

THE GIFT

THANK YOU FOR BUILDING PATHWAYS TO BRIGHTER FUTURES

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How your generosity makes a difference

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MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

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

Your generosity truly makes a positive difference, and I am fortunate to witness your impact every day. In this edition of The Gift, we are proud to share the story of our pathway program, Open Foundation, and its 50-year anniversary. This celebration is not just about the years of equitable access to higher education made possible through the program, and the people who have made incredible achievements, but our donors whose generous contributions over decades have helped to provide scholarships to support these students.

On 18 September, our community came together to drive meaningful change through Gifting Day, where together we raised over \$219,000. You can read more about the projects supported through your generosity in this edition.

Our University truly values sustainability, and I enjoyed learning more about the establishment of the Margaret Flynn Ornithology Conservation Science Scholarship. This scholarship will support a PhD position to study the movement ecology and habitat use of shorebird communities within the Port Stephens and Hunter estuaries to develop effective conservation strategies for use now and into the future.

We also celebrate 75 years of innovation in teacher education and how the award-winning Teachers and Teaching Research Centre is driving improvement in the quality of teaching, teacher well-being, and student outcomes in all educational contexts through the Thriving Schools project, centred on the Quality Teaching Rounds program.

I'm deeply grateful that you have chosen to donate through the University. My wife Olga and I are honoured to be part of our supporter community and know that together, we're shaping a better tomorrow and making a lasting impact on the lives of future generations.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kelly'.

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, Biripai, Worimi, Wonnarua, and Eora Nations. We also pay respect to the wisdom of our Elders past, present and emerging.

Overcoming the inequities of the past is integral to our core values. The University of Newcastle has a long and proud history as a leader amongst tertiary institutions in educational outcomes and employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

📷 *Cover Photograph: Georgia Young, 2018 Ma & Morley Scholar, Open Foundation, 2017 by Billy Callaghan.*

AI DRIVING BREAKTHROUGHS IN INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE RESEARCH

Generous funding from The McCusker Charitable Foundation is helping University of Newcastle researchers use artificial intelligence (AI) to fast-track treatment innovations for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

Around 100,000 people in Australia are currently living with IBD, which includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and this number is expected to rise with Australia having among the highest prevalence rates in the world. However, current standard treatments focus on targeting immune cells and inflammation, often failing to control the disease.

With the support of generous funding from The McCusker Charitable Foundation, researchers from the University of Newcastle's School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy are turning their attention to the vast pool of knowledge contained in the gut microbiome in a world-leading research project.

"The McCusker Charitable Foundation has been supporting medical research for more than 30 years. One of our Foundation Directors had lived with ulcerative colitis for many years. Just three years ago, our son was also diagnosed, and many friends have similar gut-related conditions. The number of cases just seems to be increasing exponentially. Dr Kaiko and Dr Keely's exciting work at the University of Newcastle may lead to new treatments for IBD and IBS, helping thousands of people worldwide.

I was born at Newcastle East Hospital (my dad was a doctor there) and I have fond memories of the beach, sea pool and parks. So, it puts a smile on my face, that 57 years later I can give back through the University of Newcastle."

Tonya McCusker AM
Administrator and Director
The McCusker Charitable Foundation



📹 Researchers are using a novel AI-based discovery tool to mine large datasets of healthy gut samples looking for molecules and microbial strains that support a healthy intestinal barrier, ground-breaking research made possible thanks to support from The McCusker Charitable Foundation.

"Some of the biggest challenges to overcome in discovering new therapies is time and cost. This funding will enable us to advance our work using AI to mine the immense datasets of healthy gut microbiomes and hopefully identify possible new treatments for IBD sooner, improve quality of life and reduce the need for intestinal surgery," says research co-lead and alumni, Dr Gerard Kaiko, Senior Lecturer, School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy.

Ultimately, the aim is to develop new targeted drug therapies to achieve remission and improve the quality of life for more people living with IBD.

