

UNLEASH POSSIBILITIES



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA



**BEQUESTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL
DIFFERENCE THROUGH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL.**



YOUR GIFT

Giving is about making a real, tangible impact in the world.

Now, more than ever, the world needs education and research to solve our most pressing challenges. Leaving a gift in your will through the University of Newcastle could fund life-changing research that touches the lives of many. It could put education within

reach for those who struggle to have access to it. Or it could help provide state-of-the-art teaching, learning and research facilities, or fund many other university projects.

Help us make a positive and lasting difference.

YOUR LEGACY

Leaving a gift in your will is your opportunity to create something with personal meaning and resonance. It could be life-giving or life-changing. Either way, the impact will be felt for generations.

Since the University was established, many people have chosen to contribute something by leaving a bequest through the University of Newcastle. We are grateful to every one of them – remarkable people whose generous gifts have had a lasting impact.

We are inviting you to be the person who sets good things in motion, and helps solve the challenges we see in the world right now.

“We wanted to leave a legacy to support Indigenous students at the University of Newcastle. It is a lifetime commitment to support those who are disadvantaged to reach their full potential in life because when they are successful, we all benefit.”



Tanya Murray-Russell
and Robert Russell



YOUR STORY

Cherishing your personal gift

Every person making a bequest has a remarkable story. It often reflects what they feel strongly about or what they care for most. We would be delighted to work with you to make a difference, ensuring that your gift holds personal meaning and resonance.

This can be a very personal decision. When you are considering a gift in your will, we will assign you a dedicated point of contact at the University who will bring you together

with the people who will directly benefit from your generosity. Your passion will then live on through your gift, as we will ensure those touched by your donation will know your name and understand your story. If you would like, we would be honoured to keep your family connected with the University of Newcastle and updated on the impact your gift has made.



Nurturing your gift with respect and integrity

The University is grateful to have been entrusted with gifts in wills and donations from our local and global community for more than 50 years.

The University manages its investments in collaboration with a world-leading, global consulting company. These are overseen by the Finance Committee, a sub-committee of the University's governing body, the University Council. The Finance Committee monitors all University financial and investment performance, oversees the integrity of the University's accounting and financial reporting processes, ensures compliance with finance related legal and regulatory requirements, and embeds effective management of financial risk across the University.

The acceptance and management of gifts to the University of Newcastle are subject to our gift governance framework, and are overseen by our Philanthropic Gift Governance. This process ensures that the use, investment and distribution of philanthropic gifts is respectful, consistent and transparent, and maximises the effectiveness of your gift in delivering on your intent.

We have a growing number of supporters changing lives by giving through the University each year. We are very grateful for every gift and take our responsibility to nurture your gift and deliver on your wishes most seriously.

WAYS TO GIVE



Gladys M Brawn Career Development Fellow, Professor Billie Bonevski, working to reorient drug and alcohol treatment services and provide people with the support they need to quit smoking.



INSPIRING BREAKTHROUGHS

SUPPORTING NEW RESEARCH

Your gift may inspire new breakthroughs.

A gift in your will could contribute to world-leading research at the University of Newcastle, which could positively impact lives for future generations. This could mean supporting an area of research that you believe in and, potentially, naming it in your honour.

A bequest to research can enable life-changing medical research, or contribute to scientific and engineering breakthroughs that profoundly change the world. You could help treat diabetes, tackle pollution, address climate change, improve the health of stroke survivors, or find new ways to assist Indigenous communities.

If leaving a gift in your will for research interests you, the University of Newcastle is a world-leading research institution. We have a strong research culture and consistently rank in the top 10 Australian universities for research ‘well above world standard’¹.

If you choose to give to our Research and Discovery Fund, your gift will support critical research at a time when the assistance is most needed. The Research and Discovery Fund could be used in a variety of ways, including support for researchers with conference and travel scholarships, PhD Top-up Scholarships, research equipment and early career fellowships.

Perhaps you could be part of unleashing discoveries into our world.

CHANGE THEIR TOMORROW. TODAY

SUPPORTING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

For more than 50 years, the University of Newcastle has specialised in delivering world-class education to talented students, from all walks of life. We have an unwavering commitment to equity and excellence, together with a proud reputation of supporting motivated and talented students, regardless of their background or circumstances.

A gift in your will could go towards supporting student scholarships at the University of Newcastle. This, in turn, creates opportunity and leaves a trail of good along the way.

You can choose to give to The Shaping Futures Scholarship Fund, a sustainable source of funds from which scholarships are disbursed annually. Any commitment which enables scholarships on an ongoing basis can be personalised, aligning to your passions and named in your honour.

Scholarships are awarded to foster the talent of academically dedicated students who are facing hardship or challenges, and to those who excel in their field. Perhaps you could help these future graduates make a meaningful difference in our world.

ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITIES

GIVING TO THE UNIVERSITY'S ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE, OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

The world is changing at a breathtaking pace. That's why it is important to invest in the University of Newcastle and our communities.

The University of Newcastle Endowment Fund was created to provide a sustainable source of funds to help the University to adjust and thrive in a world of continual change and disruption. Donations to this fund support any projects that advance the University in its work, with the goal of enriching and strengthening our communities.

A gift to the University of Newcastle Endowment Fund means that your legacy has a prolonged impact over time. It means that your gift will continue to deliver relevant, high priority initiatives for the University and our communities.

GIFTS THAT HOLD MEANING

IN-KIND DONATIONS

You might consider leaving a gift that tells a story, holds memories, provokes questions or inspires new ideas.

You could also give an in-kind donation. This means giving something of significance that holds meaning for you, and for others. It could be a cultural gift, an important scientific collection, iconic art, marketable property, or personal property.

This gift could have educational, metaphorical, historical, visual or personal value.

