Memories of a lifetime
The Lumen masthead is derived from the University of Adelaide motto “Sub Cruce Lumen” – the light (of learning) under the (Southern) Cross.

Studying at the University of Adelaide means being part of a rich tradition of excellence in education and research, with world-class academics and a vibrant student life.

Seek Light.
The light of new knowledge.

Welcome to the summer edition of Lumen. This issue features alumni and the difference they are making in their fields—Annabel Crabb in journalism, Adam Kimber in law and cricket, and Moya Dodd who is working at the highest level in international football. It also features Dr Basil Hetzel AC, who was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of the University degree for his distinguished service to medical research.

Basil is one of many alumni who studied medicine or health sciences and used their careers to profoundly better the lives of others. The University remains deeply immersed in health education and research, ensuring the next generation of health professionals can continue to improve the quality of life for Australians and people across the globe. As the new Royal Adelaide Hospital nears completion, we are building a health and medical sciences building nearby, in the SA Health and Biomedical Precinct at Adelaide’s west-end. The facility will transform health treatment, training and discovery and will ensure we continue to train a health workforce of the highest quality.

To build a new health and medical school happens only once in a century – and you have the unique opportunity to be involved in this special project, by adding your name to the Donors’ Wall. To learn more, read the article on page 13.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Lumen.

Professor Warren Bebbington
Vice-Chancellor and President
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Front cover image:
The Class of 1965 at their Golden Jubilee 50 year reunion
(photo by Jo-Anna Robinson)

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Corrections to Winter 2015 issue:
In our article ‘Predicting the course of mental illness’ (Lumen Winter 2015) we neglected to include contact details of support groups. If you need help or know someone who does you can contact Lifeline: 13 11 14 - www.lifeline.org.au (open 24 hours)
Dear Editor,

As a member of the alumni of the University of Adelaide I am always pleased to read my copy of Lumen. However I was especially delighted by the latest edition (winter 2015). It brought back many happy memories of my years as a university student when I read the contribution from Samela Harris, with whom I commenced law studies in 1964, and her references to our fellow law students Piers Plumridge, John Waters (all editors of the excellent On Dit) and John Bannon, and when I saw her photograph taken in 1965.

My pleasure was augmented by reading of the honorary Doctorate of Laws awarded to another fellow 1964 law student, Robert Hill and by reading, and seeing the photograph, of Dr Claire Woods. I had the good fortune to meet the delightful Claire in our rehearsals and appearances together in Adelaide University Footlights revues.

Lumen’s articles illustrate the successes of its graduates and that the University of Adelaide, established in 1874 and the third oldest university in Australia, has been and continues to be a leader in tertiary education. Sub cruce lumen.

Regards, Lou Crotti LLB

Thank you for your letter Lou. There is certainly no greater evidence of the University of Adelaide’s success than the accolades and achievements of our alumni and those you have mentioned have indeed excelled in their chosen fields.

Our prize for this edition is a University branded letter opener and leather business card holder (below).

We want to hear from you! Letters to the editor are a regular section in Lumen magazine. You can submit your letter online or by mail. Letters to the editor must include: full name, address (not for publication), degree and year of graduation where applicable, daytime phone number and/or email address. We will select one letter per edition to receive a prize.

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Space permits only a selection of letters to be published. Letters may be edited so please keep them concise.

In our second year of the Alumni Council, we have been working with the University to increase engagement with our alumni. Our earnest desire is to help raise awareness about what it means to be an alumnus. We are always pleased to hear how appreciative our alumni are of the outstanding education they received at the University – one that has opened doors for them, both personally and professionally.

This year we have seen an increased level of participation in the alumni program. Thousands of our alumni have been in contact with the University this year, through the many networking, reunion and information events held around Australia and overseas. Alumni have helped us to welcome international students, and have taken part in forums, surveys and other outreach activities. These interactions provide valuable feedback which helps us to better understand and respond to the needs of our alumni, and, in turn, shape an even better program.

We celebrated many achievements this year, and I congratulate the award recipients who have been recognised as Alumni Fellows, through the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the James McWha Award of Excellence.

Thank you to all our alumni for your continued support and for your desire to stay in touch with your alma mater. I welcome your participation and contribution, and encourage you to provide your input and feedback to the Alumni Council at alumni@adelaide.edu.au or +61 8 8313 5800.

Dr Tim Cooper AM Chair of the Alumni Council,
Managing Director & Chief Brewer,
Coopers Brewery

Above: Dr Tim Cooper with guests at a Melbourne alumni event
Dr Basil Hetzel AC often refers to chance and good fortune as factors in his success. He even believes a bout of pulmonary tuberculosis following his graduation was a mixed blessing.

While it ended his career in the air force, it saw him take a pioneering path in medicine that would go on to affect up to one billion people around the world.

It was Basil who first recognised the effects of iodine deficiency in contributing to high rates of brain damage called cretinism. He established the International Council for the Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCIDD) to increase awareness of the seriousness of iodine deficiency and to work on programs to eradicate this widespread but easily remedied condition.

Basil’s work has seen him honoured around the world and this year the University of Adelaide paid him the highest academic recognition in awarding him an honorary degree of Doctor of the University for his distinguished service to medical research in South Australia and, more broadly, to society.

At the ceremony, Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Warren Bebbington said that Basil’s outstanding achievements in major aspects of public health and clinical medicine have had a substantial impact on the lives of many individuals. “He has served the University of Adelaide, his State and his profession with distinction, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award of the University of Adelaide in 1995,” he said.

Basil graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Medicine in 1944 and went on to win a Fulbright Scholarship, spending three years in New York with his family followed by a year in London at St Thomas’ Hospital.

It was after his return to Adelaide, while working as the University’s Michell Professor of Medicine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, that he began his most influential studies of iodine deficiency in Papua New Guinea. He proved the effectiveness of iodized oil in treating goitre and it was incorporated into the international public health practices of the World Health Organisation and UNICEF.

Basil continued his work in Melbourne, as the first Chair of Social and Preventative Medicine at Monash University, and by 1970 his team demonstrated that correction of iodine deficiency before pregnancy totally prevented endemic cretinism and related conditions. This was pacemaking, global research.

From 1986, as the CSIRO’s first Chief of the Division of Human Nutrition, he showed that iodine deficiency caused retardation of brain development in sheep and in marmoset monkeys.

Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) is now recognised by WHO as the most common preventable cause of brain damage in the world with more than 2 billion people at risk in 130 countries.

“A global program of prevention of IDD and other childhood disorders was launched at the UN World Summit for Children in New York in 1990 which provided unprecedented political support at Heads of State level,” said Basil. “By 2000, household usage of iodized salt had increased from less than 20 per cent before 1990 to 60 per cent in 2000, with further progress since.

“This is regarded by WHO as a global success, comparable to the eradication of small pox and polio.”

And of his life’s work which has made a difference to the lives of millions: “I was interested in making a better world.”

Below: Basil with family after accepting his Honorary Doctorate.
Over the years governments of all political persuasions have benefited from Hugh Stretton’s willingness to advise and his readiness to serve. They have also occasionally felt the full force of his commitments to a broad humanistic tradition which holds that the State exists to serve the people and not just to manage.

John Bannon, former Premier of South Australia. (Foreword to Markets, Morals and Public Policy, 1989.)
During a rich and diverse career which spanned multiple disciplines, Hugh inspired generations of students and colleagues with his measured determination for change and deep commitment to make the world a better place.

He died on 18 July 2015 at the age of 91 leaving a legacy that covered history, economics, political theory, social policy and justice, housing, urban planning, public finance and the role of governments.

Born in Melbourne in 1924, Hugh graduated with degrees in arts and law from the University of Melbourne in 1946 and was a Rhodes scholar and graduate of Princeton University.

He then taught at Balliol College, Oxford before leaving Britain in 1954 to take up an appointment as chair of the history department at the University of Adelaide. Just 29, Hugh was the youngest professor in Australia at that time.