"We may also be able to apply this new AI-based drug design platform to identify drug candidates for other chronic diseases where the gut microbiome is known to play a role in the disease, including cancer and diabetes," says research co-lead, Professor Simon Keely, School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy.

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

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF OPEN FOUNDATION



For 50 years, Open Foundation has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for people of the Hunter and Central Coast regions. The first pathway program in Australia, Open Foundation has enabled tens of thousands of students who don't have the qualifications required for direct entry into university to begin their higher education journey, helping them to develop their skills, realise their dreams and achieve their goals.

Equity is at the core of our University's values and this year's celebrations are all about the people at the heart of our pathway programs. The success of our Open Foundation graduates over the past 50 years shows the impact higher education can have on communities and people's lives.

"The Open Foundation program has not only provided pathways to university but has also become an integral part of the local community. The program is committed to supporting the educational aspirations of individuals in our region, both now and into the future," says Associate Professor Anna Bennett, Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support and alumna of the University.

 Pictured, students and collaborators from the 50 Years Fifty Stories exhibition at the University Gallery.

Education has the power to change lives and our University believes everyone can thrive in the right environment. We thank our donors whose generous contributions over decades have helped to provide scholarships to support our pathways' students.

"Education opens doors, allows for critical thinking, and grants access to a better life. Undoubtedly, Open Foundation did this for me. My number one highlight was realising that I actually can and deserve to be in a university environment. It wasn't easy, but getting through the challenges, asking for support, talking to lecturers, tutors and other students were also some of my key highlights."



Georgia Young
2018 Ma & Morley Scholar
Open Foundation, 2017

MORE JOBLINK PLUS SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The strength of the partnership between Joblink Plus and the University of Newcastle has continued to grow with Joblink Plus doubling their current commitment to provide 25 scholarships annually for three years at a total value of \$600,000 to support people to discover their purpose through education.

In collaboration with the University of Newcastle's Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre, Joblink Plus established scholarships to support and facilitate inclusive, broad and equitable access to university for people who may not otherwise have considered a tertiary education.

The Joblink Plus scholarships include specific commitments to assist students from rural and regional areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students who have experienced domestic and family violence. Several of the scholarships will also directly support students who are seeking to pursue higher education through our pathway programs.

"It's important to recognise that scholarships represent more than just financial support. A scholarship represents food and housing, childcare and security. But it also shows people that someone believes in them, someone is backing them to succeed. Knowing you have someone in your corner is a powerful motivator.

While education can open many doors, for some students having the support of a scholarship is the only way they can walk through it. We are thrilled to help more people dream big and connect with the dignity and fulfillment made possible through education," says Christine Shewry, CEO, Joblink Plus.



📷 Celebrating 50 years of dedicated community service through Open Foundation at the University of Newcastle's Winter Ball. During the evening's celebrations, Associate Professor Anna Bennett announced the new commitment from Joblink Plus.



IMMERSE YOURSELF IN IMPACT

50 Years Fifty Stories exhibition – 8 October to 16 December, Ourimbah Campus Library

Capturing the dreams, struggles, hard work and successes of 50 former Open Foundation students, the 50 Years Fifty Stories exhibition is an extraordinary account of the importance of access to higher education for all. Visit the Ourimbah Library to immerse yourself in the impact of Open Foundation through these powerful portraits and stories.

For opening hours go to newcastle.edu.au/ourimbah-library

SEE THE STORY UNFOLD

Join NBN News presenter and alumna Jane Goldsmith as she shares the evolution and impact of Open Foundation over the last 50 years in this 30-minute documentary. Peek into the archives, follow the program's evolution and hear inspiring stories about the transformative power of education.



Scan the QR code to watch the documentary or search 50 Years of Open Foundation on 9Now.com.au

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship to support students in our pathway programs, please contact Ellie on 02 4921 8612 or email donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au

NEW CREATIVE IN RESIDENCE INSPIRED BY HISTORY



Thanks to generous support of the Vera Deacon Regional History Fund, the University of Newcastle Library has welcomed its first-ever Creative in Residence to bring more of our region's history to light.

