

Annual Report 2016–17



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About Us

Our mission is to invest in outstanding Australians from all fields of endeavour who demonstrate remarkable qualities of leadership and have the ability to deliver outcomes and inspire others for the benefit of Australia.

The General Sir John Monash Foundation was established in 2001 with an initial contribution from the Australian Federal Government together with further contributions from corporate and private supporters and donors. Its purpose is to raise funds for, and to administer, Australia's own postgraduate scholarships—the John Monash Scholarships—to foster leadership, expertise and international networks, as well as build Australia's capabilities for the future. The John Monash Scholarships are amongst the most important postgraduate scholarships currently available in Australia.

The John Monash Scholars

To date, the General Sir John Monash Foundation has awarded 147 Scholarships. These John Monash Scholars come from a diverse range of disciplines, possess a distinct capacity for leadership and are aiming to make an impact in vital ways for the benefit of Australian society. John Monash Scholars are outstanding in their chosen fields and are already demonstrating their value by contributing to Australia's future as scientists, academics, business people, entrepreneurs, lawyers and in vital areas of domestic and global policy.



**GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH
GCMG, KCB, VD**

From the commemorative speech by 2012 John Monash Scholar, Iwan Walters at the Annual Spirit of Australia General Sir John Monash Service, Friday August 5, 2016, in Parliament House, Melbourne.

For his leadership in 1918, and for his immense contribution to Australian civil society as an engineer, administrator and visionary nation-builder, we rightly remember Sir John Monash.

What we must also ask ourselves, if we are to properly understand the character of leadership that motivated such courage and sacrifice in 1918, is how Monash's indisputably powerful intellect was unlocked and applied in such a profoundly productive way – as his own aphorism puts it, not only for himself, but for the whole community.

The answer, I suggest, lies in his school education. In his formative years, Monash attended the local state school in the rural NSW town of Jerilderie, where he was blessed with a teacher who noticed his intelligence and cultivated his proficiency across a range of disciplines.

As we know, innate intelligence can only get one so far. The key to allowing young people to fulfil their potential lies in the nurturing, support and extension of children and students.

Consequently, Australia owes a deep debt of gratitude to William Elliott, the young Jerilderie schoolmaster who first allowed Monash's talents to flourish and who urged his parents to obtain an excellent education for their son. So it was that Monash finished his schooling at Scotch College.

At a time when some clergymen assailed Jews from their pulpits, the ecumenical decency of Scotch's headmaster, Alexander Morrison,

ensured that Jewish boys such as Monash were welcomed and invited to embrace their faith through the learning of Hebrew.

Counterfactual speculation is fraught. Nonetheless, it's worth considering how different Australian and world history could have been, had an outsider in so many ways – a scholarship boy from Jerilderie, born to German parents and of a minority faith – not benefited from the enlightened educational leadership of a good man, who ensured that Monash could access the opportunities which allowed him to realise his immense talents and abilities leading the Australian Corps in 1918.

One hundred years on, the task of Australians is to sustain the memory of those in that Corps who fought and died in our name. Our modest obligation is to remember.

I venture further though – we also need to learn, from the remarkable leadership of Monash and from its foundations in the educational opportunities he was fortunate to receive.

Australia should consider itself immensely lucky that a man with the redoubtable ability of Monash was equipped through education to embrace leadership, and to apply his talents to such an extent that we now remember him as both our greatest commander, and greatest citizen.

One hundred years later, however, we should not need to rely on fate to equip our young people with the skills and experiences enjoyed by Monash, or for chance encounters with passionate teachers in rural towns like Jerilderie to unlock their talents.

Instead, we must redouble our commitment, as a proudly egalitarian and meritocratic society, to give all children the opportunities enjoyed by Monash.

The scale of Sir John's achievements in both wartime and peace, shows how this investment can repay Victoria, Australia and the world, so many times over.

2016 John Monash Scholar, Iwan Walters is the Executive Officer at Laureate International Universities. His Monash Scholarship took him to Oxford where he completed Master of Philosophy in Economic History and Master in Public Policy. He is a teacher with an ongoing interest in policy. This is an edited version of the speech he made at the Spirit of Australia Monash Service.

Message from the Chairman



With 147 Scholarships awarded, the General Sir John Monash Foundation has become an established brand and a leading international scholarship organisation.

The General Sir John Monash Foundation has become a leading international scholarship organisation. With 147 Scholars in the field, our presence and reputation in Australia and abroad is growing. The diversity of our Scholars, the range of their disciplines and their successes to date are testament to the values of the organisation and the rigorous selection process we follow. We have an increasing funding base which is being carefully managed and has been boosted by a new perpetual scholarship bringing the total of perpetual scholarships to seven.

In this financial year we have awarded the largest number of scholarships in any one year. The 20 new John Monash Scholars demonstrate great breadth and their personal stories are diverse; they include a refugee from South Sudan who has become a surgeon and will study at Harvard University and the son of Vietnamese refugees who has had a distinguished Army career and is a leader in humanitarian medicine. They also include two entrepreneurs with multiple start-ups to their credit, several scientists and engineers who have already contributed to important breakthroughs in their fields, a leading Indigenous artist and Scholars who will pursue studies in journalism, early childhood education, marine ecology, cosmology, archaeology and novel medical therapies.

The potential impact and achievements of these Scholars is truly remarkable. It illustrates the commitment of the Foundation to invest in a wide range of talent and ensures that the Scholarship will be relevant to Australia and valuable into the future.

The work of the Foundation is generously supported by so many people: individuals, governments, corporates and philanthropic foundations who provide the funds for the scholarships and operations, as well as in-kind support for functions and services. We have over 100 volunteers, all of whom are valued professionals from a wide range of sectors who are crucial to the selection process, from first reviewers to State and National Panelists. Selection panel supporters at the universities and corporate offices also provide and facilitate the hospitality and practical arrangements for the State and National Panels. I would also like to thank the Board who are committed to all aspects of the organisation. It is difficult to adequately acknowledge this generosity which is quietly given by so many, but at least later in this Annual Report they can all be acknowledged.

We are very proud to announce that life membership has been conferred and accepted by two extraordinary Australians, the Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD, CVO former Governor General of Australia and the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, AD, CVO former and second longest-serving Governor of New South Wales. We are grateful for their patronage and support of the Foundation over many years.

In the second half of this financial year we have had some changes to the Foundation team with a new CEO, Annemarie Rolls, Deborah Rechter as Scholarships and Projects Manager and Alexandra Coelli as Administration Officer and Executive Support. I would also like to thank Renata Bernarde for her important contribution during her time as CEO and Peter Binks, her predecessor, for so kindly stepping in to the role for 5 months until the appointment of Annemarie. Judith Landsberg has continued to work with the team throughout, ensuring consistency with our scholarship selection process and supporting the development of the Alumni Community strategy.

A focus for the year ahead is the ongoing development of the Alumni Community which will present many opportunities to support and showcase the work and leadership of our Scholars; build the network and collaboration between them and create avenues for thought leadership.

Another major project will be growing our bequest program, to ensure a viable and impactful future for generations to come. We continue to maintain diligent governance of our investment processes.

Over the past year Deloitte Access Economics has been conducting a study exploring the economic and social contributions of the Foundation. We will be able to share the findings with you next year and although not yet finalised for publication, we are very happy that their findings confirm our value to both scholars and the community. They note:

Scholarship programs for postgraduate study have the potential to be transformational to individual recipients' careers and personal lives, and—through the building of human capital, personal and professional networks, and leadership of industry and social organisations—can have a significant impact on the broader society.

Results to date confirm that the Foundation is delivering on its mission and having a significant impact on society.

Ms Jillian Segal AM
Chairman

The Year in Review



The twenty 2017 John Monash scholars are a brilliant representation of the diversity, talent, substance and potential that epitomises what our scholarships exist for.

I had the good fortune to meet the outstanding 2017 John Monash Scholars the day before the Presentation Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne and then to meet their proud families and many of the supporters and friends of the Foundation on the day of Ceremony. It was an inspiring beginning to a new role and a perfect induction. The twenty 2017 John Monash Scholars are a brilliant representation of the diversity, talent, substance and potential that epitomise why our scholarships exist. You will certainly enjoy reading more about them in the pages to follow.

