

THE GIFT

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TOMORROW**



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

How your generosity makes a difference

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MESSAGE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Thank you for being part of our strong community of philanthropic supporters at the University of Newcastle. Thank you for sharing our values of equity, excellence, engagement and sustainability.

Your generosity supports our students, our researchers and our community. Your kindness makes a positive difference every day.

With your assistance, the University works hard to provide an outstanding student experience and to serve our regions. In this edition of The Gift, I am pleased to share some of the ways that your support is making this happen.

The wonderful impact of your generosity is highlighted on page four. You have ensured that 429 students were supported through scholarships in 2022 as well as many important research and community projects.

Our cover story features the Yarning Circle that out(fit) built in partnership with First Steps Count Child and Community Centre and members of the local Biripi community in Taree. Through the generosity of our donors, the team was able to empower the local community and volunteers to be part of this important project.

The stories of scholarship recipients Luke and Danielle, as well as the feature on NU Teams, show how the kindness of our donor community provides students with the support they need to succeed.

We also hear from Kyle and Kylie, two of our 766 alumni volunteers, and reflect on the many ways that volunteers contribute to our University.

The power of collective giving is highlighted through the generous donations towards Professor Pradeep Tanwar's ovarian cancer research.

From supporting research into the role that politics play in environmental conservation, to creating the legacy of an internationally recognised teaching and research Herbarium, our commitment to sustainability is assisted by your generosity.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your loyalty and commitment. My wife Olga and I are proud to be part of this supportive community. When we work together, we make the world a better place.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "A Zelinsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Professor Alex Zelinsky AO
Vice-Chancellor and President
The University of Newcastle

The University of Newcastle acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands within our footprint areas: Awabakal, Darkinjung, Biripi, Worimi, Wonnarua, and Eora Nations. We also pay respect to the wisdom of our Elders past and present.

NEWS UPDATE



📹 The Science and Engineering Challenge engages with more than 30,000 high school students each year, like those pictured here, including high numbers of girls and students from regional, rural or remote areas, to inspire the next generation to pursue careers in STEM.

UNITED NATIONS DAY HONOUR FOR NATIONAL STEM CHALLENGE

A flagship science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) outreach program has been awarded a prestigious 2022 United Nations Day Honour.

The Science and Engineering Challenge, started by the University of Newcastle in 2000, was recognised by the United Nations Association of Australia in New South Wales for its significant contribution to inspiring young people to pursue tertiary education and careers in STEM.

Our community has been generous in its support for the award-winning program over the years, as highlighted by more than \$37,000 being donated at our most recent Gifting Day. Your support has helped to awaken the curiosity, knowledge, capacity and problem-solving skills needed to address global challenges. Receiving the honour in the year designated by the UN as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development was a reflection of what can be achieved with the support of our community. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all involved.



📹 The University was awarded a prestigious 2022 United Nations Day Honour for the Science and Engineering Challenge.

COLLABORATION DELIVERS WORLD-FIRST FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY

The newly opened Global Centre for Research and Training in Radiation Oncology at the University of Newcastle is elevating the standard of cancer care around the world with support from our valued partners and collaborators.

Undergraduate and postgraduate students, and international and local clinicians will receive advanced training in the latest radiation therapy technologies using industry-grade equipment donated by international and Australian MedTech partners. This includes an Elekta Linear Accelerator, the first linear accelerator in a university worldwide, as well as Surface Guide Radiation Therapy technology.



📹 The generously donated equipment, such as shown here with staff from the Centre, will enable students to gain skills through hands-on training and develop their confidence before entering the clinical world.

The world-first collaborative research and training hub is designed to emulate a functioning radiation oncology facility with its eight-bay simulation laboratory and virtual reality training area. There will also be a focus on developing regions, with CIFAL/United Nations accredited virtual short courses and workshops helping to upskill clinicians across the Asia Pacific and Africa.

"Research consistently informs best practice which makes the support of our valued corporate partners, philanthropic supporters and community advocacy groups so significant. Thank you for helping the next generation of radiation therapy clinicians and researchers deliver better health outcomes worldwide."