The rich historical collection of books, photographs and archives of the Auchmuty Library house a treasure trove of items from our past. Distinguished Newcastle playwright, actor and director, Dr Carl Caulfield will use archives and rare books housed in the library's Special Collections to explore the life and work of Josef Lycett (1774-1828).

A convict and artist known for his topographical views of major Australian towns and dramatic landscapes, Lycett is especially known for his candid paintings recording Aboriginal culture in Newcastle and the Hunter Region.

Dr Carl Caulfield will use the Creative in Residence opportunity to create a new dramatic piece, culminating in a live community performance staged near the Library later this year, an opportunity made possible thanks to generosity of donors.

"Aside from his obvious talent as a meticulous painter, Lycett was also a colourful, flawed character. The material housed in Special Collections offer so much opportunity for drama, passion and insights into Newcastle in that period. It's incredible to be able to use these resources to tell the Lycett story before a contemporary Newcastle audience," says Dr Carl Caulfield.

Dr Caulfield will also consult with the Wollotuka Institute to gain insight into the relationships and trust Lycett formed with local Indigenous communities to create his works.



"Many people share a passion for preserving Newcastle and the Hunter Region's history and we are excited to have Dr Caulfield researching and writing in our spaces, and using our collections' rich stories to unearth new perspectives on the past."

Paige Wright
Manager, Special Collections
University of Newcastle Library

THANK YOU

The Vera Deacon Regional History Fund was formally established in 2008 to recognise and build on the generous donations previously made by the late Vera Deacon OAM, Honorary Doctorate, 2020. Generous donations to the Fund continue the vital work of safeguarding the region's history as well as providing work experience for students entering the GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) sector.

If you would like to donate to the Fund or learn more about how you can support the Vera Deacon Regional History Fund, please visit newcastle.edu.au/donate-vera-deacon

UNDER THEIR WING: NEW ORNITHOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

A newly funded philanthropic scholarship to study the nocturnal movements of shorebird communities within the Port Stephens and Hunter estuaries is set to reveal more about the foraging behaviours of our native shorebirds than ever before.

The Margaret Flynn Ornithology Conservation Science Scholarship will be awarded to a PhD candidate to join the Conservation Science Research Group to study where shorebirds of different species go to feed and roost at night.

The successful candidate will join an extensive field research project working across both the Port Stephens and Hunter estuaries using 24/7 automated motus telemetry to track the birds after dark, and fill critical gaps in our knowledge of shorebird movements and habitats.

“As we continue to lose so much of the world around us, the joyful commitment of the University of Newcastle researchers dedicated to the survival of these charming creatures is both infectious and reassuring. Birds have always been important to my family and I am proud to support this area of research.”

Margaret Flynn
Scholarship Donor

SENTINELS OF OUR SHORELINES

Shorebirds are fascinating creatures and can tell us a lot about the health of our natural world. As migratory species, shorebirds are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment. Studying their movements offers insights around how climate-change induced sea level rises will affect habitat choices and help inform more effective conservation strategies now and into the future.



📹 Real-time insights: Motus telemetry supports conservation efforts with uninterrupted data on shorebird movements. Photographs by Ms Louise Williams.

THANK YOU FROM OUR RESEARCHERS

“Receiving support from a scholarship is a career defining moment with many ripple effects.

More than just financial support, it provides invaluable opportunities for students to further their training, position themselves in the field, build their confidence and professional networks, and help protect our natural world in Australia and worldwide for future generations. We thank Margaret Flynn for enabling the next generation of biological science advocates.”

Dr Andrea Griffin
Associate Professor in Wildlife Conservation Science
School of Environmental and Life Sciences

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75 YEARS OF INNOVATION IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Professor Susan Ledger, Dean of Education and Head of School, and the dedicated School of Education staff at the University of Newcastle, are extremely proud to be celebrating 75 years of leading innovative teacher education programs for schools within the region.