He presided over the department’s rapid expansion during the 1950s and 1960s, shaping its teaching and research programs, and attracting historians of international stature.

In 1968 Hugh stepped down from his position to become a Reader in History so he could devote more time to writing. He was soon making a landmark contribution to the social sciences through his seminal book *The Political Sciences* (1969). Key later works included *Ideas for Australian Cities* (1970) which captured the imagination of urban policymakers and practitioners looking for insights into the complexity and richness of Australian suburban life.

He built on this theme in 1974 through the ABC’s Boyer Lectures, focusing on housing and government, and two years later was awarded the *Age* Book of the Year award for *Capitalism, Socialism and the Environment*, a book well ahead of its time. This was followed in 1978 by his internationally focused *Urban Planning in Rich and Poor Countries*.

Hugh not only wrote with great compassion and insight about suburban Australia, he also engaged in the policy process as Deputy Chair of the South Australian Housing Trust for 17 years where he was able to put his progressive ideas into practice.

In 1989 he retired from his role as Reader of History but remained active as a Research Fellow in Economics, generating important works, including *Public Goods, Public Enterprise, Public Choice* (1994) with Lionel Orchard and *Economics: a new introduction* (1999) which offered both teachers and students a pluralist alternative to commonly available economics texts.

Hugh’s exceptional career is marked by a lifetime of significant achievements—an extraordinary contribution which saw him voted one of Australia’s 10 most influential public intellectuals.

He will be remembered as one of the nation’s finest progressive polymaths, thoughtful and generous, modest and charming, witty and warm. Hugh is survived by his wife Pat and children Simon, Fabian, Tim and Sally.

"There are only a few lecturers that stand out in my mind. Hugh Stretton, without a doubt, stands above them all. Both what he had to say and how he said it was engaging. One couldn’t help but listen. With Stretton there was a complete absence of any sense of superiority. Not a condescending air to be found."

Amanda Vanstone, former Federal Government minister. (Extract from Pasts Present: History at Australia’s Third University, 2014.)

The lifetime achievements of Hugh Stretton are being remembered through a new regional innovation centre in Adelaide’s north.

The Stretton Centre is a focal point for collaboration between researchers, industry and government with a particular focus on the economic and social wellbeing of the northern suburbs.

The centre is the result of a broad partnership which brings together the City of Playford, University researchers, Renewal SA, and State and Federal governments.

The Stretton Centre is purpose built to support the development of industry and workforce development collaborations designed to boost employment opportunities in potential high growth sectors.

Find out more at www.adelaide.edu.au/wiser/stretton
The politics of cooking

Host of Australia’s first dedicated political cooking show, ABC TV’s Kitchen Cabinet, Annabel is one of Australia’s most popular political commentators. She writes for ABC Online’s The Drum, is a columnist for the Sunday Age, Sun Herald and Canberra’s Sunday Times, and has worked as a political correspondent and sketch writer for various publications. She’s also the author of The Wife Drought and soon to be released cookbook, Special Delivery – which she has co-written with one of her oldest friends and Kitchen Cabinet’s recipe consultant, Wendy Sharpe – the plan for which was formulated over university lunches on the lawns.

For Annabel, it’s the cooking part that is fulfilling her lifelong dream to incorporate food into her career. To be able to do this in the kitchens of some of Australia’s biggest names in politics combines food with her other passion – asking the tough questions of our country’s leaders.

‘Invading’ their homes armed with a retro cake tin or basket filled with one of her own dessert creations, Annabel’s informal technique of interviewing over the cooktop has seen her charm and disarm the likes of Bronwyn Bishop, Kevin Rudd, Julie Bishop, Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull. Some surprising quirks and personalities are revealed as well as the cooking expertise of some more than capable cooks.

Annabel says her passion for cooking came from being raised by great cooks in her mother and grandmother. Growing up on a sheep farm outside Two Wells in regional South Australia, she also had a lot of ‘shearing/baking experiences’.

Studying a double degree in arts and law, Annabel has fond memories of her days at university, not surprisingly many of these revolve around food – eating cheese triangles in the refectory and “thousands of avocado and cream cheese sandwiches” at the Art Gallery café.

She also spent a lot of time distracting friends in the On Dit offices – friends such as Samantha Maiden, David Penberthy, Vanessa Almeida and Misha Schubert – who have also gone on to forge successful careers. Their names are among the who’s who of Australian media circles – often referred to as ‘the Adelaide mafia’. Annabel also rubbed shoulders with future federal politicians on the university debating stage.

After graduating, Annabel sat for a cadetship at The Advertiser, having identified that a legal career wasn’t for her. She jokes that her law degree is “like a car that’s never left the garage, it doesn’t have a scratch on it!”

“But I’ve never regretted doing a law degree and I feel like I use it almost every day,” she says.

“When I got to Canberra and was reporting on federal politics, I found that I wasn’t fazed by legislative language and

Left: Annabel with federal MP Clive Palmer
my knowledge of the Australian constitution was invaluable. I’ve reflected on many occasions that it was a good degree to do.”

Annabel says that aside from the connections she made, she treasures her time at university. “It made me interested in so many different things – the education I received was an expansionary one which is great to have. “You can’t learn curiosity which is one of the great advantages of good journalism. The only way to develop curiosity is to have great teachers who tell you interesting things.”

Her own curiosity led Annabel to write *The Wife Drought*, a book which explores the way the presence of a helpful spouse can be a huge career asset.

Although she has a supportive partner, Annabel says her career in modern media is much more self-powered and entrepreneurial, thanks to the different platforms used to convey information. “I’ve taken huge advantage of that over the years partly because I’ve had three children and I’ve used every drop of flexibility that you can squeeze out of the system that the communications revolution has given us,” says Annabel. “I feel very fortunate because if I’d started having a family 15 years earlier and tried to do the kind of job that I do, I wouldn’t have been able to do it.

“There’s no doubt that the communications revolution has brought many risks and disasters for the media industry but it’s also brought opportunities and I think I’ve been a beneficiary of lots of those.”

*Kitchen Cabinet* airs on Wednesdays at 8pm on ABC, or catch it on iview.
An economist of global standing

A leading international economist, gregarious storyteller, unforgettable teacher, fiery political activist and above all, a compassionate human being – Professor Emeritus Geoff Harcourt AO is all of those and more.

This larger than life character spent nearly 25 years at the University of Adelaide from 1958 where his drive and passion helped make the School of Economics one of the most respected in Australia. A graduate of the University of Melbourne, he won travelling scholarships to Cambridge University which became his second home during a distinguished academic career.

Since the 1950s Geoff has spent part of every decade in Cambridge as a student, lecturer or fellow, and has cemented his reputation as a world authority on pioneering British economist John Maynard Keynes, and Keynes’ followers Richard Kahn, Austin and Joan Robinson and Piero Sraffa.

Now retired in Sydney, Geoff still recalls his time at the University of Adelaide with great fondness and enthusiasm.

“When I joined the University it was such a productive, cooperative, collegiate society under Peter Karmel and I worked very hard at preserving that,” says Geoff. “There was a buzz about the place and I always had an open door policy for everyone.”

During his career Geoff has published more than 420 books and papers and collected numerous prestigious awards. In the US he was the first Australian to become a Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economics Society and to win the Veblen-Commons Award of the Association for Evolutionary Economics. He is also an Honorary Member of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought, and a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia and the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia.

All very impressive but, according to sports mad Geoff, his greatest achievement was being made a life member of the University of Adelaide’s ‘The Blacks’ Australian Rules Football Club.

Now 84, Geoff and wife Joan are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with parties in Australia and England. Three of their children, Wendy, Robert and Tim, are graduates of the University of Adelaide and Rebecca is a graduate of De Montfort and Goldsmiths in the UK.

“When I joined the University it was such a productive, cooperative, collegiate society under Peter Karmel and I worked very hard at preserving that.”