Associate Professor Yolanda Surjan
(pictured second from left above)

Director, Global Centre for Research and Training in Radiation Oncology
Doctor of Philosophy, 2016; Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion, 2001; Bachelor of Applied Science Medical Radiation Technology, 1995

THE WONDERFUL IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY



YOUR SUPPORT

\$27.8M

in new gifts pledged for research, scholarships and community projects

4

gifts in Wills received to honour legacies beyond a lifetime

52

projects received vital funding for research

8

projects provided support to benefit the community



SUPPORTER COMMUNITY

1,856

generous supporters

5,601

donations gratefully received

424

loyal alumni donors

298

kind staff donors



ALUMNI

168,000+

valued members in our alumni community

153

countries represented

766

alumni volunteered to support students and the community

12,274

hours generously given



STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

25%

of the more than 39,000 students face educational disadvantage

OVER 50%

of our undergraduate students are the first person in their family to attend university

429

students supported through scholarships funded by generous donors

112

students were awarded a life-changing Shaping Futures Scholarship

274

scholarships available to support students facing educational disadvantage

82

scholarships available to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

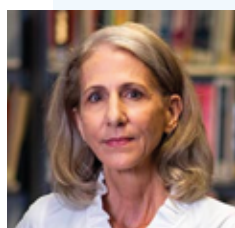
THANK YOU

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



A new research grant from the J&K Wonderland Foundation is enabling University of Newcastle researchers to investigate whether schools in NSW are becoming less inclusive for children with disability.

While school is important for education and social connection, many parents of children with disabilities in NSW are finding it harder to get past the school gate.



“Thanks to the generosity of donors like Kenny Cheng and the J&K Wonderland Foundation, we can pursue research with real-world application for special education teachers and children with disabilities to help give more students a truly inclusive education experience.”

Associate Professor Jill Duncan
School of Education

Thanks to a generous grant from the J&K Wonderland Foundation, Associate Professor Jill Duncan and her team are investigating if recent advances in school autonomy are disadvantaging children with disabilities.

Special and inclusive education scholar, Associate Professor Jill Duncan, says there is evidence that segregation in schools is increasing; and Australia’s primary and secondary education systems are failing to become more inclusive of students with disability.

Thanks to a generous grant from the J&K Wonderland Foundation, her team is investigating if recent advances in school autonomy are disadvantaging children with disability.

“As schools in NSW gain more autonomy over how they provide education, which affects everything from enrolments to support programs, we need to understand what this means for the direct experience of students with disability.”

If you would like to support an area of research that is important to you, please contact Kate on 02 4921 8612 or email philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au

TEAMING UP FOR SUCCESS THROUGH SPORT

Luke Kiehne is the 2022 recipient of the Andrew Brown Sport Scholarship established by alumnus Andrew Brown to recognise the value of sports and university sports clubs for students at the University of Newcastle.

What attracted you to Nursing?

Growing up I was a bit of a terror. As I got closer to finishing school, I asked myself three questions: what am I good at, what do I like doing and what makes me happy? I realised that I loved helping people and making them smile. I also enjoyed health subjects like anatomy and human bioscience which led me to study nursing.

What have you enjoyed most about your studies so far?

The clinical practise placements have been amazing. Being able to build a connection with patients and make a person's trip to hospital more pleasant is exactly why I chose nursing. I also completed a supervised study trip to Thailand last year for a final year elective project. We spent time in Thai hospitals, aged care and community settings to learn from different healthcare settings and nursing roles. As my first trip overseas, the experience was amazing and will help make me a better clinician.

How do the Andrew Brown Sport Scholarship values connect with you?

Sport has always been a big part of my life. As soon as I moved to Newcastle, I sought out team sport immediately. I play for the University of Newcastle Rugby League Seahorses, and in different volleyball, ultimate frisbee and touch football teams regularly. Whether it's training, competing or just having a social game, sport is an outlet and helps clear my head. Many of my friendships and connections at University are from sport.



📹 Luke Kiehne, shown here on his supervised study trip to Thailand, swapped his life on the family farm in Glen Innes to study a degree in Nursing and says receiving the Andrew Brown Sport Scholarship in 2022 was an amazing privilege and honour.

In what ways has the Andrew Brown Sport Scholarship helped you?