The School has developed a unique approach that focuses on teacher education through emerging technologies like simulated classrooms, foundational understandings of the quality teaching model, coupled with a focus on physical health and wellbeing, and inclusive and respectful practices to prepare our graduates for the ever-changing demands facing students, schools and society.

At the heart of educating our teachers is the belief that every child deserves a quality education and every teacher has the power to change lives:



Our award-winning and globally-recognised training programs and innovative research centres are leading the nation in supporting education and learning outcomes.



Our tailored approach to partnering with schools is supporting teachers in the classroom to help young people reach their full potential.



Our teachers graduate with globally-transferable skills and qualifications, and our graduates are in high demand with over 97.6% of graduates employed within four months of graduating.¹



Our annual Indigenous graduating cohort has grown to 4.9% of graduating teachers.²



You'll find our teaching graduates in almost every school across our vast region, they are educating and supporting the next generation of our community and global leaders.



Through our existing and new intensive courses, this year alone we will strengthen our regional communities with approximately 750 new teachers.²



o In 1949, Griffith Duncan opened Newcastle Teachers' College in the Manual Arts Room of Newcastle Technical High School, with 13 staff and 182 students. 75 years later, and now as part of the University, the School of Education continues to shape teachers who shape the world.



o First lesson at the Junction Demonstration School in 1950.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Generous support through the University of Newcastle and the School of Education has the power to change lives. Thank you for supporting research, scholarships and community programs to help people reach their full potential.

CREATING MORE THRIVING SCHOOLS

The University of Newcastle's Quality Teaching Rounds (QTR) program has helped turn the tables for thousands of students and teachers across Australia.

Developed by Laureate Professor Jenny Gore and colleagues at the University, the program empowers teachers to draw on their collective strengths, the advice of their peers, and an evidence-based model to improve their teaching practice.

For the past four years, Cessnock High School has partnered with the University to roll out QTR to every teacher at the school, with impressive results. In 2023, the school was ranked first in the Hunter Region and 11th in the state for its growth in NAPLAN results from Year 7 to Year 9. HSC results also improved by more than 50 percent.

QTR is now set to expand thanks to generous philanthropic support from the Paul Ramsay Foundation and funding from the NSW Department of Education.

Led by University of Newcastle researcher, Dr Drew Miller, the \$4.3m Thriving Schools project will see the University partner with 25 more NSW government schools serving disadvantaged communities.

"The core business of teachers is teaching and learning. But in these more complex schools, teachers' energies are often channelled in many directions which limits the time they have to focus on high-quality classroom practice.

Changing anything in these schools is hard because of the profound social inequities facing those communities. Every school is different, and many have different needs. Helping generate change is our key focus, and it's a real honour to be able to do it," explains Dr Miller.



QUALITY TEACHING



IMPROVED STUDENT OUTCOMES



STRONGER COMMUNITIES



After adopting the QTR model in 2020, Cessnock High School now has some of the most improved NAPLAN scores in the country and its Year 12 results have improved by 50 percent.



Scan the QR code to learn more about how this new way of teaching has helped turn the tables at Cessnock High School

SUCCESS BEYOND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As the QTR program is expanded across the state, it's important to recognise its impacts reach far beyond just the schools themselves.

"We're not just trying to help kids through school here, we're trying to help the Cessnock community by producing kids who are capable of getting quality jobs, being able to operate as a community member, and adding to our community. We are really proud of the results we have achieved so far."

Peter Riley

Principal, Cessnock High School
Bachelor of Education, 1991

If you would like to find a project to support that aligns with your values, please contact Kate on 02 4921 8612, email philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au or go to newcastle.edu.au/donate

JOURNEY OF HEARTS AND MINDS: MA & MORLEY SCHOLARS IN CHINA

The experience of a lifetime awaited 27 Scholars from the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program who travelled to China for a 12-day cultural immersion earlier this year to broaden their global awareness, connect with other cultures and gain insight into life in China.

