has given me so much.

As someone who has benefitted from financial support, I feel proud that I can raise money for The ANU Fund, which helps areas all across the university. I've seen firsthand the impact these donations can have on students.

The best part about the Phone Appeal for me is hearing stories from alumni – learning about alumni experiences during their time at ANU and what they've done since is fascinating and fun. It's helped me gain a better perspective on my studies and opened my mind to the many different paths I can take in the future.

Stories are so important and I can't wait to share mine with a student caller after I graduate."



Fulfilling a childhood dream

Bill Nicholes lived and worked on his family's farm, Willigobung, near Tumbarumba in New South Wales, for most of his life. He also cared for his elderly parents at the farm as their health deteriorated. Bill's experiences caring for his parents and his own medical conditions most likely contributed to his decision to leave a generous bequest of more than \$4.2 million to support graduate medicine students at ANU.

Lorane Gaborit is the first recipient of the Bill Nicholes 'Willigobung' Scholarship. Here, she reflects on the reality of fulfilling her childhood dream of studying medicine.

From a young age, I knew I wanted to work in a field where I could make a positive impact. It sounds really clichéd, but I knew I wanted to help others.

During my first year at ANU, I took electives in science, although I was awful at chemistry and it put me off science for a while. I'm glad I felt so inherently drawn to the practice of medicine and had the right mentors to emphasise that medicine is much more than just straight science.

Throughout my undergraduate degree, I was lucky enough to spend some time in a couple of different rural and remote parts of Australia, where I met a lot of amazing people, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who were working in the health sector in their communities.



Maybe I'm biased, but the community at ANU and the ANU medical school is really great. Even within just a few days, almost everyone knows you by name.

I became really interested in Indigenous health, and other aspects of community healthcare provision like cultural safety and health justice.

Last year I worked in policy and communications for the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, which was an absolute privilege. I hope to be part of the Indigenous Health stream and to work on a research project looking at these sorts of issues.

My first few months at medical school have been primarily focused around bringing everyone up to a level playing field in basic biomedical science knowledge and skills. The idea of doing an intensive biomedical bridging course in two months sounds really intimidating but it has been a very supportive environment.

Maybe I'm biased, but the community at ANU and the ANU medical school is really great. Even within just a few days, almost everyone knows you by name. That's really important, especially when you may feel a bit out of place – in my case because I've come from a non-science background but for others because they've moved far from home.

When you do a postgraduate medical course, you meet people who have led these crazy past lives which seem completely unrelated to medicine, alongside many who seem to have been waiting to do medicine their whole life. I think deep down I am one of those people even if I didn't realise it initially.

It is really exciting and a huge privilege to be able to look ahead to everything that is to come.



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