The selection of the Scholars is a complex and rigorous process. Over 300 applications are initially read by numbers of experts in their field. These reviewers recommend applicants for interview at the State panels. Each State and Territory has a panel of senior professionals from all sectors who interview candidates and recommend applicants to proceed to the National Panels. The two National Panels interview this shortlist and make recommendations for final selection. The panelists and reviewers are extremely generous with their time, reading all the applications and devoting days to interview.

The selection process is an enormous responsibility that is, fortunately, shared by many across the long process. The Foundation is deeply committed to supporting applicants through this process, mentoring them and connecting them with current Scholars and Alumni. We approach

the process with compassion and care in ways that are integral to our ongoing engagement with John Monash Scholars. This makes our community unique and sets us apart.

The following quote epitomises why we are so committed to the work we do:

The scholarship, in short, has been one of the best things that has happened to me. Doing a PhD is an incredibly difficult and occasionally overwhelming task, and having the [Foundation's] support through some quite difficult periods over the course of the past few years has been the difference between completing the PhD and not.

The Team

We have a relatively new team at the Foundation with Deborah Rechter joining us as Scholarships and Projects manager in May, stepping into the role held for the past three years by Judith Landsberg and Alexandra Coelli filling the Office Administration and Executive Assistant position in June. We have been ably supported by Halyer Rayner, Finance and Operations Manager and Judith Landsberg has continued to work with us part time while juggling a new role with the City of Melbourne. Peter Binks, who was CEO from 2009 to 2014 has been a great support through my induction. We are fortunate that it is a characteristic of the Foundation that once people have been involved they continue to remain part of the 'family' and are generous with their wisdom and support.

Events

In the 12 months of this financial year there have been many events across the country which are detailed on pages 15–17. There have been a number of elegant occasions hosted by State Governors who are Patrons of the Foundation, including a morning tea with Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM at the Victorian Government House and a reception hosted by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia at Government House in Adelaide. These are special occasions where our Patrons, Scholars and Supporters can connect in a meaningful way.

An inaugural joint event with our friends, the American Australian Association (AAA) was a stimulating discussion across the world with John Monash Scholars in Perth and AAA Scholars in New York. It was a great opportunity for me to meet the New York based Scholars and learn about their study and work over dinner. These informal occasions are an important aspect of creating the connectivity we value so highly as the John Monash Foundation community. We are looking forward to collaborating with AAA for the John Monash Symposium which we hope will be in New York in 2018.

Scholars often organise informal events and the Oxford and Cambridge John Monash Scholars have successfully organised family picnics in turn at delightful locations. The organisation for these occasions lies with the Scholars but the Foundation provides support where possible – in this case covering the transport costs. We hope to see many more activities organised as the Alumni Community Committee becomes active in the next year as explained below.

Plans for the year ahead

We are looking forward to completing the Alumni Community Strategy and implementing this in the year ahead. This strategy is designed to build on a current base of alumni activities which to date have included informal and formal gatherings of alumni in Australia and around the world. The intention is to continue enhancing the connectivity of the John Monash Scholars while also driving an agenda of more formal events or forums and having an annual calendar established. A committee is being formed to drive this agenda led by Dr Amy McLennan who is based in Canberra with Dr Mark Schembri, a director on the Board. Both Amy and Mark are 2009 Scholars. The staff will work closely with the committee. We are looking forward to a worthwhile program that will include national and international events and developing a platform to share widely the great work being done by our Scholars.

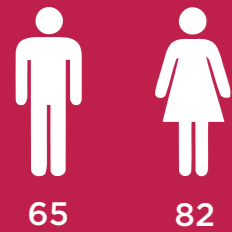
Another important forward focus for the organisation is the development of our Bequest Program which we hope to begin disseminating in the 2017-18 financial year. This is vital work that will help ensure our secure financial future and see John Monash Scholarships supporting the nation's leaders of the future for many generations.

Staying in touch

The quarterly newsletters have been established and are full of up to date information and interesting accounts of the myriad of things our Scholars are involved in. If you are not currently on the mailing list and would like to receive them, please contact us or access them on the website. Thank you for your interest and support for the Foundation and the John Monash Scholars. We hope you will be as inspired by them as we are and continue to follow their progress.

Ms Annemarie Rolls
Chief Executive Officer

147 John Monash Scholars



147
Scholarships awarded

340
Total scholars years

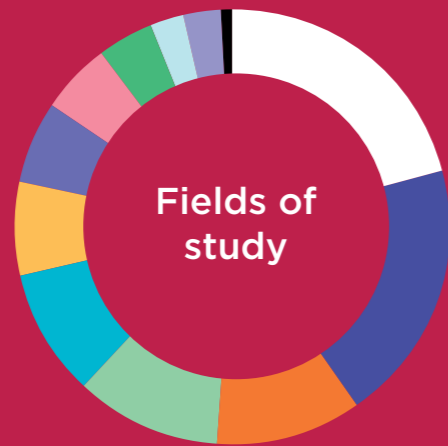
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Average tenure of
Scholarships awarded

Overseas degrees
underway funded by
John Monash Scholarships

Master **72**
Doctorate **77**

Scholars by state

ACT	17
NSW	38
NT	1
Qld	18
SA	17
Tas	4
Vic	37
WA	15



Medicine	31
Clinical, Research	
Indigenous Health	
Infectious diseases	
Bioinformatics	
Law	29
Australian, International, Family	
Consumer Finance	
Politics and the Constitution	
Earth jurisprudence	
Social Science	16
Policy	
Public Health	
Urban Planning	
Science & Technology	16
Chemistry	
Cosmology and Particle Physics	
Plant Biology	
Quantum Mechanics	
Geophysics	
Environmental Hydrology	
Economics and Finance	14
Economics and Culture	
Policy	
Social Enterprise Financing	
Sustainability	10
Conservation and Climate Change	
Engineering	9
Deployable Structures	
Climate Engineering	
Energy, land and Water Resources	
Environmental	
Sound	
Humanities	8
Anthropology, Archaeology	
History	
Philosophy	
Arts	6
Fine Art and Curation	
Filmmaking	
Music and Musicology	
Language and Literature	
Education	4
Leadership, Policy	
Early Childhood	
Maths	4
Defence	1



UK	81
Cambridge	
Imperial College, London	
London School of Economics	
London School of Health and Tropical Medicine	
Kings College, London	
Oxford	
Salford University	
University College London	
USA	49
California Institute of Technology	
Columbia	
Duke University	
Georgetown University	
Harvard University	
Johns Hopkins University	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
New York University	
New England Conservatory of Music	
New York University	
Scripps Research Institute, LaJolla	
Stanford University	
The New School	
University of Chicago	
University of California, Berkeley	
Yale University	
Europe	11
AgroParisTech(ENGREF)	
ETH Zurich	
European University	
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)	
INSTEAD Fountainebleau	
Karlsruhe/GFZ Potsdam	
Science Po	
Tinbergen Institute	
Uppsala University, Sweden	
Asia	4
China European International Business School	
INSEAD Singapore	
Tsinghua University	
Canada	1
University of Toronto	
NZ	1
University of Otago	

2017 Scholarship Selection



2017 Scholarship Presentation Ceremony, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, March 3 2017

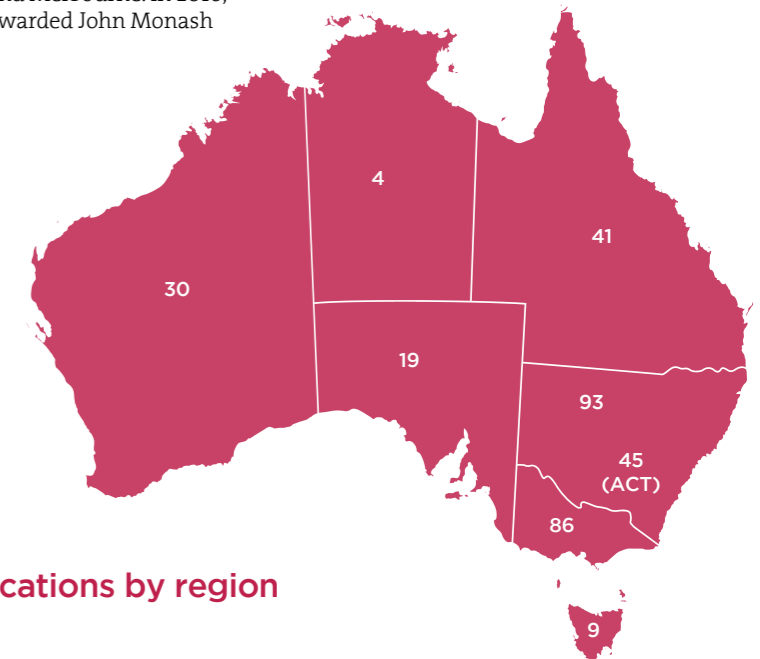
Pictured from left to right: Shevaun Wright, Damon Binder, Dr Trung Ton, Dr Martin Seneviratne, Arlie McCarthy, Maja Arsic, Hannah Barber, Zulpha Styer, Miranda Gronow, Mark Shelton, Dr Ling San Lau, Dr Ida Whiteman, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Catherine Richards, Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove, Brett Parkinson, Dr Garung Dut, Jillian Segal AM, Timothy Delpont, Dr Katherine Franklin, Mark Brooke, Vafa Ghazavi, Bridget Hickey