The group of students from the 2023, 2022 and 2021 cohorts of the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program visited Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing to engage in wide-ranging opportunities for knowledge sharing and cultural exchange. Among the many highlights were visits to the Alibaba campus and West Lake, where Jack Ma first met the Morley family, before travelling to Beijing to tour fascinating ancient sites including the Great Wall of China.

The Ma & Morley story first began in China in 1980 when the Morley family met Jack Ma beside West Lake in Hangzhou where Jack sought out tourists to practice his English. A trip to Newcastle a few years later provided Mr Ma with eye-opening experiences to a world outside China.

Mr Ma made a USD 20 million philanthropic commitment to the University of Newcastle in 2017 to honour his lifelong friendship with the late Mr Ken Morley and his family who live in Newcastle.



Scan the QR code to see behind-the-scenes footage of this life changing experience



 The Ma & Morley Scholarship Program provides mind-opening cultural experiences that supercharge Scholars' appreciation for the many different perspectives that make up our world.

NEW EXPERIENCES BRING NEW PERSPECTIVES

“This trip has allowed me to experience Chinese culture firsthand, which is very different to the way our media portrays it... I'll take these experiences home and continue to form my own opinions and hopefully influence others to do the same.”

Cooper Ivory

2023 Ma & Morley Scholar

“Since the beginning of the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program, I've met so many incredible people, had many different experiences and new learnings that I've taken on board. I'm very grateful for that. It's helped me grow as a person as well as a Scholar.”

Millie Mills

2023 Ma & Morley Scholar

To find out more about the Ma & Morley Scholarship Program, please visit newcastle.edu.au/ma-morley

30-YEAR LEGACY NURTURES NEW BROADCASTING TALENT

Harold ‘Peter’ Pickhover was a pioneering broadcaster in Newcastle. Thirty years on, a gift in his Will to the University of Newcastle to support 2NURFM continues to nurture new talent and kickstart careers in broadcasting.

ABC journalist and proud alumna, Cecilia Connell is one of 90 students who have benefited from Peter Pickhover’s decision to leave a gift in his Will to support journalism students through the University of Newcastle’s community radio station, 2NURFM. She remembers her time in the 2NURFM newsroom fondly.

“When you are passionate about something you want to be doing it all the time. I’d be in the newsroom most days at 4.30am to help prepare the early news bulletins and present the sport before the rest of the newsroom started for the day. It was an amazing training ground where I learnt every aspect of the job,” says Cecilia.

“Peter’s gift has a major impact on our ability to recognise the dedication and achievement of outstanding students across media production and radio journalism; and helps maintain the quality and integrity of journalism, which benefits everybody.”

Ian Crouch
2NURFM News Director



“Peter just loved 2NURFM and I think he would be very proud of what the students he helped to support have gone on to achieve,” Ian Crouch, pictured with Cecilia Connell.



Peter Pickhover was a broadcasting legend who continued his passion for radio and the outdoors long after he retired.

SUPPORTING QUALITY AND INTEGRITY IN JOURNALISM

Providing vital training for journalism students who go on to work as broadcasters and presenters on local and national platforms is a big part of what makes 2NURFM so special. Peter Pickhover’s bequest helps to ensure our communities benefit from high quality content and live broadcasting by supporting new talent.

“Receiving the Peter Pickhover Award boosted my confidence and showed me that I was in the right place. Without doubt, the work-ready skills I gained at 2NURFM helped me get my first start.”

Cecilia Connell
ABC Journalist
Bachelor of Communications, 2017
Peter Pickhover Award for Excellence in
Radio Journalism recipient, 2013

To find out how you can make a lasting impact beyond your lifetime through a gift in your Will, please contact Catherine for a confidential discussion on 02 4921 8612 or email bequests@newcastle.edu.au

YOU'RE SHAPING A BETTER TOMORROW

Thanks to your outstanding generosity, our community has once again helped shape a better, fairer and more sustainable tomorrow through the University's 2024 Gifting Day.