Over the years, many donors have made

in-kind donations that have inspired our students, staff and visitors. As a donor, you will become a special part of university life, beyond your lifetime.

We would be honoured to discuss the possibilities with you.



DONOR STORIES



A LEGACY THAT INSPIRES

It is generous gifts like Reta Light's donation that give the world more of what it needs – in this case, precious literature and imaginative poetry.

Reta Light radiated a strong-willed, talented and generous disposition. So great was her generosity that, upon her death in 1989, she left a \$1.5 million bequest to the University of Newcastle's Auchmuty Library.

The Light Memorial Trust was formed with the funds and is used for the purpose of purchasing books, musical scores, periodicals and microfilms for the library, including a large collection of Australian poetry, mostly printed in the 19th century.

The Reta Light Australian Poetry Collection contains many rare items including a first edition of the *Man from Snowy River* printed in 1895 and other rare imprints, such as a work printed at the Maitland Mercury Office in 1854.

“Reta Light's gift has enriched us all,” said University Archivist Gianni Di Gravio. “Her support has helped us grow our collections to become major resources in their own right, while inspiring and informing new heritage research projects.”



Reta Light
'Books from the Reta Light
Australian Poetry Collection'

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A SINGLE IDEA IS ALL IT TAKES



Dr Beryl Collier

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Scholarships can transform the lives of others in a phenomenal way. A single idea, belief or value is often all it takes. That is what happened in the case of Dr Beryl Collier, who understood that opportunity is hard to come by without education or support.

Following a successful career as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, Dr Beryl Collier became acutely aware of the barriers Indigenous people faced in accessing tertiary education.

A bequest from Dr Collier's estate established The Dr Beryl Collier Indigenous Scholarship to help students from the University of Newcastle's Central Coast campus access higher education and achieve their goals.

“Not in my wildest dreams did I imagine I'd go to University one day,” says Joni, who left school in Year 7 and spent several years as a street kid in Sydney before making a decision to turn her life around.

With two daughters, one with cystic fibrosis, trying to work and study full time was very difficult. Joni says being awarded the scholarship changed her life on many levels, eased the financial burden and helped her remain committed to her studies.

“Being awarded the scholarship was a huge confidence boost. Knowing that other people could see my potential – even if I was still discovering that for myself – made all the difference.”

“While I wasn't able to personally thank Dr Collier, hopefully one day I'll be able to provide the same support for someone else and truly fulfil Dr Collier's dream to give back.”

Like Dr Collier, a donation to support scholarships, such as through the University's Shaping Futures Scholarship Fund, can have life-long impact. This is one example of what's possible by leaving a bequest for scholarships that help students unleash their potential.

Harold and
Gladys Brawn



GIVING BREATHES NEW LIFE

Sometimes the gifts of greatest impact have the humblest beginnings. A single idea of how to honour someone, can have the power to set something amazing in motion – something that continues to impact others in ways that go beyond imagination.

Mr Harold Brawn supported the University in honour of his much-loved wife, Gladys. He donated more than \$5 million to medical research during the 1980s and '90s, including a significant gift in his will in 1995.

As a result of this gift, more than two decades later, behavioural scientist and Gladys M Brawn Career Development Fellow, Professor Billie Bonevski's research and smoking cessation programs are leading the nation.

As head of the National Health and Medical Research Council funded Tackling Nicotine Together program, Professor Bonevski is working to reorient drug and alcohol treatment services and provide people with the support they need to quit smoking.

“Government can use this research to inform better public health policy and prevent the burden of illness caused by tobacco,” Professor Bonevski said.

To date, the Brawn cohort have conducted valuable research with the potential to change lives. Their research into cancer, clinical pharmacology, nutrition and dietetics, neuroscience, mothers and babies, vaccines, immunity and viruses has produced many significant findings.

We will never know whether Harold Brawn fully understood the impact his generous bequest would have. This is one of the largest bequests the University has ever received and the fund is now worth more than \$10 million.



Margaret Brewer

A LEGACY THAT EMPOWERS STUDENTS

Margaret Brewer will open up a world of possibilities for a medical student facing financial hardship.

“ I understand the hard work needed to become a doctor so I thought I would help by leaving my estate to the University’s Shaping Futures Scholarship Fund to support a disadvantaged medical student. I have no family to whom I can leave my estate so I would like to think the money could help a hard-working student who may do something wonderful with their future.”

– Margaret Brewer

SETTING AMAZING IN MOTION



Roy Palmer with Makayla
Guest, Scholarship recipient

Roy Palmer wants to transform the lives of Koori students, leaving a trail of good beyond his lifetime.

“ I love nature – I live on a beautiful bush block – and with my late wife, Marie, was fortunate enough to cross paths with some Indigenous Elders. This led us on a journey to a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture.

I have donated money for scholarships during my lifetime and I am also committed to making a bequest. I see great value in

supporting Koori students from a University which is so encouraging of their future.

I receive great satisfaction from being able to offer financial support for my passions of Indigenous studies and culture, as well as the environment.”

– Roy Palmer

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If you are considering the University of Newcastle in your will, know that we are here to help you set change in motion.

It is your story and your legacy, so it is important that you get the chance to do it your way. We'd like to harness that wish, so it can have the greatest impact beyond your lifetime. Perhaps the next step is to give us a call to ask any questions or discuss options. Our first step is to listen and to understand your passions and wishes.

We recommend that you discuss your plans with your family and legal advisor. We can also support you as you document your wishes. For example, some suggested will wording and a summary of key definitions is included with this brochure. You will find other useful information on our website at newcastle.edu.au/bequests





If you have already included the University of Newcastle in your will, it helps if you can let us know so that we can keep you connected with the University and informed about developments here. We truly value your generosity, and would like to thank you for supporting the University of Newcastle.

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