The applications for the 2017 John Monash Scholarship round opened in May 2016. As always, the scholarship application process is central to the work of the Foundation. The opening of the applications is publicised on our social media platforms, through media releases as well as presentations at numerous Australian Universities. The online applications closed 1 August 2016, with 327 applications submitted in total. 94 candidates were interviewed at state interviews, 51 at the national interviews and a total of 20 Scholars announced for 2017 – the largest cohort since the Foundation’s inception!

Each year the Foundation does its utmost to ensure that the application process reflects our mission, and supports our candidates. The application process provides all candidates with valuable opportunities for self-reflection and in-depth feedback. The selection is rigorous at each stage, with the criteria always a consideration. All 327 applications are reviewed by multiple senior experts in their field. The most outstanding candidates are selected to present at the State interview rounds, with a shortlist of applicants then invited to the National Panels in Sydney and Melbourne. In 2016, 20 Scholars were awarded John Monash Scholarships.

It is always such a pleasure and a stimulating couple of days—I do love meeting all of the wonderful scholars. It seems to restore my faith in humankind, knowing that there are such great leaders in our society.

Dr Misty Jenkins, Laboratory Head
Division of Immunology
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute
of Medical Research



2017 Applications by region

2017 John Monash Scholars

2017

Maja Arsic

BHP Billiton John Monash Scholar
PhD in Plant Science
University of Copenhagen
DENMARK

Hannah Barber

Roth/Segal John Monash
Harvard Scholar
Master of Education
Harvard University, Boston
USA

Damon Binder

Chairman's Circle John Monash
Scholar
PhD in Theoretical Physics
Princeton University, New Jersey
USA

Mark Brooke

Ian Potter Foundation John
Monash Scholar
DPhil in Medical Physics
CRUK Oxford Centre, University
of Oxford
UK

Timothy Delpont

Wesfarmers John Monash Scholar
DPhil in Engineering Science
University of Oxford
UK

Dr Garang Dut

Roth/Segal John Monash
Harvard Scholar
Master of Public Health
Harvard University, Boston
USA

Dr Katherine Franklin

Zelman Cowen John Monash
Scholar
Master of Science in International
Health and Tropical Medicine
University of Oxford
UK

Vafa Ghazavi

Commonwealth Bank John
Monash Scholar
DPhil in Foreign Policy and
International Relations
University of Oxford
UK

Miranda Gronow

Anzac Centenary John Monash
Scholar
MPhil in Late Antique and
Byzantine Studies
University of Oxford
UK

Bridget Hickey

Zelman Cowen John Monash
Scholar
Master of Science in Journalism
Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism, New York
USA

Dr Ling San Lau

Helen and Michael Gannon
John Monash Scholar
Master of Public Health
Columbia University, New York
USA

Arlie McCarthy

David Turner (Commonwealth
Bank) John Monash Scholar
PhD in Marine Science
University of Cambridge
UK

Brett Parkinson

Woodside John Monash Scholar
PhD in Chemical Engineering
Imperial College London,
UK

Catherine Richards

Origin Foundation John Monash
Scholar
PhD in Engineering
University of Cambridge
UK

Dr Martin Seneviratne

Roden Cutler NSW John Monash
Scholar
Master of Science in
Bioinformatics
Stanford University, California
USA

Mark Shelton

Zelman Cowen John Monash
Scholar
Master of Science in
Computer Science
Stanford University, California
USA

Zulpha Styer

Australian Universities'
John Monash Scholar
Master of Public Policy
Harvard University, Boston
USA

Dr Trung Ton

Susan and Isaac Wakil
Foundation John Monash Scholar
PhD in International
Development
London School of Economics
UK

Dr Ida Whiteman

Helen and Michael Gannon
John Monash Scholar
Master of Science in International
Health and Tropical Medicine
University of Oxford
UK

Shevaun Wright

Australian Cultural John Monash
Scholar
Master of Fine Art
University of California,
Los Angeles
USA

Where Are They Now?

After completing their studies
John Monash Scholars are
encouraged to, and typically
do, spend 2–5 years working
overseas to refine their skills and
expand international networks.
We then assist them to identify
opportunities in Australia and
support them to reconnect with
networks at home.

■ Scholars who have returned to Australia

■ Scholars who are still studying, supported by GSJMF

■ Scholars who remain overseas after completion of degree

2004

Dr Jacqueline Baker

Lecturer in Southeast
Asian Politics
Murdoch University, Perth
WA

Dr Jean-Paul Carvalho

Associate Professor of Economics
University of California, Irvine
USA

Dr Thomas Hanna

Senior Decision Support Analyst
Fortescue Metals Group, Perth
WA

Dr Aimée Heuzenroeder

Communication Coach
Aimee Heuzenroeder Ltd, London
UK

Dr Danielle Malek Roosa

Senior Legal Counsel
World Bank, Washington
USA

Dr Jacqueline Mowbray

Senior Lecturer and Co-Director
Sydney Centre for International
Law, Sydney
NSW

Lara Olsen

Regional Manager, Business
Development
Tesla Energy, Melbourne
VIC

Dr Katherine Rock (Allen)

Patent Attorney, Innofy
intellectual property, IP strategist
and In-House Counsel,
The Solutions Collective
MBA, University of Cambridge
UK

2005

Dr Matthew Baker

Postdoctoral Researcher
University of New South Wales,
Sydney
NSW

Dr Katherine Daniell

Senior Lecturer, Fenner School
of Environment in Society
Australian National University,
Canberra
ACT

Andrew Hudson

Executive Director
Crisis Action, New York
USA

Dr Ben Etherington

Research Lecturer in
Post-colonial literature
University of Western Sydney,
Sydney
NSW

Dr Olivia Oliver-Thorne

Senior Water Engineer
Tonkin Consulting, Adelaide
SA

Dr Sarah Milne

Postdoctoral Fellow
ANU College of Asia and the
Pacific
Australian National University,
Canberra
ACT

Dr Cathy Vaughan

Senior Lecturer, Melbourne
School of Population and
Global Health
University of Melbourne
VIC

2006

Dr Hsien Chan

Consultant Dermatologist
Sydney Skin, Sydney
NSW

Dr Mark Dawson

Consultant Haematologist
and Head, Cancer Epigenetics
Laboratory
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre,
Melbourne
VIC

Dr Kate Manne

Assistant Professor at Sage
School of Philosophy
Cornell University, New York
USA

Dr Justin Moore

Cerebrovascular Fellow
Stanford University, California
USA

Dr Aruna Sathanapally

Barrister and Legal Advisor
Parliamentary Joint Committee
on Human Rights, Sydney
NSW

Dr Sally Thompson

Associate Professor,
Environmental Engineering
University of California,
Berkeley
USA

Dr Tim Trudgian

ARC Future Fellow, School
of Physical, Environmental
& Mathematical Sciences,
University of New South Wales,
Canberra
ACT

Dr Bridget Vincent

Assistant Professor, Modern
and Contemporary Poetry,
Faculty of Arts
University of Nottingham
UK