The funds helped finance my living arrangements for the year, a huge weight off my shoulders, and meant I could spend less hours in paid work. Having more time to focus on my studies, play sport and connect with people has played a huge role in my academic success. I'm a better student and person as a result.



“Sport is an important part of the culture and history of the University of Newcastle. It gave me the chance to learn people and leadership skills, and broaden my network outside

my engineering class. I'm glad my support is giving students less fortunate than me the same opportunity to get involved.”

Andrew Brown

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours), 1991

Andrew generously supports scholarships for sport, women in STEM and Mechanical engineering, as well as programs such as the Science and Engineering Challenge. To learn how you can create a named scholarship for an area that you are passionate about, or in honour of a loved one, please contact Lenita on 02 4921 8612 or email donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au

OUT(FIT) YARNING CIRCLE BUILDS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Circle of connection: volunteers from out(fit), a not-for-profit organisation supported by the University of Newcastle, have teamed up with First Steps Count Child and Community Centre to build community connection with culture in Taree.

A generous philanthropic donation by Terry and Bob Kennedy AM has enabled a team of dedicated out(fit) builders and volunteers to partner with community centre leaders and members of the local Biripi community to construct the custom-designed Yarning Circle at First Steps Count (FSC) Child and Community Centre in Taree.

EMPOWERING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

For Bob, a former Chair of the Hunter Medical Research Institute Board and past member of the University Council, and Terry, a former teacher, supporting a community-based program that recognises the strength and capacity of Aboriginal communities was a priority. Their gift was inspired by their interest in the Gomeroi Gaaynggal study in Tamworth, a project which builds community capacity to give Aboriginal mums and babies a healthy start to life, in partnership with the local community and researchers from the University of Newcastle.



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DESIGN

Indigenous students from Chatham High School, mostly young women, worked alongside alumni volunteers and project leaders to construct the Yarning Circle over six days. The out(fit) community also raised funds to purchase toolkits for each student to help them learn valuable skills in building and construction techniques and equip them for future work in the building industry.

out(fit) is a not-for-profit organisation supported by the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the University of Newcastle. Its mission is to support women and students seeking careers in built environment professions and provide a place for students to learn hands-on design and building skills. out(fit) prioritises projects that make a difference to underserved community groups by improving their built environment.

To align with FSC's commitment to sustainable construction and community-driven design, out(fit) collaborated with local Taree artists Steve Williams and Ali Haigh to host a site-clay brick-making workshop where participants learned how to identify, collect and process natural clay from the site to create bricks incorporated as gabion fill for the Yarning Circle.

out(fit) founder and Head of School and Dean of Built Environment Professor SueAnne Ware said it was a privilege to work alongside alumni, Chatham High School students, local artists and Indigenous leaders to exchange ideas and build opportunities for learning and connection.



“The Yarning Circle has created a place where all community can come together. We taught students how to build and use tools and they in turn taught us about

their culture and shared their dreams for the future. Thank you to all our donors and alumni volunteers whose generous support made this beautiful cultural exchange, important learning opportunity and community resource possible.”

Professor SueAnne Ware

out(fit) Founder
Head of School of Architecture and Built Environment, and Dean of Built Environment

YARNING CIRCLES ARE PLACES TO COME TOGETHER

Their circular shape ensures everyone can see each other's faces as they share stories and learn from one another. There is no hierarchy around the circle – everyone is equal.



Bob Kennedy AM and Terry Kennedy, shown here at the opening with out(fit) staff and project architect Caroline Pidcock (pictured at back left), generously supported the construction of the Yarning Circle.



The Yarning Circle design was heavily informed by local Aboriginal community members who wished to create a place for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and for those of all ages and abilities to come together.

“Building a Yarning Circle was a community priority and we are delighted to make it possible for children, families and the Manning Valley to have this space to learn from and support each other in a culturally safe and welcoming environment.”

Terry and Bob Kennedy AM



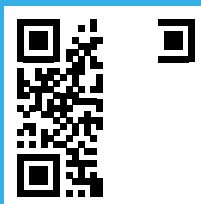
Many of the alumni volunteers were former mid-coast locals who enjoyed the chance to reconnect with their home community.

Edition cover image: The out(fit) team worked with Indigenous students from Chatham High School.