On 18 September, our students, staff, donors, alumni and friends came together to make a collective impact through kindness – raising over \$219,000 to support six life-changing projects to benefit people in our communities.

A special thank you to our matched donors who helped amplify support from our wonderful community to make an even greater impact: the Vonwiller Foundation, the Aspen Medical Foundation, Google and generous anonymous donors.



Scan the QR code to watch some of the Gifting Day fun

📸 Sharing the smiles from our Gifting Day celebrations. Hundreds of students, staff, alumni and community members came together to enjoy the fun and show their support for six life-changing initiatives through the University.

2024 GIFTING DAY MAKES AN IMPACT

One generous community, six ways to make an impact:

WALKING ALONGSIDE STUDENT SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Supporting survivors of gender-based violence to complete their higher education.

Thank you for your generosity in providing vital one-on-one support and services for students who have experienced gender-based violence to complete their degrees and thrive, helping to break the cycle of abuse in our communities.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL CHILDREN

Helping children find their voice and reach their full potential.

Thank you for supporting crucial speech pathology services for kids attending playgroup in our regional towns so they can have the best start to their learning and develop language skills for life.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Ensuring no child is left behind.

Thank you for giving more children from regional and remote areas the opportunity to participate in engaging, hands on activities, giving them the chance to consider their own future career in STEM.

THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS PROGRAM

Helping people seeking asylum access higher education.

Thank you for your generosity in helping people seeking asylum in Australia to access higher education and build better lives for themselves and their families. Your support is helping to create a more inclusive society in which everybody can thrive.

ALUMNI & COMMUNITY HOUSE

Creating a place where everybody belongs.

Thank you for helping to build this amazing space for our community. Located in the heart of Newcastle, Alumni & Community House will provide meeting, working and event spaces for our alumni, students, non-profit partners, local businesses and friends.



2NURFM COMMUNITY RADIO STATION

Supporting our local community radio station.

Thank you for supporting 2NURFM so they can keep delivering our local news, good times and the great music we know and love.

AREA OF GREATEST NEED

Supporting the area of greatest need across all the Gifting Day projects.

Thank you for making a meaningful difference for people in our communities.

You make all the difference!
Thank you for your generous support of our Gifting Day causes in 2024. We are so grateful for your support to shape a better tomorrow for people in our communities.

To find out more about Gifting Day, please go to newcastle.edu.au/gifting-day

ALUMNI UNITE AROUND FUTURE VISION

The excitement is building around the bold vision for Alumni & Community House as supporters unite to help build a place where everyone belongs in the heart of Newcastle.

The Cameron Family has joined the growing group of generous supporters helping to bring this special place to life. Their generous support will be recognised through a named meeting space on the verandah called “The Cameron Family Conservatory”.

The family has a strong connection to the University, with Dr Bob Cameron AO, his wife Paula and their two daughters, Kate and Pip all proud alumni.

Reflecting on their decision, Bob says the University has left an indelibly positive mark on their lives, with many friendships and business connections growing from, and benefitting from, close ties to the University.

“Our family genuinely loves the University of Newcastle. It has given us so much across every aspect of our lives and we are delighted to support this exciting project for the future,” says Bob.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Cameron Family, and all our generous donors and alumni, for your incredible vision in supporting Alumni & Community House. We look forward to celebrating our proud history and building the future together.



📷 Bob and Paula, with their daughters, Pip and Kate, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. We thank the Cameron family for their generosity that will have a lasting impact for our community.



📷 Alumni & Community House will be a place for our community to meet, work and celebrate achievements, as well as a space for our students to learn and connect as they become future leaders.

“The University is an iconic institution and part of the fabric of the Hunter. The Callaghan bushland setting remains special while the city campuses have proven to be a bold step integrating the University into the City’s heart.