Photo courtesy of Aran Anderson photography and UNSW Business School
Many University of Adelaide alumni make outstanding contributions in their specialist fields and are recognised in Australia and globally.

Pioneering architect inspires a new generation

A road trip around Australia proved a career defining experience for newly qualified architect Phil Harris. He was captivated by the historical architecture of the Australian tropics and in 1980 founded Troppo Architects with fellow University of Adelaide graduate Adrian Welke.

Thirty-five years later and Troppo is one of Australia’s most awarded architectural practices, famous for its pioneering and sensitive approach to design that embraces the environment, climate and history.

“Our university course made us socially aware and included a strong strand in building science which enabled us to investigate the interaction of design and climate,” says Phil. “It also taught us a love of drawing and those skills have been particularly useful in reproducing the historic buildings that we investigated in Darwin.”

Despite running a highly successful practice with offices around Australia, Phil has made time to give back to the University’s School of Architecture and Built Environment as a guest lecturer.

He has been a visiting research fellow and now professor, and intends to extend his investigation into the history and science of building offshore in Vanuatu. He wants to support the local community in making architectural decisions based on its own unique culture.

“Universities have to be leaders and deliver a discourse in cultural topics that are important to communities. I try to do that through my research, public speaking and practice.”

Caring for the underprivileged

The career of Dr Richie Gun AO has taken many directions over the years but there has always been a common focus – he’s a staunch defender of the disadvantaged and a principled advocate against the status quo.

His concern for other people has taken him from country GP and politician to a campaigning occupational health professional and now a volunteer medical practitioner in East Timor.

Richie graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1959 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and spent three years as a GP in Whyalla where he first became interested in politics.

He then practiced as a specialist anaesthetist before winning Kingston for the Australian Labor Party in 1969, a seat he held for six years. It was after leaving federal parliament that Richie moved into occupational health, which included an 18-month period as a visiting scientist with the US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

“I was very fortunate because this gave me a huge amount of experience before I set up the postgraduate course in occupational health at the University of Adelaide,” says Richie. “This is a legacy that I’m most pleased about as we started with about 10 students and built it up to more than 150.”

Richie was a Senior Lecturer in Occupational and Environmental Health from 1988 until 2002, after which he became the principal investigator on an epidemiological study of Australian veterans involved in the Maralinga atomic tests. He has continued his association with the University as a visiting research fellow and guest lecturer.

Since his retirement Richie has been a regular visitor to the Kimberley region in Western Australia and East Timor where he delivers much-needed medical and emergency care to remote communities.

Find out more about the Distinguished Alumni Awards at www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/recognised/
From **cricket pitch** to the **courts**

It was not the law library but the University Oval where you would normally find senior prosecuting counsel Adam Kimber SC during his years at the University of Adelaide.
The current South Australian Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) loves his sport, particularly cricket, and it kept him on the pitch in his spare time, playing in three A grade premierships for the AU Blacks.

Adam’s decision to study law was neither a lifelong dream nor a passion, but one he describes as a naïve process of reasoning.

“I was of that generation, rightly or wrongly, where if you were lucky enough to do well at school, you only thought of a narrow career path in law or medicine,” he said.

“When I entered university I was very naïve about work and opportunities that existed in other fields and I remember not wanting to pursue medicine. I did law almost by default rather than any kind of grand plan.”

After graduating with a BA Jur in 1990 and an LLB (Hons) three years later, Adam started work in the Supreme Court of South Australia where he was an Associate to the late Chief Justice Len King (LLB 1951). After a short period in private practice, he was approached by former DPP, the late Paul Rofe QC (LLB 1973), who offered him a position. Adam had mixed feelings about taking up the role.

“I was interested in the role because it is a place where young practitioners do court work which they can’t do in private practice, but I was torn because the firm I was working for had been very good to me. To turn my back on that after only a couple of months wasn’t easy,” he said.

“I made the decision to leave and I haven’t looked back. I have been very fortunate in my career.”

Adam took up the role of DPP in April 2012. His office is responsible for serious criminal prosecutions destined for the District and Supreme Courts. Along with running an office of some 135 people, Adam still practices a reasonable amount of law, mainly appellant work in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

One of his many challenges is difficult conversations with victims of crime where there is no reasonable prospect of a conviction, which means the matter cannot proceed.

“When we make a decision that impacts on a victim and explain that decision to them, those conversations can be very challenging,” he said.

A talented cricket player in his youth, Adam played for the AU Blacks for 16 years and for South Australia for a brief period. Although no longer a player, Adam still enjoys a close relationship with the AU Blacks Cricket Club as its president.

“It’s a way of giving back but also a way of continuing a connection with people I respect and who are important to me.”

Adam played in three Blacks’ premierships which, at the time he started, was unheard of for a club of undergraduates who usually finished mid to bottom of the table.

“You can’t overestimate how much fun that was, what a great sense of achievement it was to be part of the group of people who achieved at that level,” he said.

However, it was the connections and friendships Adam made during his time at the club that he values most.

“I met so many people through playing sport at university who I would not have otherwise met. University sport is an incredible way to meet people from different backgrounds, different professions, different programs and it exposes you to a network of friends that you wouldn’t have otherwise connected with.”

With a demanding job and commitments as the club president, Adam has now swapped the cricket bat for golf clubs.

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Join alumni on social media

The University of Adelaide alumni team is now live on Facebook and Twitter!

Find out about the latest events and developments and keep up-to-date with opportunities and University news by following us on social media.

You can also join our LinkedIn group for insights into career development and networking with fellow alumni.

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Help transform health treatment, training and discovery

The University of Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences Building, its students and staff, will be neighbours to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and the SA Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). And within its top three floors will be the new Adelaide Dental Hospital.

It will be a vibrant environment in which health students, staff, researchers and clinicians are integrated, moving easily between classroom, bedside and lab.

In 2017 the doors will open to incoming students at the new medical, dental and nursing clinical building to train a health workforce of the highest quality.

The new cutting-edge facility includes:
- High- and low-fidelity hospital simulation training for 1,600 students
- 240-seat multifunction public lecture theatre with retractable seating
- Interactive 90-seat theatre for case studies and demonstrative learning
- 89-chair public dental clinic
- Ground-floor retail and public facilities below a multi-storey internal atrium, mid-level student hub with external balconies, and external pavilion and student area

Your gift will help us build the State’s future health

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Put your name where 250 medical and dental careers begin every year and where cures to the great health challenges are sought.

Every donor who gives $500 or more will have their name included on the Donors’ Wall in the ground floor atrium. There are also opportunities to name labs, classrooms, learning stations and student lounges. Principal naming opportunities include the building itself, lecture theatres and the Deans’ offices.

To make a donation to help transform health treatment, training and discovery visit: www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/donateHMSB

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For the love of the library

Even after a quarter of a century at the helm of the University of Adelaide libraries, Ray Choate still considered himself a newcomer in the role compared to his predecessors.

Only the seventh University Librarian in the University’s history, Ray followed the lengthy tenures of Robert Clucas (30 years), William Cowan (31 years) and Ira Raymond (18 years).

Recently retired, Ray grew up as far from an Australian university library as you can get – on a cattle ranch in Wyoming, USA. As an undergraduate majoring in literature, Ray shelved books at a local library for 45 cents an hour – and it was there that his interest in libraries was sparked.

He received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Germany in 1963 and later taught English at high schools in West Berlin before completing a masters in librarianship at Columbia University in New York.

Ray continued his travels, working as librarian at the American School of The Hague in the Netherlands before coming to Australia in 1970 to work at La Trobe University where he progressed to the position of Deputy University Librarian.

He arrived in Adelaide in 1990 just as the University entered a new era in automation with the introduction of a commercial software system.

One of his biggest changes was overseeing the switch from hardcopy journals to digital with nearly 200,000 electronic journals now accessible online through the library’s website. He insisted on retaining the Barr Smith Library printed book collections as an important research resource at all levels and in most disciplines.