2007

Dr Jeremy Bell

Lecturer, Philosophy and
History
Campion College, Sydney
NSW

David Clarke

Founder and Director
InLife Independent Living,
Geelong
VIC

Dr Rosie Dawkins

Ophthalmology Registrar
Royal Melbourne Ear & Eye
Hospital, Melbourne
VIC

Dr Gemma Sharp

Postdoctoral Fellow
in Psychology
Curtin University, Perth
WA

Dr Owen Siggs

Senior Lecturer, Department
of Ophthalmology
Flinders University, Adelaide
SA

Dr Joseph Suttie

Cardiologist
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital and
Clinical Training and Lecturer
University of Western Sydney,
Sydney
NSW

2008

Dr Alice Chang

Child and Adolescent
Psychiatrist, Child & Youth
Mental Health Cluster
Cairns and Hinterland Hospital
and Health Service
QLD

Dr Hugh Evans

Chief Executive Officer
Global Poverty Project, New York
USA

Dr Johnathon Ehsani

Leon S. Robertson Faculty
Development Chair and
Assistant Professor, Health
Policy and Management
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg
School of Public Health,
Baltimore
USA

David Hume

Barrister, Sydney
NSW

Dr Brendan Lim

Barrister, Sydney
NSW

Dr Dilani Kahawala

Product Manager, Facebook
California
USA

Major General Roger Noble AM

Deputy Commander,
US Army, Pacific
Hospital, Melbourne
HAWAII

Frances Voon

Executive Manager
Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre
for International Refugee Law,
Sydney
NSW



2017 Scholar Martin Seneviratne with
NSW Premier, The Hon Mike Baird at
the Announcement of new Scholars,
November 2016

2009

Dr James Daniell
Natural Hazards Risk Engineer,
Karlsruhe Institute of
Technology
GERMANY

Dr Amy McLennan
Senior Analyst
Department of Prime Minister
and Cabinet, Canberra
ACT

Dr Sarah Meyer
Assistant Professor in Clinical
Population and Family Health
Columbia University, New York
USA

Dr Rebecca Nelson
Fellow, Stanford Woods
Institute for the Environment
Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law
School, Melbourne
VIC

Dr Timothy O'Shea
Postdoctoral Fellow in
Neurobiology
University of California,
Los Angeles
USA

Dr Katie Quinn
Postdoctoral Researcher,
Biomedical Informatics
Stanford University, California
USA

Dr Mark Schembri
Sub-Warden, St Paul's College
and Faculty Member,
Veterinary Science
University of Sydney
NSW

Dr Shaun Yow
Project Leader, Insurance Practice
Boston Consulting Group,
London
UK

2010

Dr Nicole Bart
Registrar, St Vincent's Hospital
and Associate Lecturer,
St Vincent's Clinical School
University of New South Wales,
Sydney
NSW

Dr Phoebe Downing
Associate
Learning First, Oxford
UK

Dr Joe Gattas
Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering
University of Queensland,
Brisbane
QLD

Zelie Heger (Wood)
Barrister, Sydney
NSW

Dr Jonathan Kummerfeld
Post Doctoral Researcher
University of Michigan
USA

Sylvia Lockyer
Foetal Alcohol Spectrum
Disorders Project Coordinator
Telethon Kids Institute,
Port Hedland
WA

Catherine Stubberfield
External Relations Officer
UNHCR, Canberra
ACT

Dr Sam Wills
ESRC Future Research Leaders
Fellow, Department
of Economics
University of Oxford
UK

2011

Melanie Bannister-Tyrrell
PhD Trans Global Health
Erasmus Mundus (EU)
University, Antwerp
BELGIUM

Dr Tom Cundy
Surgical Registrar
Royal Adelaide Hospital,
Adelaide
SA

Laura Grant
Senior Humanitarian
Policy Advisor
World Vision, Melbourne
VIC

Dr Davis McCarthy
NHMRC Early Career Fellow
European Bioinformatics
Institute, Cambridge
UK

Alison O'Connor
Corporate Relations
Macquarie University, Sydney
NSW

Anna Rakoczy
CEO and Founder
Homemade Method, California
USA

Dr David Smerdon
Postdoctoral Fellow,
University of Milan
ITALY

2012

Dr Sam Brophy-Williams
Paediatric Registrar
Darwin Hospital
NT

Anita George
Senior Legal Policy Advisor
McCabe Centre for Law
and Cancer, Melbourne
VIC

Madeline Gleeson
Lawyer and Research Associate
Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre
for International Refugee Law
University of New South Wales,
Sydney
NSW

Fergus Green
Policy Analyst &
Research Advisor
Grantham Research Institute
on Climate Change and
The Environment, London
UK

Kate Griffiths
Associate
Grattan Institute, Melbourne
VIC

Dr Ashley Kingsborough
Consultant
Water Resources and Climate
Change, Adelaide
SA

**Squadron Leader
Christopher Lowe**
SO2 Unmanned Aircraft
Systems
Australian Air Force
Headquarters, Canberra
ACT

Claudia Newman-Martin
Senior Associate
Boston Consulting Group,
Washington
UK

Iwan Walters
Executive Officer
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2013

**Flying Officer
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2014

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Sydney
NSW

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Paris
FRANCE

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University of Oxford
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PhD in Engineering Science
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UK

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PhD student in Shakespeare
studies
University of Sydney
NSW

Alexandra Readhead
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May Samali
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State Government Department
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Clinical Research Fellow and
PhD in Cancer medicine
Cancer Research Cambridge
Institute, Cambridge
UK

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Canberra
ACT

Macushla Robinson
Master of Liberal Studies
New School for Social Research,
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USA

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in Filmmaking
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USA

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Engineering
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DPhil in infectious diseases
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USA

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and Management
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London School of Economics
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University of Oxford
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Composition
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Eloise Hamilton
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UK

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UK

Sasha Zegenhagen
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Policy, Planning and
Financing
London School of Hygiene and
Tropical Medicine, London
School of Economics
UK

Impact

Professor Mark Dawson 2006 John Monash Scholar

Sir Peter MacCallum Department of Oncology and Centre of Cancer Research Melbourne, Australia

Professor Mark Dawson and his team have made a significant medical breakthrough. This research identified a new therapeutic strategy for acute myeloid leukaemia and helped set the platform for clinical trials around the world with this first in class epigenetic therapy.

Mark is a clinician-scientist at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. He is the program head of the Translational Haematology Program, Group leader of the Cancer Epigenetics Laboratory and Consultant Haematologist in the Department of Haematology. His research interest is studying epigenetic regulation in normal and malignant blood cells. After completing his clinical training in Melbourne, Australia he undertook his PhD at the University of Cambridge with the support of a Monash Scholarship. Following his PhD, he was awarded the inaugural Wellcome-Beit Prize Fellowship to pursue his research into epigenetic regulation of leukaemia stem cells. His research has been published in world leading journals including Nature, Cell, Science and New England Journal of Medicine.

We live in this unbelievably fantastic era for science at the moment. We're able to do things that even 5 or 10 years ago were absolutely fictional.

Professor Mark Dawson, 2006 John Monash Scholar.



Laura Grant 2011 John Monash Scholar

Senior Policy Advisor, World Vision Melbourne, Australia

Laura Grant returned to Australia in 2016, after five years abroad in conflict-related work. Laura completed a Master in Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University in Sweden on her Monash scholarship. Subsequently, she has worked in some of the world's most intractable conflicts, including in Palestine and most recently, with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Timbuktu, Mali.

Laura's work in Africa and the Middle East has focused on supporting local civil society representatives to bring their voices to the peace process, including through community-based peacebuilding and reconciliation and by elevating local perspectives to international advocacy forums. Since Laura returned to Australia last year, she has continued this work as World Vision Australia's Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor. Laura has advised World Vision and advocated to the Australian government on issues of civilian protection, humanitarian access and refugee rights in a world fraught with humanitarian crises – Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Myanmar to name but a few of the disasters currently playing out on the international stage.

Since returning, Laura has spent considerable time unpacking what a life of service means, and what sustainable contribution might look like, for the individual as well as the people they are supporting. Questions of burnout are rife in the humanitarian industry and in most helping professions, yet are rarely discussed openly. Towards the end of this year, Laura will be joining the team at Wendy Brooks & Partners, working as a consultant and facilitator for the NGO sector. Laura is keen to continue a conversation about contributing with self-care and vitality, rather than self-sacrifice and over-responsibility, within the John Monash community.