Alumni & Community House will bring further vibrancy, culture and debate to the CBD, reinforcing that Newcastle is a proud university town and fostering strong connections across our community. It is a true symbol of the University’s commitment to Newcastle and our region; and something we feel proud to be part of.”

Dr Bob Cameron AO

Master of Business Administration, 1985

If you would like to find out more about making a gift to name a space in Alumni & Community House, please visit newcastle.edu.au/alumni-house

BUILDING PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY THROUGH CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY

The late Professor Daphne Keats was a distinguished staff member of the University of Newcastle who spearheaded the study of cross-cultural psychology in Australia. Her trailblazing efforts continue through a generous bequest to establish the Daphne Keats Chair in Cross-Cultural Psychology.

As the Daphne Keats Chair in Cross-Cultural Psychology, Professor Belinda Liddell's research focuses on refugee mental health and understanding cross-cultural differences, working to understand why some refugees recover from trauma and displacement more quickly than others.

Among her current projects she is working to understand the long-term impact of absent family for refugees in Australia when family members are missing, have disappeared or are separated.

"The experience of trauma among refugee populations is quite distinct and has a deep impact on a person's psychological and physical wellbeing. We need to understand what these effects are so we can design treatments, interventions and policies that can help," says Professor Liddell.

A LIFE DEDICATED TO UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE

Daphne joined the University of Newcastle as a lecturer in Psychology in 1970. Alongside her husband, the late Professor John Keats, she led the field in developing programs of cross-cultural psychology studies, collaborating across university teaching and course planning, professional development and research supervision in both Australia and Asia.

In their lifetime, they established the John and Daphne Keats Endowment Research Fund to support research in the School of Psychology. Daphne's generous bequest to the Endowment Fund and the Daphne Keats Chair in Cross-Cultural Psychology will ensure her passion and legacy continue to positively impact researchers and research output for generations to come.



 Daphne's generous bequest will ensure her passion for cross-cultural psychology will continue to positively impact lives for generations to come.

"I am immensely grateful to Professor Daphne Keats for her wonderful support of cross-cultural psychology, both during and beyond her lifetime. Her generosity will support research to inform more

tailored treatment and intervention strategies to help protect the health and well-being of forcibly displaced people around the world."



Professor Belinda Liddell

Daphne Keats Chair in
Cross-Cultural Psychology
University of Newcastle

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WHY I DONATE



Giving back to the communities we're part of is very important to us. Providing scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people studying health degrees enables us to make a practical difference in the lives of people living in regional and remote communities.

The Aspen Medical Foundation was established in 2008 by my parents, Glenn and Amelda Keys, as a way to give back to the communities we are connected to. We have strong family links to Newcastle and our values are deeply aligned with the University of Newcastle where we have supported a range of different programs to advance First Nations health since 2018.

The Foundation focuses on three pillars: First Nations health, disability health and Indo-Pacific health through which we work to foster thriving communities by removing barriers and embracing opportunities. We decided to establish the Aspen Medical Foundation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarship because we recognise the unique opportunity to make both an immediate and long term difference through scholarships.

Easing some of the financial burden associated with studying at university is a practical and meaningful way for us to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the University of Newcastle to further their knowledge and careers in health.

 *Melissa Broers, Foundation Manager, Glenn Keys AO, Foundation Board Member and Founder, Amelda Keys, Foundation Board Member and Founder, Sian Keys, Foundation Chair, and Craig Fitzgerald, Foundation CEO.*

We also recognise that by supporting individual students, we can have a long term positive impact on the communities they come from and the communities in which they will work as health professionals.

Seeing the scholarship recipients thrive and continue their journey to become future health leaders, building on the collective cultural understanding and connections that are so important within First Nations communities, reinforces why our partnership with the University of Newcastle is so important.

Sian Keys

Chair of the Aspen Medical Foundation

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

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

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