Other key initiatives have included reciprocal borrowing for students and staff at the three South Australian university libraries, the development of Adelaide Research and Scholarship as an open access digital repository, and in 2009 the establishment of University of Adelaide Press. Ray also played a key role in converting Barr Smith Library space into the Hub Central (a space where students meet, study and socialise).

During his time in Australia, Ray has made a leading contribution to the profession nationally, holding senior positions on various professional associations.

He says the support of alumni, Friends of the Library and other committed supporters are extremely important for maintaining a quality library system.

“Generous contributions over the past 15 years of annual appeals have provided the library with funds to acquire additional and often unique research materials,” he says. “I find it especially pleasing that so many alumni and friends are also users of our collections.”

It is also a wonderful testament to Ray’s commitment that in the last half of his tenure he donated over 2,500 volumes to the library.

“To be involved with these major changes in the library, its collections and the provision of access for the University community has been both challenging and rewarding,” he says. “With the loyalty of staff, donors and the extended University community it has been possible to accomplish significant change.”

Ray will continue to read and collect with a bibliophile’s passion, and in particular will pursue his avid interest in the areas of garden history, architecture and the decorative arts.

Barr Smith Library Appeal

As we say goodbye to Ray, we also reflect on the contribution that our donors have gifted to the library during his time with us.

The 2015 Barr Smith Library appeal has so far raised more than $132,000 taking total donations to more than $1.2 million since the Appeal’s inception in 2002. Your generous support keeps this inspirational place of learning alive and offers staff and students a premier research facility where excellent resources are readily available. You make it possible for us to maintain our breadth of collections, and our ability to acquire rare and unique items which motivate and excite those who read them.

Thank you for your support.

Find out more at www.adelaide.edu.au/give
The late Kerstin Lillemor Andersen had a long affiliation with the University of Adelaide – first as a graduate earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934, then as an employee of Barr Smith Library for over 40 years.

Known as Miss Andersen in the library and Lillemor to her friends, she was remembered by some as a stern staff member but by others as a lifelong, faithful and adventurous friend. She was also extremely generous, leaving half of her estate to the Barr Smith Library and the Elder Conservatorium – ensuring others would continue to enjoy the things she was most passionate about in her life. Her bequest helped the library acquire numerous titles, including reference works in art and architecture, while the Elder Conservatorium has used the funds to support orchestral concerts.

Lillemor came to Australia with her parents from Sweden when she was seven and the temporary stay became permanent. After graduating Lillemor joined the Barr Smith Library in 1938 where she worked for the next 42 years before retiring in 1978.

It was during a sabbatical that she returned to her native Sweden for the first time in more than 30 years and stayed for nearly a year working at a university library in Stockholm.

Lillemor was known to say “reading is my drug” and she was an avid reader in English, Swedish, French, German, Italian and Spanish, devouring biographies, poetry, novels and journals. The hall of her small city cottage was lined with books and she was a regular visitor at the Central Market Book Exchange and Adelaide and Burnside libraries.

She had a wide circle of friends with shared interests in theatre, music, literature and film, and enjoyed walking in the Adelaide hills and at the beach where she could follow her interest in wild flowers, bird watching and geology.

Every summer, Lillemor and friends, Elfriede Muetzelfeldt and Barbara Stodart, went on walking holidays in the Australian Alps and the Flinders Ranges.

“As a travelling companion you felt you were travelling with a library – she had such a zest for knowledge and information, a wonderful memory and grasp of languages,” says Barbara.

After retiring, she continued to volunteer at the Art Gallery and the Adelaide High School library until well into her seventies.

Lillemor remained active despite being plagued by an inherited vascular problem which resulted in four leg by-passes and eventually a below-knee amputation. She continued travelling and concert-going until almost her 90th year before frail health forced her to retire from public life.

After her death in 2006 at the age of 92, friends remembered Lillemor in the most appropriate way possible – music, refreshment and conversation in the Barr Smith Library.

For further information about bequests or to arrange a confidential discussion please visit www.adelaide.edu.au/give/how/bequests/ or contact Sue Fox on +61 8 8313 3234 or email development@adelaide.edu.au
The most powerful Australian in world football

In the male-dominated world of football, Moya Dodd is working hard to make the game accessible to girls and women at all levels – but she says that she doesn’t want to be famous for being female.
Moya is the Chair of the Women’s Football Committee in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and has become Australia’s first female representative on football’s world governing body, FIFA.

The lawyer and former mid-fielder for the Matildas also sits on AFC’s Executive Committee where the competitions and development resources are decided.

“Some days it’s tough being a pioneer,” says Moya. “You are exposed to more scrutiny and judgement, and sometimes not taken seriously as it’s assumed you are only there for decorative or tick-a-box purposes. You have to earn your credibility.

“The most rewarding times are when you can overcome those issues, make the game grow, and make it easier for those who come next.”

Thanks to Moya the AFC is developing a vision and strategy to develop the game in Asia. Her successes include lobbying to get the headscarf rule changed so that half-a-billion Muslim women in the world can play. She also visited Iran where she spoke out against the ban on women being allowed to attend men’s matches in stadiums.

Moya says the recent FIFA Women’s World Cup in Canada was another huge milestone where ratings were at record levels, making TV advertisers and sponsors very happy. Fox in the US more than doubled its expected revenues.

She is also working tirelessly to get more women into decision-making roles as board members or head coaches.

“Three women were added to the FIFA executive committee in 2013, after 108 years!” says Moya.

“Women coaches still meet great hurdles, although when backed, they are enormously successful. Most of the major football world tournaments this century have been won by female coaches.”

Her next big challenge is to build gender equity into a meaningful reform framework in football at all levels and to commercialise the women’s game so that athletes and coaches can have proper football careers.

Moya says that these challenges are fun and that’s also how she refers to the diversity of her jam-packed schedule of work and life and spending up to a third of her year travelling.

And she’s always been a good juggler.

While studying law at the University of Adelaide in the 1980s she threw herself into extracurricular activities, not all of them revolving around football. Moya says she loved every moment of writing for student paper On Dit which she says had its own bizarre extracurricular life – such as a band (Too Sick To Sing) and various renegade projects.

“I remember one former editor meticulously making a very convincing ‘On Dit Lane’ sign which we secretly mounted on the building, and the authorities failed to notice or remove it. When it eventually fell off, the University replaced it with an official sign!” she says.

“We were totally absorbed in creating the best paper possible every week. Aside from playing football, I spent pretty much every waking moment there in 1986, and learned all kinds of things that I would never have learned in a lecture theatre.”

Moya says that her experiences at university were formative.

“It not only gave me a recognised honours degree in law, but a priceless second education at the student newspaper – learning how to question and probe, the experience of writing in the public sphere, and a fabulous network of smart, engaged peers who went on to do interesting things in their professional and public lives,” she says.

“On top of that, the sporting facilities meant I could pursue my football career within a stone’s throw of my student life.”

Moya continued to play for the Adelaide University Soccer Club when she was a judge’s associate at the SA Supreme Court and was recently made a life member of the club.

She went on to be vice-captain of the Matildas, Australia’s national women’s team, and participated in the first ever women’s international tournament in 1988 in China.

Moya urges those seeking to follow in her footsteps to be prepared to work hard.

“It’s a lot like playing football. If you put in the work in training, you will be ready and able to take your opportunities in a game. And you never know where those opportunities will come from.”

In her campaign speech while running for the FIFA Executive Committee, Moya told the FIFA Congress: “I love working for football”.

It’s this passion that is driving her goal to commercialise women’s football “so that every little girl in the world can dream of being a footballer”.

Above: Moya playing for the Matildas, 1991
Left: Moya Dodd

Find out about the Adelaide University Soccer Club (AUSC) at www.adelaideunisoccercclub.com
It wasn’t long before Christopher Koch discovered that the world of finance can be an exhilarating if not scary place. The 2015 James McWha Award recipient joined Macquarie Bank as a graduate in 2007 – the same year that the global financial crisis hit and world markets went into meltdown.