May Samali 2014 John Monash Scholar

Associate, Urban Innovation Fund California, USA

May Samali asked herself, "what would it look like to work with socially-minded entrepreneurs?" This curiosity led May to the Harvard Kennedy School on a John Monash Scholarship, where she immersed herself in the world of tech policy, entrepreneurship and social impact. May embraced every opportunity to better understand how start-ups could transform cities, communities and economies.

May interned at Tumml, a start-up hub for urban technology. After graduating in 2016 she moved to San Francisco to run the organisation. Her first project was to help the clean energy portfolio companies commercialise technologies they had developed in the Lab.

Tumml recently launched the Urban Innovation Fund, a venture capital firm, where May is now an Associate. The Urban Innovation Fund provides seed capital and support to entrepreneurs creating solutions to tough urban challenges. During her time at the Urban Innovation Fund, May has worked on projects that include developing an election voting platform using blockchain technology and a smart water management system for commercial and industrial buildings.

Building a fund from the ground up has been a fantastic adventure. I look forward to continuing to become a more effective investor, mentor, and advisor to socially-minded entrepreneurs – both in the US and at home in Australia.

May Samali, 2014 John Monash Scholar.



Shevaun Wright 2017 John Monash Scholar

Master of Fine Art UCLA, USA

2017 Australian Cultural John Monash Scholar, Shevaun Wright has been in the international spotlight this year as an artist working in a way that draws on her experience as a lawyer and indigenous woman. She is undertaking a Master of Fine Arts at the University of California, Los Angeles with the support of a John Monash Scholarship. While undertaking these studies, Shevaun has sought to ground her practice in a wide reading of the law, particularly focussing on the law as a cultural product. She created a new work that was presented in Sydney at Campbelltown Arts which explores urgent social issues in Western Sydney. Shevaun's work, *The Rape Contract*, which explores the intersection of law, identity and feminism, has been shown at a commercial gallery in LA after being displayed at UCLA's Open Studio. Shevaun has just completed the prestigious Banff Research in Culture Residency.



Dr Martin Seneviratne 2017 John Monash Scholar

Master in Bioinformatics Stanford, USA

Since commencing studies at Stanford in January 2017, Martin has continued to engage with the Australian public through appearances on local reality television program, *Shark Tank*. He was appointed Digital Health fellow for Stanford Medicine-X, an organisation modeled on *TED talks*, straddling the worlds of academia, start-up and design. Martin believes that all healthcare could be significantly improved by better understanding how to use software and data across the clinical "life cycle". Digital health / clinical informatics / biomedical data science is a very broad area, but it captures mobile health (mHealth), wearables, digitisation of clinical records, ontologies, clinical decision support, data security, predictive modelling, epidemiological measurements, automated image interpretation and linkage with large-scale genomic data. His specific interest is in implementation—trying to fit these new technologies into clinical workflows. Exciting applications are developing that will revolutionise healthcare and Martin is working in this space with a creative mind and a commitment to improving medical outcomes for Australians.

The Australian health system is designed so much better from an informatics perspective when compared with America

Dr Martin Seneviratne, 2017 John Monash Scholar



Hannah Barber 2017 John Monash Scholar

Master of Education in Human Development and Psychology Harvard, USA

Before she left Australia to continue her studies in Education at Harvard University, Hannah Barber wrote an article with an important message: "The power of strong foundations" was published in June 2017 about the importance of Early Childhood Education. "If we continue to see childcare as a cost rather than an investment, we risk neglecting one of the greatest gifts we can provide to our children and the broader community". Hannah is an early childhood education advocate. She is committed to achieving access to quality childhood education for all Australian children. Her studies at Harvard will enable her to influence government and impact on better educational outcomes for children. She has also been awarded a position as intern at the Harvard Centre for the Developing Child.

In 2015, some 331,402 four year olds spent approximately 5 million hours in early childhood programs. Just imagine for a moment the opportunity that time, effectively spent, affords us to have a positive impact on future generations.

Hannah Barber, 2017 John Monash Scholar



Scholars returned to Australia 2016–2017

Sasha Zegenhagan 2016 John Monash Scholar

Manager
Deloitte Access Economics
Melbourne

Sasha has completed her MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing and has returned home. Her dissertation was an econometric analysis of the association between women's household decision-making and domestic violence in Uganda, and the differences in this association depending on whether men or women report who makes household decisions. She has returned to Deloitte Access Economics as a Manager, specialising in health economics and social policy and is preparing her dissertation for publication. Sasha has been accepted into the Observership Program which provides training and practical experience in not-for-profit board leadership and ongoing networking opportunities for future community leaders.



Huw Pohlner 2013 John Monash Scholar

Water Resource Management and Asia Engagement
Aither, Sydney

Huw has completed an MPhil in Geography and the Environment (Distinction) from the University of Oxford and returned to Melbourne. His dissertation research analysed the political economy of China's South-North Water Transfer Project, the world's largest water infrastructure megaproject. His findings have been published in the journal *Global Environmental Change* and on several blogs. Huw is currently a water resource management and Asia engagement specialist. He is a Senior Consultant at Aither, Australia's leading water economics and policy advisory firm, responsible for the development of Aither's business in the Asia-Pacific region and contributes to a range of projects for government and for-profit clients.



Dr Kate Mitchell 2013 John Monash Scholar

Principal Research Officer to the
Parliamentary Joint Committee, Canberra

Kate has returned to Australia having completed her DPhil in Law at Oxford. Her research focused on how international law can balance the protection and promotion of human rights and public welfare reform with the protection of international investment. Kate's new position as Principal Research Officer to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights takes her to Canberra, where there is a large and committed group of Scholars.



Anirudh Mukkavilli 2016 John Monash Scholar

Executive
Fairfax Media, Sydney

Anirudh has completed an MBA at INSEAD, dividing his studies between their French and Singapore campuses. He has returned to Sydney and is an executive at Fairfax Media in their Australian Community Media unit responsible for building their digital business. Anirudh attended a conference and medal ceremony as one of seven ambassadors for INSEAD and chaperoned Nobel Laureates including Joseph Stiglitz.



Pictured above: 2016 John Monash Scholar Anirudh Mukkavilli with Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz

2012 John Monash Scholar
Dr Sam Brophy-Williams
Paediatric Registrar
Darwin Hospital, Darwin

2014 John Monash Scholar
Fernando do Campo
Lecturer in Fine Art, Artist and Curator
University of New South Wales, Sydney

2015 John Monash Scholar
Claire Daniel
Consultant Data Analyst
SGS Economics and Planning, Sydney

2015 John Monash Scholar
Hugh Passmore
Consultant
Boston Consulting Group, Canberra

2007 John Monash Scholar
Dr Gemma Sharp
Post-Doctoral Fellow
Curtin University, Perth

2010 John Monash Scholar
Catherine Stubberfield
External Relations Officer
UNHCR, Canberra

Other Recent Scholar Movements

Dilani Kahawala (2008) recently moved to Redwood City, California to take up a position as product manager with Facebook. **Katie Quinn (2009)** has started a bio-medical postdoc at Stanford. **David Smerdon (2011)** has submitted his thesis and has taken up a research position in Bocconi University in Milan. **Sam Brophy-Williams (2012)** had a 6 month posting as head paediatrician in Kabul, Afghanistan with Médecins sans Frontières. **Stephanie Pow (2013)** moved to Auckland with her husband to join Vend, a software company. **Cavin Wilson (2013)** left the Air Force and moved back to the UK to join Oxera consultants in Oxford.

Events and activities

Announcement of the 2017 John Monash Scholars

21 November 2016, Sydney

“The Foundation is entering its 15th year, and has developed into the most important scholarship in Australia” Jillian Segal



2017 John Monash Scholar Dr Garang Dut and Perpetual Scholarship donor, Mr John Roth

The announcement of each new cohort of scholars is one of the Foundation's most anticipated calendar events. It initiates John Monash Scholars into the Monash Family. For the fourth year, we were fortunate to be able to host the event at the iconic Sydney Opera House. After the completion of the intensive selection process from August through to October, the 20 John Monash Scholars for 2017 were announced at a special cocktail reception in the presence of the NSW Premier, eminent Australian business leaders, philanthropists and members of the tertiary education sector. The Announcement was attended by over 120 guests, and provided the perfect opportunity to introduce the new cohort of Scholars to the John Monash community, and to thank our sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the selection process.