FREE COMMUNITY WEBINAR

The out(fit) team believes that everyone should have access to good design.

Would you like to hear first-hand how out(fit) positively impacts underserved communities while supporting women and students to learn hands-on building skills?



Scan to register for a free community webinar with Professor SueAnne Ware and other out(fit) members on 11 May, 2023.

Terry and Bob’s commitment to equity and social justice is evident from their support for the Yarning Circle, as well as for Shaping Futures Scholarships and the Strength to Sovereignty Project to build an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Strategy for our regions. If you would like to find a project to support that is related to your values, please contact Kate on 02 4921 8612, email philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au or go to newcastle.edu.au/donate

NEW SCHOLARSHIP EXPLORES POLITICS OF BIODIVERSITY



A new Politics of Biodiversity Scholarship is funding PhD research aimed at finding better ways to support biodiversity conservation and preserve the Earth we share.

While our community shares a commitment to tackling the challenges of building a more sustainable world, views about climate change and other environmental issues are often divided along political lines.

A new scholarship funded by generous philanthropic support is helping research to expand our national and global understanding of how political ideology contributes to policy and action around biodiversity conservation.



“Biodiversity decline is truly a global problem that requires cooperation at every level. I’m grateful for the opportunity to contribute research that may help influence environmental policy and governance to preserve the only Earth we share.”

Jacob Jones

Master of Environmental Management and Sustainability, 2021

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Environmental), 2016

The funding was kindly provided by the executor of a bequest who has witnessed the decline of biodiversity in several areas of the Hunter Valley and feels that change has to happen. This anonymous donor chose to support the Politics of Biodiversity Scholarship as it will enable critical examination of the political influences on conservation.

Inaugural scholarship recipient and alumnus Jacob Jones is an environmental engineer with a background in government. His research is exploring how different social, economic and other values that make up political ideology relate to biodiversity conservation. By quantifying political ideology in more detail than just left-wing and right-wing politics, Jacob hopes to identify how to best promote biodiversity to everyone.

“I am deeply curious about how people of different backgrounds and circumstances have come to value the environment in such different ways. By breaking through current decision-making cycles, I hope to find the most effective ways to advocate biodiversity to more people, organisations, corporations and governments worldwide,” says Jacob.

Receiving the scholarship has enabled Jacob to focus full-time on his PhD studies as part of the Conservation Science Research Group in the School of Environmental and Life Sciences at the University of Newcastle.

If you are interested in establishing an undergraduate or PhD scholarship, please contact Lenita on 02 4921 8612 or email donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au

OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY WITH JOBLINK PLUS

An exciting collaboration between Joblink Plus and the University of Newcastle is supporting people to discover their unique passion and purpose through a range of new scholarships.

For Bachelor of Education (Primary) student Dannielle Wilson, growing up on Gamilaraay land in rural NSW, the drive to study teaching started young. However, with challenges at home and school, disability and learning difficulties, there were many barriers in her way.

“I am drawn to education like a moth to flame to show other disadvantaged and disabled students that they too can succeed. As a teacher, I want to change the world for the better, one child at a time. Now I can see this dream becoming a reality.”

Dannielle Wilson

Recipient of 2022 Joblink Plus Scholarship

Dannielle is now one of the students benefiting from a collaboration between the University of Newcastle’s Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre and Joblink Plus. Several new scholarships have been established to support and facilitate inclusive, broad and equitable access to university for people who may otherwise struggle to connect with tertiary education.

“Receiving my scholarship was a doorway to me learning to accommodate my needs and validate that I am a person worthy of my place and study.”

In a three-year commitment to the University, Joblink Plus pledged \$30,000 to support scholarships in 2022, which benefited six students. In 2023 and 2024, Joblink Plus have generously pledged \$100,000 per year to support scholarships for disadvantaged students who are coming to tertiary study via enabling programs.

This generous philanthropic support will allow many more people who experience disadvantage to find connection and purpose through their studies at the University of Newcastle and afterwards through meaningful work in our communities.

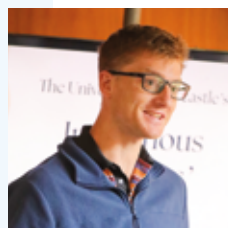
Joblink Plus is a not-for-profit organisation providing employment services and vocational training throughout NSW, including many rural and regional communities.