It was a manic period during which Christopher was involved in $35 billion of transactions around the world, working in equity capital markets and equity syndication.

This was one of the busiest periods for capital markets in Australian history and he squeezed a lifetime of banking experience into less than four years. Working three or four days straight without seeing a bed was not unusual. “This was an extraordinarily busy time with a lot of recapitalisation of Australian companies that needed to be re-equitised,” he says.

Macquarie was also severely impacted as the crisis deepened with many of Christopher’s colleagues either sacked or opting out. “In the end I think I was one of the very few left in my cohort,” he says.

Christopher came through the ordeal with his enthusiasm for economics intact – if not strengthened – and has gone on to become an emerging leader in Australian finance. However, it’s a career that nearly didn’t happen – when he enrolled at the University of Adelaide he intended to become a lawyer. He studied economics alongside his law degree and found that far more interesting.

“After a year I realised the law wasn’t for me,” he says. “But I loved economics and this influenced my further study. I ended up skewing my law degree more towards the corporate law side and it proved quite a good mix.”

Christopher graduated with a Bachelor of Economics in 2004 and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 2007. While he was at Macquarie Bank, Christopher also completed his masters in finance at INSEAD graduate business school’s campuses in France and Singapore.

Christopher later joined the Swiss-based UBS Investment Bank in Melbourne focusing on mergers and acquisitions in the technology area. During his four years at UBS he worked his way up to the position of director before joining Freelancer Limited as Deputy Chief Financial Officer in 2015.

Freelancer is the world’s largest freelancing and crowdsourcing marketplace, connecting more than 16 million employers and freelancers around the globe.

“It’s a business founded by Australia’s leading technology entrepreneur Matt Barrie,” says Christopher. “I’ve taken on the role that is focused on the finance function as well as mergers, acquisitions and public markets.”

But after overlooking a life in law and making a name for himself in the world of finance, Christopher admits a career change is not out of the question.

While studying at Adelaide he also pursued his passion for politics, working in the office of former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer AC.

“I always had an interest in politics but at that period in my life I felt I needed to do something substantial outside of politics before considering it,” says Christopher.

“That’s still a possibility – you can’t rule these things in or out – it’s a matter of waiting for the right opportunity.”

The award recognises outstanding alumni who have graduated from the University of Adelaide within the past 15 years and are making a significant contribution as emerging leaders.

It is named in honour of former University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor James McWha AO in recognition of his significant contribution to the alumni relations program.

James McWha Award

Neuroscientist Professor Mark Hutchinson and financial expert Christopher Koch are the 2015 winners of the James McWha Award of Excellence.
Finding a cure for chronic pain

Chronic pain is a debilitating condition that brings misery to the lives of millions of people around the world. It's the fourth most common health complaint and has the single biggest impact on society. Yet the medical science community knows surprisingly little about the causes and treatment regimes are fickle at best.

That could be about to change with breakthrough research by the University of Adelaide's Professor Mark Hutchinson. An award-winning neuroscientist, Mark has been working on a radical new approach linking chronic pain with glia, the immune cells which support the brain's nervous system. This is a major departure from the common belief that nerves control all pain. The discovery helps explain why traditional drugs such as morphine and codeine are often ineffective with Mark's research demonstrating they can make the condition worse.

“All existing pain-relief treatments target the nerves or wiring of the pain system but in chronic pain the treatment is hit and miss and there are a range of side effects,” says Mark. “The research I've been doing indicates that the immune system is to blame.”

The 2015 James McWha Award recipient has been carefully building his case since graduating from the University of Adelaide with honours in science in 1999 followed by a PhD in 2004.

Mark undertook postdoctoral training at the world-renowned Centre for Neuroscience at the University of Colorado before returning to Adelaide to run his own laboratory – the Neuroimmunopharmacology Lab in the School of Medical Sciences.

His ultimate goal is to develop a diagnostic blood test to identify people with an over-sensitive immune reaction to pain and to find treatments to prevent and cure the condition. Happily, giant strides are being made and it is a key area of study for the recently established Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Nanoscale BioPhotonics, which Mark heads up as Director.

The centre, bringing together the support of a multi-talented transdisciplinary research team of physicists, chemists, biologists, mathematicians and engineers means anything is possible. Indeed, it's not only chronic pain being investigated by Mark and the team, but also molecular processes surrounding fertility and heart disease.

With $38 million in funding spread over seven years, the centre is focused on driving new approaches to understand cellular processes within the human body.

Headquartered at the University of Adelaide, it brings together scientists from Macquarie and RMIT universities as well as research partners in Europe, the US and China.

About 50 scientists and PhD students are directly involved with the centre in Adelaide.

“We're pushing the boundaries of science and trying to create new windows into the human body,” says Mark. “The frustration we've had in the past as scientists is that we haven't had the tools to examine cells how we would like, or to measure certain chemicals, proteins and molecular signals. The centre is all about trying to create these new tools.”

Mark is hoping this hugely expanded research capability will help him in his quest to identify the molecular signatures of what pain actually looks like.

This will be a major step towards delivering a chronic pain blood test and that elusive cure.
Our youngest donor’s birthday wish

For his fourth birthday, Eli Wolkenberg told his friends not to bring gifts to his party. Instead he asked for donations to save an Australian endangered species – the brush-tailed rock wallaby.
Animal lover and aspiring builder-astronaut-zookeeper, Eli was so happy with the response from his friends that he asked for donations again for his fifth birthday this year. In total he raised $150.

“Many of his classmates donated money and one child and his sister did odd jobs around the house to earn pocket money for their donation,” says Eli’s mother, Karen Winter.

Karen says that Eli happily spends hours watching David Attenborough documentaries and likes to borrow non-fiction and fiction books from the library about animals.

“He has many questions about endangered animals and the threats they face, how these are prevented and what we can do to prevent further risk to animals – both in Australia and overseas,” she says.

Dr David Taggart, affiliate Conservation Research Fellow at the University of Adelaide and founding member of the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby (BTRW) Recovery Program team, says that in his experience, most Australians know very little about their own wildlife but they can easily name many non-Australian mammal species.

“This is a big problem for conservationists in Australia as we must comprehend before we can conserve,” he says.

“The brush-tailed rock wallaby is an animal most Australians would never have heard about – the fact that Eli and his family have is amazing.”

The BTRW was once abundant throughout the mountainous country from western Victoria up the Great Dividing Range and into southern Queensland. Numbers declined dramatically from 1850-1920 when pelt-hunting for the fur trade in Europe saw hundreds of thousands of animals shot. The establishment of foxes and cats in Australia have continued their steep decline.

The BTRW is now so few in number that it has become Victoria’s most endangered species with less than 80 remaining. Fewer than 1,500 individuals survive nationally and the species has been nick-named the shadow, after the main character in a 1940s children’s book, entitled Shadow the Rock Wallaby.

David and his team have been actively involved in monitoring wild BTRW populations along the Snowy River in eastern Victoria, in captive breeding, and through the reintroduction of captive-bred animals back into the Grampians National Park.

He says that the generous gesture by Eli and his family speaks volumes about their values and appreciation of our unique Australian environment and the wildlife it supports.

“Eli’s gesture touched his many friends and their parents and has helped improve the profile of the endangered brush-tailed rock wallaby within their community,” he says.

“It can be so easy in this field to feel dejected as the problems we face are so overwhelming. It gives me and others in my field great hope when we cross paths with someone like Eli and his family, that there are good people out there who care about our wildlife and who are prepared to do their bit to help turn things around.”

The University sent Eli a certificate of appreciation and photos of the BTRW which Eli has put up on display at his school in Melbourne.