The Foundation was pleased to host the NSW Premier, the Honourable Mike Baird MP and The Honourable Gabrielle Upton MP, Attorney-General of New South Wales. In her opening address, Chairman Ms Jillian Segal AM said, “This is an exciting year for us. The Foundation is entering its 15th year, and has developed into the most important scholarship in Australia”.

Ms Segal also stated that the 2017 Scholars “are the most diverse and possibly most exciting group yet”. Voicing the gratitude of the John Monash Scholar Alumni community, Sam Wills offered the vote of thanks at the close of the event. The event concluded with a cocktail party to welcome the 20 new Scholars to the General Sir John Monash community.

The 2017 John Monash Scholarship Presentation Ceremony

3 March 2017, Melbourne

The Presentation of the 2017 John Monash Scholars took place on Friday 3rd March 2017 at the Shrine of Remembrance Visitor Centre. The Chief Patron of the Foundation, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) presented the 2017 John Monash Scholars with their certificates. The event was attended by new Scholars, Foundation supporters, friends, returned Scholars and Alumni. The Presentation Ceremony was, as always, a highlight of the Foundation's calendar, with the General Sir John Monash Family gathering together to congratulate the newest Scholars and their families.

The evening before the Presentation Ceremony, the new Scholars attended an induction worksop. The event offered an opportunity for the new Scholars to get to know each other better, to form networks and find opportunities for collaboration. They also discussed topics including leadership, managing the demands of adjusting to new countries and their studies. The induction workshop was followed by a dinner for the Scholars, graciously hosted by La Trobe University who also provided the excellent venue.

His Excellency General the Hon. Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and 2017 John Monash Scholar Dr Ling San Lau at the 2017 Presentation Ceremony



2016 John Monash Oration on Leadership

28 July 2016, Sydney

The 2016 John Monash Oration Proudly Sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

“We are honoured to be associated with an emerging generation of outstanding Australians”

Kelly Bayer Rosmarin, Group Executive for Institutional Banking and Markets, Commonwealth Bank of Australia



Ms Jillian Segal AM, Ms Kelly Bayer Rosmarin, Justice Virginia Bell AC and 2008 JMS David Hume

Topic: Judicial Activists or Champions of Self-Restraint: what counts for leadership in the judiciary?

The term, 'Judicial Activism' originally posed by Arthur Schlesinger Jr 1947, was explored by High Court of Australia Judge, The Honourable Justice Virginia Bell AC and 2008 John Monash Scholar and barrister David Hume, at the 2016 John Monash Leadership Oration in Sydney before 130 guests.

The 2016 John Monash Oration marked the event's 5th year. The Oration is organised annually by the General Sir John Monash Foundation and has become another favourite event of the Foundation's calendar. The Chairman of the Foundation, Ms. Jillian Segal AM, said the Foundation centres the Oration around leadership, inviting a recognised national leader to speak on a topic of their choice. Each year the Oration provides insights into different aspects of leadership.

Guests heard a compelling discussion about leadership in the Australian legal system from the 2016 Oration keynote speaker. As a judge of the High Court of Australia, Justice Bell influences the ways in which Australian laws impact and shape society. John Monash

Scholar David Hume offered valuable insights of his own about leadership in the Australian legal system. Since completing his LLM at Harvard Law School in 2009, David has appeared as a barrister in High Court cases about free speech, offshore detention, boat turn backs and the right to trial by jury. The Oration continues to be an opportunity to reflect on leadership in Australian society in a meaningful and thoughtful way.

As in past years, the 2016 Oration was generously hosted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, a long-time supporter of the Foundation. Ms Bayer Rosmarin, Group Executive for Institutional Banking and Markets at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia said that Commonwealth Bank was proud to support the Foundation and its Scholars. On the relationship between the Foundation and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Ms Bayer Rosmarin said "we are honoured to be associated with an emerging generation of outstanding Australians who are playing an important role in shaping the success of Australia's future."

Australian based activities

Events hosted by Patrons of the Foundation

Victoria Government House Morning Tea
25th of May 2017

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM hosted an intimate morning tea at the Victorian Government House on the 25 of May 2017. This informal gathering was a special occasion in an intimate setting, it honoured generous supporters of the Foundation, Helen and Michael Gannon, who have provided support with a perpetual scholarship. This generous gift will see a Scholar in the field every year funded by the couple in perpetuity. Guests had the opportunity to explore the beautiful old building guided by Mr Anthony Howard QC following morning tea.

South Australia Government House Reception 9 May 2017

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia hosted a reception at Government House in South Australia. The reception included an address from General Sir John Monash Foundation Director, Stephen Gerlach AM, about the number of South Australian John Monash Scholars in the field. South Australia is well represented with 17 Scholarships awarded between 2004 and 2017.



Pictured left to right back row: CEO Ms Annemarie Rolls with South Australian John Monash Scholars, Dr Thomas Cundy, Dr Olivia Thorne, Mark Brooke, Ashley Kingsborough, Front Row: Governor of South Australia His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le at the South Australia Government House Reception

Other events in Australia



Dr Ida Whiteman and Mark Brooke at the Announcement Ceremony

Spirit of Australia Commemorative Service – Melbourne
5 August 2016

The Spirit of Australia Foundation hosted the annual General Sir John Monash Commemorative service. The service was held at Parliament House in Melbourne. 2012 John Monash Scholar Iwan Walters spoke at the event. The Commemorative Service is held annually at Parliament House Victoria and a John Monash Scholar is invited to offer their thoughts on General Sir John Monash and his role as a military and civilian leader of Australia. Iwan spoke about the significant influence of quality education and teachers in the life of John Monash.

New Scholars' Retreat – Sydney
22 November 2016

After the completion of the Announcement Ceremony, the Foundation organised a day of official welcome and induction for the 2017 John Monash Scholars. The New Scholars' induction retreat gives the group the opportunity to get to know each other, forge connections, gain advice from past Scholars about the experience they are soon to undertake. Hosted by Credit Suisse, the 2017 John Monash Scholars also benefitted from a presentation of the practicalities of budgets, applications, travel arrangements, visas and exchange rates in preparation for their move abroad.

Overseas Activities

Australian Consulate Event – New York
15 September 2016

New York and America based Scholars attended an event at the Australian Consulate on the 16th of September 2016. The event was hosted by The Honourable Nick Minchin, the Australian Consulate General in New York and Foundation Chairman, Ms Jillian Segal AM.

West Coast Scholars Catch Up
22 October 2016

On October 22 2016, Bay Area-based Monash Scholars and family congregated in sunny Palo Alto for a long-awaited catch up for the Scholars based in the West Coast of America. The afternoon began with a visit to the Computer History Museum and a delightful dinner at Italico Restaurant, on the aptly-named California Avenue.

2017 John Monash Scholars Dinner
2 March, 2017

Hosted by La Trobe University, a member of the Foundation's Universities Consortium, the newly selected Scholars were welcomed to the Foundation Family ahead of the formal Ceremony.

Drinks at the University of Western Australia
23 May 2017

Emeritus Professor Alan Robson AO CitWA, director of the General Sir John Monash Foundation hosted a drinks event at the University Club of UWA on the 23 May 2017. The event was attended by friends, supporters and Scholars of the Foundation. The event formally introduced Mark Shelton, the newest Scholar from the University of Western Australia, as well as the new CEO of the Foundation, Annemarie Rolls.

John Monash Scholars Policy Forum
6 June 2017

John Monash Scholars and American Australian Association Fellows in Perth and New York convened for the Inaugural AAA-GSJMF Policy Forum: "Challenging Ideas: Resource Development and Society."

John Monash Scholars Dr Tom Hanna, Huw Pohlner, Alexa Morcombe, and Dr Jacqui Baker, and AAA Fellows Matthew Herrington, Dr David Keith and Ryan Edwards made insightful contributions to a valuable conversation, graciously moderated by Perth USAsia Centre CEO Gordon Flake. Ambassador John Berry (ret'd.), President of AAA hosted the event at the New York end with the over fifty guests attending kindly hosted by PwC New York. The participants in Perth were also graciously hosted by PwC Perth.