Joblink Plus places over 11,000 people into employment and enrolls 5,000 students into vocational training across NSW each year.



▶ Bachelor of Education (Primary) student Dannielle Wilson, with Joblink Plus Team Leader David Johnson, is looking forward to a career in teaching and is passionate about making her mark.

After receiving the 2022 Joblink Plus Scholarship, Dannielle was able to purchase equipment to help her stay organised and safe on campus, and keep her car on the road, which enables her to focus more on her studies by reducing day-to-day stress. Dannielle hopes to lead the way for her children and is determined to make a difference in the lives of her future students.



“By believing in and connecting people to the dignity and fulfillment made possible through education and meaningful work, we can unlock the great potential within our

communities. As a trauma informed organisation, these scholarships are an important part of our commitment to help people discover their strengths.”

Tim Diebold

Executive Leader Strategy, Performance & Analytics at Joblink Plus

To learn more about how you or your business can philanthropically support students through scholarships, please contact Lenita on 02 4921 8612 or email donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au

PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR FUTURE DISCOVERIES

With a collection of over 14,000 specimens and counting, the Don McNair Herbarium's ability to support research, teaching and community education continues to grow.

The late Dr Donald McNair (1920 – 2014; Honorary Doctor of Science, 1996) combined his career as an auto-electrician with an extraordinary passion for plant taxonomy and ecology. The generous gift he left in his Will is ensuring his passions and dreams for the future live on.

Dr McNair was before his time in realising the importance of conserving native ecosystems. His extensive plant specimen collection was initially focused on the Hunter region and then extended to arid locations in several states. He believed that Novocastrians should be proud of their environment and was recorded as saying, "Facts are what save the environment."

Thanks to his passion, forethought and dedication, the Don McNair Herbarium contains a record of the floral diversity of the Hunter spanning over 60 years. This collection preserves important species and will enable research into environmental and plant changes, particularly in response to climate change.

Dr McNair generously donated his collection as a gift-in-kind, working with volunteers and the University to establish the herbarium in his name. Volunteers continue to be a vital part of the Herbarium, donating their time and expertise to prepare and catalogue specimens and digitise the collection. Their passion and dedication over the years has been vital to making the Herbarium what it is today.



📷 *Dr Donald Livingstone McNair was a passionate conservationist and self-taught botanist. Photo from Uni News, November 1988; hosted by Living Histories.*

"Volunteering at the Don McNair Herbarium has allowed me to expand my knowledge of Australian flora and gain experience and skills suitable for a career in ecology. I also love participating in a branch of old-world science that has many applications to the modern world in relation to climate change and conservation."

Jacquie Bennett

Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Honours), 2022; Bachelor of Environmental Science, 2006



📷 *Thanks to the generous support from Dr McNair, other kind donors, volunteers, and those who have left a gift in their Will, the Herbarium continues to be an amazing resource for the University and the community, allowing research into specimens like the one pictured above. Image by John Sharples, Herbarium volunteer.*

Ongoing support for the Don McNair Herbarium contributes valuable resources to:

- **Upgrade the database** to make it accessible online for current and future generations
- **Foster postgraduate research** to explore the impact of climate change on flora of the Hunter Region
- **Support research** to develop conservation havens on the Callaghan campus for threatened plant species of the Hunter region
- **Develop students' research skills** through the Don McNair Scholarship in Plant Identification and Illustration

We are grateful to Dr McNair for his vision and to all the supporters of the Herbarium over the years, including our wonderful volunteers, kind donors, and those of you who have generously shared your plans to leave a gift to the Herbarium in your Will. Together you are helping to ensure the future of this amazing and irreplaceable resource.

Our Gifts in Wills brochure details how you can make a lasting impact beyond your lifetime.

To receive your free copy, or for a confidential discussion about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact Kelly on 02 4921 8612 or email bequests@newcastle.edu.au

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS HELPING TO SHAPE THE FUTURE

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Two alumni volunteers helping to shape the future at the University of Newcastle are Alumni House Ambassador Conjoint Professor Kyle Loades and iLEAD Mentor Kylie Bridge.