He was told by David that his donations would be used to purchase a camera for documenting the wallabies and to support the captive breeding program at the Waite animal facility. At Waite young wallabies are reared ready for release to the wild or sent to other breeding facilities.
Professional cricketer, Kollywood movie star and now one of India’s leading sports presenters and commentators – Suhail Chandhok has packed a fair bit in since graduating from the University of Adelaide seven years ago.

And it was his time spent in Adelaide that Suhail credits with giving him the confidence and life skills to follow his dreams.

“When you arrive in a completely new environment, where you know nobody and you’re completely on your own, you find ways to discover yourself,” he told Lumen from his new home of Mumbai.

“The University and Australia gave me that confidence and within three months of arriving I felt I had something special that could have a major impact on my life.”

Although not on his original list of preferred options, Suhail came to Adelaide because it offered him the opportunity to study while following his passion for cricket.

He enrolled in commerce, studying a double major in marketing and management, and signed up to the Adelaide University Cricket Club (AUCC) – and he made an impact in both.

Suhail came away with an award for the best marketing project in 2008 and also a prestigious Half Blue Award for Sporting Excellence after scoring back-to-back 100s for the AUCC versus Melbourne and Sydney universities.

His skills with both bat and ball – he’s a left-handed batsman and right-handed off-spinner – also saw him promoted to South Australian A-Grade cricket where he found himself playing against Test players such as Shaun Tait, Jason Gillespie and Darren Lehmann.

Suhail worked for two years as a senior coach at the South Australian Cricket Association aiding the development of young cricketing talent. He was also appointed head coach of the Sturt District Cricket Club women’s side with players going on to win the ICC Cricket World Cup in Australian colours in 2013.

“It was my dream to play at the Adelaide Oval so it was pretty special to have my name on the scoreboard where I knew the likes of Don Bradman also had his name. To play a day-night game there was amazing and to score back-to-back centuries for AUCC is something I’ll never forget.”

Back in India Suhail used his skills and experience from university to establish his own sports PR and marketing firm, Adrenna Communications, and took his cricket to an even higher level.

Cricketing scouts had spotted his talent and he was soon drafted by the Indian Premier League’s Bangalore Royal Challengers to join their camp for the Champions League T20 in 2009.

But Suhail’s promising cricketing career fell apart. Consecutive knee injuries put him in hospital and after multiple operations he resigned himself to never playing professional cricket again.

“I’ve always been an eternal optimist but after being hit by injury so soon after joining the Bangalore squad and after so much hard work, I was devastated,” says Suhail.

“I’d always wanted to play professional sport and when it was taken away from me so very quickly, it took a long time to sink in. I couldn’t bear to watch cricket for eight months seeing all my mates playing when I couldn’t.”
It was while recuperating after surgery that Suhail’s next big break came out of nowhere. He always had an interest in drama and produced a series of short films, which ended up on YouTube. His acting talent was seen by South Indian film star Ajith Kumar and Suhail found himself cast in the Tamil movie Veeram, which became a major hit in early 2014.

“Working alongside some of the biggest names in Indian cinema was crazy and hard to take in initially,” says Suhail. “The fan base was all very surreal but I’ve learnt that you have to take your chances and go with the flow. It was a phenomenal experience and perhaps a tick on my bucket list as well.”

While featuring in a top-rating movie was fun – and Suhail says he’s not averse to acting again in the future – his real passion is still sport. That passion for sport and the camera came together in another small twist of fate when he was spotted and signed up by one of Asia’s largest sports networks, Star Sports.

“I come from three generations of sport – with my brother Karun, one of India’s only Formula 1 racing drivers – so that’s really where my heart is,” says Suhail. “I love sport so being able to work on events like the new Pro Kabaddi League or the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup is my dream job.”

Despite his successes Suhail hasn’t forgotten about Adelaide and intends to come back one day.

“Adelaide was the ideal place for me and it’s my second home. I love the city, the people and everything about it. It’s not a big city but it’s got this charm about it that I really enjoy.”

The University and Australia gave me that confidence and within three months of arriving I felt I had something special that could have a major impact on my life.”
A long history of neurosurgical support

Since its inception, the foundation has broadened its areas of research to include various conditions such as brain tumours, stroke, concussion, spinal cord injury, Parkinson’s disease, subarachnoid haemorrhage and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

The NRF shares a strong relationship with the University of Adelaide, gifting donations amounting to more than $5.3 million to fund important neurosurgical research and equipment. It brings together clinicians, engineers and scientists to support a multidisciplinary approach to improve diagnosis and treatment.

This unique combination of expertise has led to significant advances in knowledge, such as the discovery by team pathologist Dr Peter Blumbergs that mild blows to the head can damage the brain. This breakthrough resulted in a world-wide groundswell of interest in brain damage in sporting injuries such as Australian Rules Football.

The development of this multidisciplinary team and its ability to attract neurosurgical trainees to Adelaide is a proud achievement for Dr Brian North, who has been president of the foundation since 2004.

“We are combining practical and scientific skills for neurosurgeon-scientists. It is a big ask for someone trained in the practical skills of operating on the brain to also have highly developed scientific skills in the laboratory. Combining the two is quite an achievement,” said Brian.

After graduating with a medical degree from the University, Brian undertook neurosurgical training in Adelaide under Dr Trevor Dinning and Professor Donald Simpson, and was a trainee when the NRF was founded in 1963. He completed research training in Glasgow before returning to Adelaide in 1973 where he worked at Royal Adelaide Hospital and the University.

Brian has been the driving force behind securing many of the donations for the foundation, notably establishing the $800,000 Abbie Simpson Clinical Fellowship to support clinical neurosurgical research. He was also involved in fundraising for equipment at University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the Women’s and Children’s Hospital, and formalising the neurosurgical training program in 2009.

After 11 years, Brian stepped down as president this year. His successor is Professor Robert Vink, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Adelaide and Pro Vice-Chancellor of Health Sciences at the University of South Australia. Bob says the foundation has identified a gap in research into paediatrics and will fund research at the University in this area.

“One of the deficiencies in neurosurgical research in Adelaide concerns paediatrics and we would like to build that up so the foundation will be making a gift that focuses on paediatric neurosurgical research this year.”

The NRF Paediatric Neurosurgical Research Trust Fund will gift $1 million...
Novel treatment brings hope for stroke sufferers

NRF Director of Neurosurgical Research and South Australian 2015 Young Tall Poppy Science Award winner, Dr Renée Turner, is passionate about science communication. She fell in love with research in her honours year and decided to pursue a PhD and a career in research.

Since setting out on that path, Renée has won over $1.6 million in research funding with regular support from the National Health and Medical Research Council since 2004. She also has a long-standing affiliation with the Neuro-Surgical Research Foundation (NRF).

Her research involves developing new therapies to treat brain swelling and elevated intracranial pressure within the brain following stroke. New therapies are urgently required to treat complications of stroke which carry a mortality rate of up to 80 per cent and are associated with extremely poor outcomes in survivors.

Frustrated with the poor clinical translation of therapeutic agents developed in the laboratory, Renée has developed a new approach to screen them prior to clinical assessment.

She says by using relevant pre-clinical models and rigorous pre-clinical research, the likelihood of therapies translating into effective treatments will be improved.

“It’s been a long road, I have been working on unravelling the mechanisms of brain swelling and assessing this novel treatment since 2004,” says Renée. “I’m currently undertaking the final pre-clinical studies, after which clinical assessment will be possible. This treatment will begin testing in early 2016.”

For more information about the NRF visit www.nrf.com.au

NRF equipment donations

Funding from the NeuroSurgical Research Foundation has allowed the University to invest in the latest scientific equipment to support research:

2006 Stereotaxic digital injector ($30,000) that allows the automated and accurate injection of drugs into the brain in small volumes. The instrument can be used in neurosurgical studies of traumatic brain injury, stroke and Parkinson’s disease.

2007 Nanophotometer ($15,000) which has a wide range of applications, including the analysis of gene and protein changes following acute and chronic brain injury. It is widely used by students undertaking various neurological research projects.