Scholars Picnic in Oxford
4 November 2016

On Friday 4th November John Monash Scholars from across the UK came together for an evening of celebration in Oxford with a picnic, bringing together 26 Scholars and their partners who are working or studying across the UK. This year 7 Scholars commenced their studies at Oxford and 2 recently started at Cambridge – which is sure to continue the friendly Oxbridge rivalry!

Scholars Picnic in Cambridge
June 17 2017

On Saturday the 17th of June 2017, John Monash Scholars across the UK gathered once again, this time travelling to Cambridge. Scholars partook in a popular summer pastime of Cambridge students – punting on the Cam, followed by a picnic.

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Pictured left to right: Dr Mark Dawson, Dr Rosie Dawkins, Mr Tony Howard QC, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Miranda Gronow, Iwan Walters, Dr Garang Dut

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Emeritus Professor, The University of Western Australia; Chair of Trustees, The Western Australian Museum; Chair of Advisory Council, Science and Industry Endowment Foundation CSIRO; Member, Higher Education Standards Panel (HESP), Department of Education and Training

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Dr Deborah Rechter*

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*Commenced during the Financial Year

**Resigned from position during the Financial Year

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Foundation members

The General Sir John Monash Foundation membership includes the individuals who supported the Foundation during its establishment period and current and past board members. The Foundation is grateful for the support and guidance that these individuals have provided and continue to provide to both the organisation and the John Monash Scholars.

It is with great sadness that the Foundation notes the passing of Wing Commander Peter Isaacson AM DFC AFC DMF (7 April 2017) and The Rt Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen KG AK GCMG GVC O KBE QC (29 October 17). Both members were long-time supporters of the Foundation and the John Monash Scholars.

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Foundation Volunteers play an important role in the selection of the John Monash Scholars. The Foundation is grateful for their support and generosity as First Reviewers as well as State, Territory and National Selection Panel Members. The Foundation would not be able to conduct our selection process without the generously donated time of the following individuals:

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“With this opportunity I was able to play a leadership role in the establishment of one of Europe’s most exciting energy efficient companies”

Lara Olsen, 2004 John Monash Scholar
Tesla Australia



Financial Highlights

The Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2017 highlights continued growth and sound financial performance.

In 2017 the third year of the “2020 Campaign” the Foundation continued to develop its fundraising, philanthropy and partnerships program. This campaign aims to build an endowment fund of \$50m by 2020 and to protect the Foundation against economic uncertainty. A key objective for the Foundation is to seek major gifts and bequests to contribute to future funding, alongside corporate and government support.

This year the Foundation received funding towards another perpetual scholarship which brings the number of perpetual scholarships to seven. We welcomed new donors and members to the Chairman’s Circle and the Australian Universities Consortium, which now has eighteen

member universities. Funding for an additional three-year Scholarship was received from the Commonwealth Bank in recognition of the former Chairman, David Turner. New supporters include PwC who committed support for our major events and Kelly+Partners Foundation whose funds will support our Alumni Community. The Lee Liberman Foundation provided support for the John Monash Community and became a major donor of the Scholar Symposium to be held in New York in 2018.

The Alumni Appeal, a strategy to support the growth of the alumni functions and activities was continued in 2017. Mentoring and fostering leadership capabilities while supporting the John Monash Community is an essential part of our mission to invest in Australia’s future leaders.

The Foundation awarded its largest number of Scholarships with twenty 2017 John Monash scholarships being awarded, providing 44 scholarships years – a commitment of \$2.86 million.

In 2017 the Foundation had a 12% increase in its total assets (\$34.89m). This improved position brings the Foundation closer to its “2020 Campaign” goal and will enable it to continue to award Scholarships and support the Scholars and Alumni in future years.

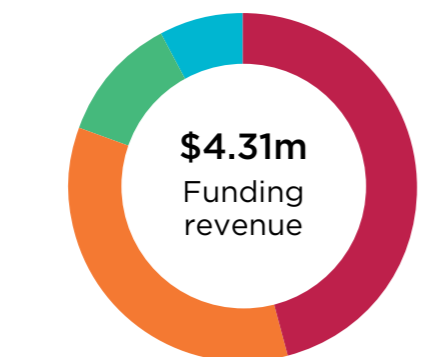
The Foundation maintains its conservative investment strategy, focused on protecting capital and minimising variations in portfolio returns. The cash and term deposits held are sufficient to meet the Foundation’s current commitments. The majority of the Foundation’s long-term investments (Endowment Fund) are held in a Schroders Real Return Fund which returned 7% during the 2017 year.

The Audited Financial Report can be viewed online at www.johnmonash.com.

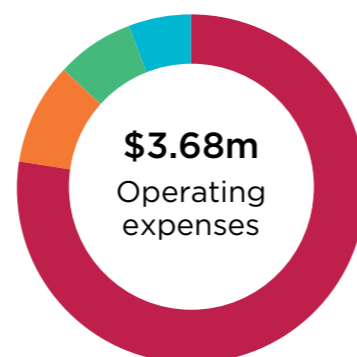
Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Comprehensive Income

	2017 \$ mil	2016 \$ mil
Funding revenue	4.31	6.73
Operating expenses	(3.68)	(2.63)
Results from operations	0.63	4.10
Finance income	1.99	0.59
Surplus for year Other comprehensive income	2.62	4.69
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income*	2.62	4.69
Transferred to endowment reserve	(1.75)	(4.50)

*Amounts transferred from comprehensive income to be retained in our endowment fund for the provision of future scholarships



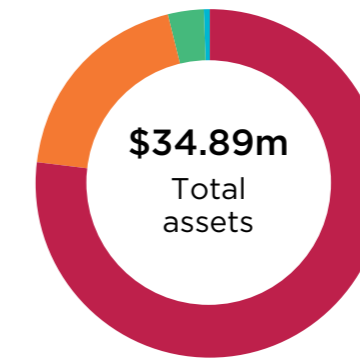
Private	\$1.98m
Corporates	\$1.50m
Government	\$0.50m
Universities	\$0.33m



Scholarships awarded	\$2.86m
Scholarship related expenses	\$0.34m
Administration & governance	\$0.27m
Promotion & fundraising	\$0.21m

Statement of Financial Position

	2017 \$ mil	2016 \$ mil
Current assets	8.04	6.93
Non-current assets	26.85	24.23
Total assets	34.89	31.16
Current liabilities	1.90	1.72
Non-current liabilities	2.32	1.39
Total liabilities	4.22	3.11
Net assets	30.67	28.05
Equity	30.67	28.05



Investments	\$26.85m
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6.77m
Term deposits	\$1.11m
Trade and other receivables	\$0.16m



Scholarship commitments	\$4.20m
Employee benefits, trade and other liabilities	\$0.02m

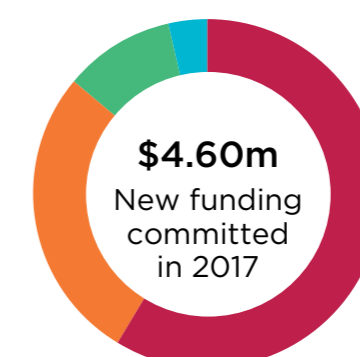
Efficiency & Effectiveness

The Foundation continues to operate in an efficient and effective manner with office operations supporting the growth in the number of Scholarships awarded and of Alumni.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Numbers of Scholarships awarded per year	10	15	14	17	20
Total number of Scholars (cumulative)	81	96	110	127	147
Scholarships awarded (\$ mil)	9.9	11.5	13.6	15.6	18.5
Number of full time equivalent staff	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.2	3.8

New Funding Committed in 2017

In 2017 the Foundation received \$4.60m in new funding commitments, of which \$2.00m was received during the Financial year (in accordance with accounting standards, revenue is recognised, upon receipt of the funds pledged), from the sectors identified.



Private	\$2.70m
Corporate	\$1.27m
Universities	\$0.47m
Government	\$0.16m

Thank you

Major Benefactors, Supporters of Perpetual Scholarships

Donations made to the Foundation's endowment fund supporting scholarships awarded every year in perpetuity.