Since the early days of the University of Newcastle, we have been passionately supported by volunteers who give their time and expertise to support our community.

Each year hundreds of alumni volunteers around the world contribute thousands of hours to projects they are passionate about. The impact of your incredible gifts of time and service to our local and global communities is immeasurable.

Conjoint Professor Kyle Loades' passion for the University of Newcastle is contagious. As an ambassador for Alumni House, he is excited to share the project vision and encourage as many people as possible to get involved.

"When I studied at the University of Newcastle, building connections with fellow students and staff was equally important to what I learned. Alumni House is an extension of that, providing a conduit for lifelong learning and connection. It's an honour to share the vision and promote all the good it will do for alumni and the broader community."



"I encourage every alum to get involved in supporting Alumni House to see it built, stay connected and reap the benefits for many years to come."

Alumni House Ambassador
Conjoint Professor Kyle Loades
Master of Business Administration, 2015

To learn more about how you can give back through volunteering, please email alumni@newcastle.edu.au or go to newcastle.edu.au/engage/alumni/get-involved

To donate to Alumni House and help build a place for alumni and community to collaborate and connect, please go to newcastle.edu.au/alumni-house

Meanwhile iLEAD mentor Kylie Bridge enjoys sharing her wisdom and experience as a people and culture business leader with students studying business. She values the opportunity to stay connected to the University and return the support she received during her degree.

"Giving back as an alumna not only helps the University enrich students' lives but it also keeps me grounded. I learn just as much as the mentees as we talk about some of the same and different challenges that I have worked through during my studies and career."



"It is rewarding to see mentees grow and know that I have helped them on their leadership journey."

iLEAD Mentor Kylie Bridge
Master of Business Administration, 2018;
Master of Human Resource Management,
2018; Bachelor of Business, 1999

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF ALUMNI GIVING BACK

Thank you to all our alumni volunteers for working to make our community stronger together.

1,837
Total alumni
volunteers

766
2022 alumni
volunteers

29,988
Total volunteer hours

12,274
2022 volunteer hours

2022 alumni volunteer locations:

Australia	Lesotho	Turkey
Botswana	Liberia	United Kingdom
China	Malaysia	United States of America
France	Pakistan	
Guatemala	Philippines	
India	Samoa	
Kenya	Singapore	

ALLIES IN GYNAECOLOGICAL RESEARCH



For the team methodically researching how ovarian cancer and other female reproductive conditions develop, many generous allies are helping to make important progress against these silent killers.

Cancer researcher and Director of the Global Centre for Gynaecological Diseases Professor Pradeep Tanwar and his team spend their days searching for answers regarding how some of the deadliest cancers among women develop and spread. But they do not act alone. In recent years, kind donors through the University to Professor Tanwar's research have pledged more than \$7 million to advance clinical care and outcomes for women and their families.

Thanks to your generosity, this understudied area of women's health is receiving vital support to translate discoveries from the lab into targeted therapies that will improve clinical outcomes for women experiencing a range of health problems from pelvic pain to cancers.

“With your generous support for our research we are working towards more clinically-informed diagnostic testing and treatments that are essential for women's health. Your support means we can continue searching for answers and raise awareness about female reproductive tract cancers that will translate directly to saving lives.”

Professor Pradeep Tanwar
Director, Global Centre for Gynaecological Diseases

o Your generous donations to fund research at the Global Centre for Gynaecological Diseases are helping to explore new treatments and raise awareness about female reproductive diseases that will translate directly to saving lives.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IS SAVING LIVES

Thank you to everyone who donates to Professor Pradeep Tanwar's ovarian cancer research.

Anonymous donors	Margaret Ashford-MacDougall
Country Women's Association of NSW	Peter Suna
Gel Works Pty. Ltd.	The estate of Mary Sherriff
Maitland Park Women's Bowling Club	The Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation

Professor Tanwar's work is focused on transforming the way gynaecological diseases are prevented, treated and cured. These are complex puzzles to solve, and cancers of the reproductive tract are notoriously illusive and often diagnosed in later stages. Yet Professor Tanwar's team has already made major inroads in understanding the normal functioning of the female reproductive tract, which also helps us understand what is going wrong with the system that leads to disease. Your support is helping to continue this vital search for answers.