2007 Agilent bioanalyzer ($25,000) for the study of brain tissue to support world-leading research in stroke, Parkinson’s disease and brain swelling.

2010 Nanzoomer ($160,000) is a high-powered scanner which converts microscope slides of tissue into digital pictures, making the extraction of data much easier. Previously tissue sections had to be counted individually. Funds are now being raised for a larger version of the machine.

2010 Dean Bowman Brain Tumour Research Lab ($50,000) to help find cures and treatments for brain tumours. The research is focused on preventing the entry of cancer cells into the brain.

2015 A bio-plex magpix multiplex reader ($54,500) and automated bio-plex pro wash station to detect and measure inflammation and markers in tissue samples.

Dr Renée Turner (Photo: Jo-Anna Robinson)
Augustus Short scholars are highly engaged students who have overcome personal hurdles to attend the University of Adelaide. Congratulations to our 2015 scholarship recipients, Abbey-Rose Black, Connor Holdback, Thu Nguyen and Eiman Usmani.

Overcoming financial hardship, relocating from the country and studying with a disability are some of the challenges faced by our 2015 Augustus Short scholars. Connor Holdback has had his sights set on being an engineer since high school. He chose mechatronic engineering as he thinks robotics is undergoing the most exciting developments in this generation.

But he was born with cerebral palsy which makes attending university and working to support himself more of a challenge.

“The scholarship means I can support my lifestyle so I don’t have to focus on both work and study at the same time. It’s made university life much more enjoyable and sustainable.”

Two of our winners – Thu Nguyen and Eiman Usmani – applied for scholarship support to relieve the financial burden on their families.

Thu is the eldest of four children and was born and raised in Australia to Vietnamese parents and is currently studying a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery.

“I applied for the scholarship because I felt that my parents had done more than their share of the work, and I really wanted to grow into my independence and become more self-supportive,” she said.

Growing up in Vietnam, Thu’s parents were not given the same opportunities but have been very supportive of her pursuit of education to realise her full potential.

Eiman was born in Pakistan and grew up in Dubai before moving to Australia three years ago with her family.

She always planned to go to university but realised it would be tough financially as she is not eligible for assistance through HECS and is required to pay her university fees upfront. Her father’s struggle to find permanent employment since the move to Australia has increased the financial strain.

Eiman is studying engineering with a focus on petroleum, civil and structural.

Abbey-Rose Black grew up in the coastal town of Port Elliot and relocated to Adelaide to begin her degree in pharmaceutical engineering.

“Engineers have to make critical decisions every day that impact on people’s quality of life and my passion to study engineering comes from my desire to make a difference in the lives of others,” she said.

Abbey-Rose Black grew up in the coastal town of Port Elliot and relocated to Adelaide to begin her degree in pharmaceutical engineering.

She currently travels back to Port Elliot every fortnight to work to support her studies. She applied for the scholarship to help with the costs of her relocation and study expenses, and hopes it will have a positive impact on her studies.

Abbey says that receiving the scholarship has meant a great weight has been lifted off of her shoulders.

“The scholarship will help with my fees and living costs and means I can focus on my studies as much as possible.”

To find out more about supporting students through scholarships at the University of Adelaide visit www.adelaide.edu.au/give/support or contact Natalie Gibbs on 08 8313 1716, natalie.gibbs@adelaide.edu.au
Workplace giving makes a difference for disadvantaged students

By making donations to the staff workplace giving program through her salary each fortnight, University of Adelaide soil biologist Petra Marschner is helping bright students fulfil their dream of studying at university.

Petra started at the University in 2001 as a lecturer, and her role involves research, supervising postgraduate students and administration. “I enjoy coming to work every morning because my work is so varied – every day is a bit different,” says Petra.

“I love discussing experimental designs and results with my students – every experiment answers some questions, but also opens up new questions to be followed up.”

While she enjoys the challenge of solving scientific problems, Petra also finds great satisfaction in interacting with her students and watching them become scientists who think critically and constructively.

Petra says that she was fortunate to have received a good education and knows how important this is for young people – not only to learn but also to become more confident and independent.

“Unfortunately, many bright young people will not develop to their full potential because they can’t afford a good education,” she says.

Petra supports various charities that provide education to young children who would otherwise struggle to attend school or would not excel because of their circumstances.

“When I learned that through staff workplace giving I could directly help bright students fulfil their dream of studying at the University of Adelaide, I knew that this was an area I wanted to support.”

Petra has requested that her donations be directed towards the Augustus Short Scholarships which support students who might face financial barriers preventing them from accessing a university education.

“As a teacher and supervisor, I can help students to learn but I can’t help them financially. I know that many of them struggle with their studies because they have to work to support themselves,” says Petra.

“By donating part of my salary to the Augustus Short Scholarships I can help a small number of disadvantaged students to concentrate on studying which makes me happy because I know it will open up new avenues in their life and make them more confident to succeed.”

To find out more about staff workplace giving and other ways to give back to the University of Adelaide visit: www.ua.edu.au/staff-giving
As one of the faces of iconic television program, The Curiosity Show, Professor Rob Morrison OAM spent 18 years alongside fellow alumnus, Dr Deane Hutton inspiring children to experiment with science using household objects such as matchsticks, rubber bands and mousetraps.

A scientist, writer, and media personality, Rob has contributed enormously to the promotion and understanding of science in Australia. In addition to The Curiosity Show, he appeared on the New Inventors, Nexus, Science Magazine, and Radio National’s Ockham’s Razor. For ten years he was the science and environment specialist for Channel Ten News and he has written thirty four books on science and natural history as well as co-authoring thirteen more.

He is recognised nationally and internationally as an outstanding science communicator and has been described as a national treasure and a well-loved ambassador for science. He is a freelance science communicator and broadcaster, and Professorial Fellow at Flinders University where he has lectured for 25 years.

Rob recently returned to the University of Adelaide for his Golden Jubilee reunion, celebrating 50 years since he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1965 (he also graduated with Honours in 1966 and a PhD in 1971).

He and 116 of his fellow Class of ’65 graduates re-enacted their graduation ceremony in full academic dress at the October event.
In his keynote address Rob looked back fondly on his uni days not so much for the time spent in the laboratory but the many extracurricular activities he engaged in. “I was the student for whom the terms ‘mediocre’ and ‘should try harder’ might have been invented, but in my defence I have to say that my university days were anything but idle,” he said.

In between classes Rob found time for judo, jazz, intervarsity trips, writing for On Dit and performing in Theatre Guild Productions and Footlights Revues. The Revuers still get on stage with their satirical shows at the Adelaide Fringe: “a bunch of creaky, grumpy thespians refusing to let go of the sheer enjoyment of University life.”

“I didn’t realise then that those extracurricular experiences would prove at least as influential in my later careers as my academic efforts,” said Rob.

“All of us can look back on careers for which this university fitted us very well indeed; we have reasons to be grateful and today offers us a chance to recognise that.”

A class act
At the Golden Jubilee luncheon, Rob Morrison encouraged his fellow class of ’65 graduates to consider supporting the 1965 Class Gift so that they can have a direct impact on the future of research.

Established by the Class of 1961 at their Golden Jubilee reunion, the Class Gift supports excellence in research by providing a supplementary scholarship for an outstanding postgraduate candidate. Thanks to the class of 1964 who donated a total of nearly $30,000, Craig Jones (MSc 2007) was given the opportunity to conduct world-first research in data science and visual computing.

There’s still time to support the Class of 1965 Class Gift by donating securely online at www.alumni.adelaide.edu.au/donate

The class of 1965 looks back fondly
While recalling their uni days, the Class of ’65 talked fondly of their memories of lunch on the lawns, eating chips and cheese toasties in the Refectory, glamorous faculty balls and madcap Prosh antics. They were also inspired by brilliant, pace-setting lecturers who made long-lasting impacts on their diverse and significant careers.

“The grandeur and tradition of our graduation ceremony was most memorable and remains the pinnacle of my University education.”