Major Government Benefactors

- Australian Government, Department of Education and Training – Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholarship
- Australian Government, Department of Veterans' Affairs – Anzac Centenary John Monash Scholarship
- NSW Government – Roden Cutler NSW John Monash Scholarship
- Victorian Government – Victorian John Monash Scholarship

Major Private Benefactors

- Mr John Roth and Ms Jillian Segal AM – Roth/Segal John Monash Harvard Scholarship
- Mrs Helen Gannon and Mr Michael Gannon – Helen and Michael Gannon John Monash Scholarship

Supporters of Current Scholarships

Organisations and individuals currently sponsoring John Monash Scholarships:

- Australian Government, Department of Communications and Arts* – Australian Cultural John Monash Scholarship
- BHP Billiton – BHP Billiton John Monash Scholarship
- Commonwealth Foundation – CBA John Monash Scholarship
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia – David Turner John Monash Scholarship
- Mr Tim Fairfax AC* – Australian Cultural John Monash Scholarship
- Mrs Helen Gannon and Mr Michael Gannon – Helen & Michael Gannon John Monash Scholarship
- Murray-Darling Basin Authority – MDBA John Monash Scholarship
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Supporters of Major Events

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia (John Monash Oration)
- PwC (Announcement and Presentation Ceremonies)

The John Monash Scholars Community Program

Alumni leadership development and engagement activities:

- Lee Liberman Foundation
- Kelly + Partners Foundation

The John Monash Scholars Aid Program

Extra-ordinary support to Scholars facing financial hardship:

- Lee Liberman Foundation

Pro Bono Partners

The following organisations have provided long standing support and services to the Foundation:

- Allens
Legal advice
- Deloitte Access Economics
Consulting services
- Singapore Airlines
Provision of travel for Scholars

Special Gift

The Honourable Tim Fischer AC, has generously donated to the Foundation, half of the net proceeds from the publication of "Maestro John Monash: Australia's Greatest Citizen General" as a salute to the positive legacy of General Sir John Monash.

Bequests

The General Sir John Monash Foundation sincerely thanks those individuals who have advised us that their Wills include bequests to the Foundation.

* Denotes co-supporters

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Individuals who together sponsor the Chairman's Circle John Monash Scholarship:

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- Mr Stephen Gerlach AM
- Mr Charles Goode AC and Mrs Cornelia Goode
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Australian Universities' Consortium

Universities which together sponsor the Australian Universities' John Monash Scholarship:

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian National University
- Bond University
- Curtin University
- Flinders University
- Griffith University
- LaTrobe University
- Macquarie University
- Monash University
- Murdoch University
- RMIT University
- The University of Adelaide
- The University of Melbourne
- The University of Queensland
- The University of Western Australia
- UNSW
- University of Wollongong
- University of Sydney

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Supporters of the Foundation and John Monash Scholarship Program during 2016-2017:

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- Mr John Roth
- Ms Jillian Segal AM
- Ms Carolyn Kay and Mr Simon Swaney
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- Dr Katherine Daniell
- Dr Thomas Hanna
- Ms Lara Olsen
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- Dr Danielle Malek Roosa
- Mr Tim Sherman

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The following organisations and individuals have generously provided pro bono and in-kind support to the Foundation:

- Aria catering
- Credit Suisse
- Ernst & Young
- KPMG
- PwC Australia and New York
- Shrine of Remembrance
- Sydney Opera House
- William Blue Dining

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Fernando do Campo

Cover artwork

We would like to thank Fernando do Campo (2014 Scholar) for kindly allowing us to use an extract of his painting *Pacific Baza*, on the cover of this Annual Report.

This painting was part of the exhibition *I Always Hear You Before I See You*, which featured six large paintings that opened at Praxis Gallery in New York in January 2017.

These paintings and Fernando, have returned to Australia. Fernando is now based in Sydney where he is an Associate Lecturer UNSW Art + Design. He is currently presenting two other major projects. *The Towneys Watched Back* is hosted by Ararat Regional Art Gallery in Victoria across four sites, the Langi Morgala Museum, the bluestone stables of the Bull & Mouth Hotel, the Alexandria Botanical Gardens and the Ararat Regional Library. This project narrates the curious release of 14 house sparrows off a balcony in Ararat in 1867 and revisits this narrative through text painting and site-specific interventions.

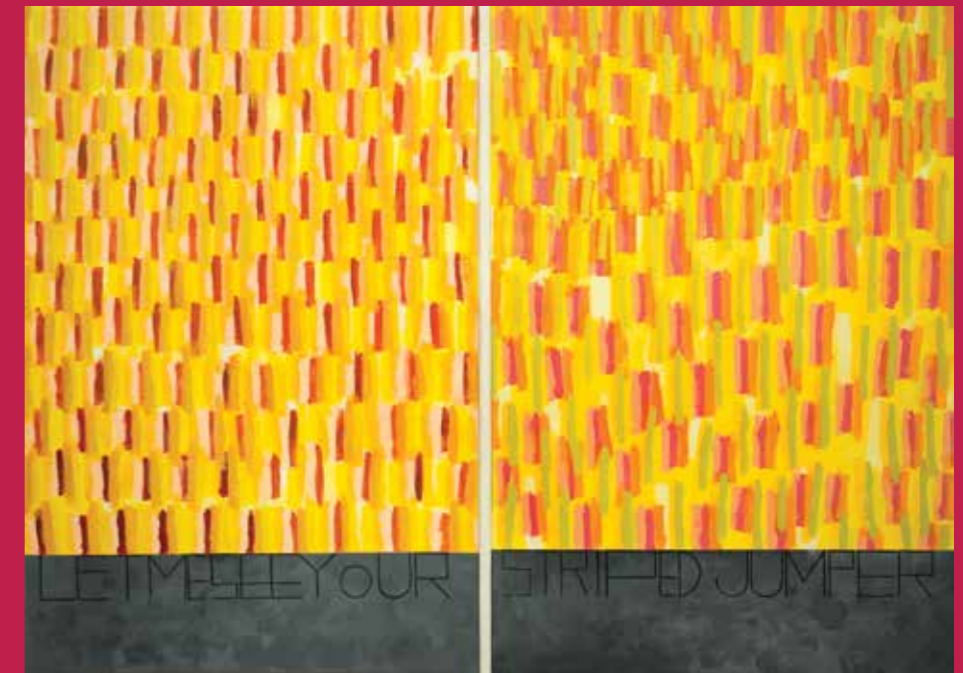
Fernando has been researching the introduction of bird species for a few years. This was the focus of his Master of Fine Arts at Parsons School of Design in New York, where he entered into an ongoing research partnership with the Brooklyn Museum investigating the archival documentation of their own introduction of house sparrows in 1867. In November–December Fernando will be presenting *The Colours of Federation*, a major installation at Artspace, Sydney. This project explores the introduction of laughing kookaburras into Tasmania between 1880–1910 as a nationalistic gesture. This is being presented as part of the NSW Emerging Visual Arts Fellowship which Fernando is a finalist of this year. We wish Fernando the best for this award!

You can follow Fernando's exhibitions through www.fernandodocampo.com.

It is the common practice of most humans to notice variables in their environment upon shifting to a foreign landscape. While there are many things that I perceive through this process; the most important variable is birds. I Always Hear You Before I See You archives the moments of confusion, nostalgia, double-vision, that occur when one attempts to locate oneself in a new place. The birds that I see and my practice as a birdwatcher offers me an opportunity to construct a memory-list of each new location. Such a practice requires one to think of what they are seeing, a tool set consisting of knowledge of other species, and most importantly the visual memory to perceive another creature, cognitively name it, and confirm its presence in that given landscape. Through this last form of identification, I the human, salute the bird as a co-inhabitant of that location.

This final affirmation is not always present. My peripatetic biography reminds me of the many instances when the bird didn't pause, I didn't look, it didn't call and ultimately I didn't perceive. I am left longing. In these paintings, birds function as a signifier for multiple forms of melancholia. The conventional birdwatcher only documents the instances when a bird is certainly perceived. In my list of birds (in this group of paintings) I document the birds that I missed. The prose is written as if for a missing lover, a last adventure, a lost land. Typography, abstraction and their many potentialities in between, find a space to think through the way we project language. These unidentified birds offer a way of documenting a form of greyzone, and co-inhabited landscapes. I Always Hear You Before I See You constructs an archive of 'what-ifs', 'maybes' and 'hopefullys'. Painting is a vessel for projection systems to operate. In these works text enters that conduit and becomes another form of projection.

Fernando do Campo



**“Equip yourself for life, not
solely for your own benefit
but for the benefit of the
whole community”**

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