If you would like to support an area of research that is important to you, please contact Kate on 02 4921 8612 or email philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au

MISSION POSSIBLE: INDUSTRY GETS BEHIND NU TEAMS



NU Teams' non-profit student initiative has joined forces with new industry partners to inspire, support and empower our rising stars in key fields of engineering technology.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to build an electric race car, a high-powered rocket and an autonomous boat. It's a challenge readily accepted by University of Newcastle Engineering student teams from NU Racing, NU Rocketry and NU Marine who compete in national engineering design-and-build competitions for motorsport, rocket science and autonomous maritime navigation each year.

Generous support from local industry partners boosted their efforts in 2022. Contributions by Varley, Ampcontrol, ResTech, SAFEGroup Automation, Robotic Systems, Janus Electric, and 3ME Technology added essential fuel to the program, and were matched by the Office of the Vice



“The best ideas and designs remain ideas and designs without the support to develop them. We are grateful to our industry partners for contributing financial support, industry

access and opportunities for our region's rising stars in these key fields of engineering technology.”

Dr Alexander Gregg
School of Engineering

Family, friends, industry partners, sponsors, alumni and staff gathered to celebrate the 2022 NU Teams cohort and their competition vehicles, shown here. Image by Tarin Cromarty.

Chancellor up to \$50,000. These industry partners have also offered placement and employment opportunities for graduating students.

NU Teams competes at the highest level of engineering competitions, consistently punching above their weight against teams with much larger budgets. Teams include undergraduate students studying Mechanical, Mechatronics, Aerospace Systems, and Electrical/ Electronic engineering from every year of study. Students show unmatched dedication, skill and enthusiasm while solving problems and gaining real-world experience as they prepare for their future in industry.

Funding and engagement in the 2022 program reached a 20-year high, thanks to support from industry partners, collaborators, alumni and students with a shared passion for these exciting projects.

Congratulations to NU Racing for achieving 4th place in the Australasian Formula-SAE, the best result in the 20-year history of NU Teams. The team also scored 2nd place for vehicle efficiency. Thank you to the alumni and industry partners who contributed to this outstanding result.

To learn more about how you or your business can philanthropically support an area you are passionate about, please contact Kate on 02 4921 8612 or email philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au

WHY I DONATE

Giving through the University has been a no-brainer for our family. Fidelma, our five kids and me sit down around the kitchen table every year and discuss where we are going to give back to the community. We appreciate that we are in a position to do this, and as my two daughters and I all went to Newcastle Uni it was a unanimous decision.

I think we are all a little self-serving. We as a family all feel good when we assist people in need – it works for us and it works for the recipient. We believe that if you have a little, give a little, and if you have a lot, give a lot.

Students experiencing educational disadvantages are some of the people who require our assistance most. It is an area that can be overlooked, and it is always our family's aim to assist those who need it first. Everyone deserves an equal opportunity to develop their talents and interests, and to enjoy supportive relationships with their teachers and peers so they can reach their maximum potential.

I certainly wasn't the best student, but the assistance, guidance and understanding the team at the Uni gave me helped me to get through... P's get degrees. My daughters, though, are both quite naturally academic – it must come from their mum!



 The Hunt Family (left to right): Fidelma, Stephen, Dermot, Rory, Holly, Suzie Maree, and Aidan.

Our family just want those less fortunate than us to have the opportunities we have had. Helping students to improve their current position and opportunities will not only impact their lives through the education they receive, but also the lives of those around them.

Stephen Hunt

Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance, 2017; Master of Business, 2013; Graduate Certificate in Business Administration, 2012
Managing Director, Hunt Hospitality

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Everyone has a unique story about why they donate through the University of Newcastle, and we would love to hear yours! Please call 02 4921 8612 or email donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au

NOTES FROM OUR GENEROUS DONORS

"As a graduate who came from very middle class, non privileged parents, I appreciate some of the challenges you may face. And as a graduate who has gone on to professional success, I am happy to repay some of that debt I owe the Uni..."

Namson

Shaping Futures Scholarship donor

"Almost ever since 2NURFM began we have listened to it from dawn to dusk. Can't live without it and all the great music and information programs. Love all the great announcers too. Hope we always have it."

Sandra and Michael

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