Dr Brian Duffy, MBBS, D(Obst) RCOG, FFARCS, FFARACS, FRCA, FANZCA

“It was a time of freedom, of spreading my wings. I remember the Science Association, the uni balls, the geology excursions, Prosh Night and sitting in the refectory drinking coffee and eating toasted cheese sandwiches.”

Maie-Anne Barrow (nee Talmet), BSc 1964, BSc (Hons) 1965

“I captained the University A netball team for three years and we won the intervarsity three times, thrashing all opposition.”

Sandra Reynolds (nee Worthley) BSc, BSc (Hons), MSc

View photos from the 2015 Golden Jubilee and find out more about reunions at www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/get-involved/reunions/
It’s more than 130 years since Sir Walter Watson Hughes generously donated funds to help establish the University of Adelaide – and his three times great-nephew is delighted in how we are honouring his memory.

Gerard Corsane visited the University of Adelaide recently on a quest to find out more about his family’s history. He discovered that his famous relative has been honoured not only with a statue but also a society bearing his name.

The public spirit and benevolence that Walter embodied lives on in the Hughes Bequest Society which is made up of bequestors who share his vision by remembering the University in their wills.

“I feel family pride in the legacy that he left to education,” says Gerard, a senior lecturer in Heritage and Museum Studies and the former Dean of International Business Development and Student Recruitment at Newcastle University in the UK. “As a university academic myself, I am proud of the role he played in supporting the founding of the University of Adelaide.

“The establishment of the Hughes Bequest Society in 2008 was a major step in strengthening the relationship between the University and its benefactors. One bequestor who is aware of the impact his gift will have is Peter Routley, who is retiring as Chair of the Hughes Bequest Society Committee after seven years in the role. Peter graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1959 and a Diploma in Primary Education in 1960.

“A bequestor’s legacy has the power to transform the lives of future generations or it may contribute to new fields of research,” says Peter. “Even now, memories of my student days still give me pleasure. In my subsequent career as a teacher, it was a privilege to try to help young people in different countries to make the best use of their talents.

Society members have shown enormous gratitude to the University for the education that helped to shape their careers. This is not only reflected in gifts they leave in their wills, but many also give generously in their lifetime, supporting areas such as the Barr Smith Library, Elder Hall, the Augustus Short Scholarships and many areas of research. Their donations also go towards scholarships, fellowships and chairs which have enabled the University to attract and retain exceptionally talented students and staff.

The spirit of the University’s ‘founding father’ truly lives on.

Making a bequest:

When making bequest intentions known to the University you will be invited to join the Hughes Bequest Society. This gives you the opportunity to meet like-minded benefactors and see some of the outstanding work being done at the University.

For more information about leaving a bequest to the University visit www.adelaide.edu.au/give/how/bequests/ or contact Sue Fox on +61 8 8313 3234 or email development@adelaide.edu.au
Alumni on the move

The beverage boss

Master of Gastronomy graduate Michael Meagher knows more about wine than most people in the world. He’s one of only 232 people to have achieved the title of Master Sommelier since the Court of the Master Sommeliers was established in 1977 to promote excellence in hotel and restaurant beverage services.

To earn the coveted title, Michael passed a gruelling diploma exam after nine years of preparation. The final invitation-only exam sees many candidates fail, sometimes several times over. Michael attempted the exam six times before achieving success.

He says it is an honour to be included among such an elite group of wine experts.

“Having met and worked with a large number of masters in the US during my studies, I stand in awe of their accomplishments and talents and wonder how it is that I could possibly be mentioned in the same sentence.”

Michael studied sociology as an undergraduate at Harvard University but soon realised his interests lay with the culinary arts. He went on to work as a chef and gained qualifications from the Culinary Institute of America and the University of Adelaide’s Le Cordon Bleu Masters of Gastronomy program.

He says that Adelaide’s vibrant culture of food and wine was the perfect place for him to further his skills.

“Putting all three of my degrees together, with the gastronomy program as the capstone, really sharpened my intuition and insight into culture, societal influence and market trends, while making me keenly aware of the true universal nature that is the celebration of good food and good wine.”

As Chairman Emeritus of the Boston Sommelier Society, Michael now mentors others who are working towards the Master Sommelier title. He is also the regional sales manager for Jackson Family Wines where he educates sales representatives in Boston, New York and Washington DC.

“I know that every bottle of wine I sell has the potential to be a part of someone’s celebration and through my education and experience, I hope I can help other people become better ambassadors of great wineries, great vineyards, great winemakers, which in turn will foster better consumers and wine culture,” he says.

“Wine is the ultimate social beverage and I’m just happy to be working towards bringing more people together over a glass or two!”

Find out more about food studies at the University of Adelaide: www.arts.adelaide.edu.au/history/food-values/

What’s new with you?

If you have recently celebrated a promotion or career achievement, a change of job or won a major prize, we want to hear about it! Share your good news with your fellow alumni by emailing us. Please include your name, degree and graduation year.

Send it to alumni@adelaide.edu.au or call +61 8 8313 5800

View more alumni achievements at www.adelaide.edu.au/alumni/about/on-the-move
New appointment – Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Strategy)

In June, Professor Julie Owens took up the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Strategy). Julie was previously the Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Head of the School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health, and Theme Leader, Early Origins of Health and Disease, in the Robinson Research Institute, at the University of Adelaide. She is internationally renowned in the research areas of pregnancy, regulation of placental and foetal growth and the developmental origins of health and disease.

Dental partnership with Health SA

The University of Adelaide and SA Health have entered into a 30-year agreement on dental training paving the way for improved community dental services for the South Australian community.

The new SA Health managed 89 Chair Adelaide Dental Hospital set to open in July 2017 within the University’s $230 million medical and health sciences building.

The agreement includes:

> A 10 chair Riverland Oral Health Clinic in Berri funded by a $6 million Commonwealth Government grant
> Student clinical placements delivering services to the community over 48 weeks of the year
> Two new scholarships to assist rural students to undertake dentistry and encourage future service in rural areas
> An option to increase capacity by making the dental chairs available either after hours or on weekends in the future

Does philanthropy matter in South Australia?

An exciting panel of experts including Philip Coffey, Deputy CEO at Westpac, Patricia Bishop, doctor and philanthropist and Bob Cowan, Cowan Grant Trust, was assembled to discuss this important question at a lecture in September. Watch a recording of the lecture here www.ua.edu.au/philanthropy

Talking with Aussies 20 year celebration

In September ‘Talking with Aussies’ celebrated 20 years of their volunteer program. The program is designed to help international students improve their conversational English. Students are linked with volunteers from the local community who come from a range of ages, backgrounds, retirees, and working professionals. For further information visit www.international.adelaide.edu.au/life/connecting

Union 120 years

The Adelaide University Union’s 120 year celebrations continue to provide a platform for alumni to reconnect with the union and participate in a range of activities. Highlights included the exhibition 120 Years of Adelaide University Union Art Collecting and the At the Cloisters event.

Celebrations culminated on Monday 23 November with the Union 120 event in the Cloisters courtyard. The event featured displays of historical images and documents and tours of the Union House precinct.

For further details email: alumni@auu.org.au

Annual meeting of the University community

The University Council convenes the annual meeting of the University community which comprises the staff, students and graduates of the University (pursuant to section 18 of the University of Adelaide Act 1971). This is your opportunity to ask questions about your University and to hear from the Vice-Chancellor and the Chancellor.

Following the meeting, a light lunch will be provided in the foyer. All welcome.

Time: Monday 15 February 2016, 12.00-1.00pm
Location: The Braggs Lecture Theatre, ground floor, Braggs Building
Carols on Campus
at the University of Adelaide
A celebration of Christmas
Thursday 17 December 2015 at 7pm
Bonython Hall, North Terrace campus
We invite you to bring a book or a toy for the gifting tree, in support of The Smith Family.
www.adelaide.edu.au/carols