

# THE GIFT

## THANK YOU FOR GROWING ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

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- Researchers close to an early detection tool for ovarian cancer
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OF THE YEAR**  
Demonstrating  
the impact of  
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NEWCASTLE  
AUSTRALIA

### PHILANTHROPY NEWS

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 is making a positive difference, and I am privileged to witness the impact it has every day. This edition of The Gift shares just some of this impact, like our Education, Movement and Understanding (EMU) program. This exciting program links physical education with traditional Indigenous games, while also developing literacy and numeracy in primary school children. Following the successful pilot of the EMU program, it will now be delivered in 10 schools throughout the Awabakal and Worimi regions of the Hunter.

The wonderful impact of your generosity is further highlighted on page four. You have ensured that 431 students were supported through scholarships in 2023 as well as many important research and community projects.

I am also pleased to share that, with significant philanthropic support, Professor Pradeep Tanwar and his team are getting close to an early detection tool for early-stage ovarian cancer. This ground-breaking research aims to save women's lives and spare their families from devastating loss.

Our University truly values equity and I am honoured to share the story of Frances Doherty and her decision to continue her family's support of education beyond her lifetime by leaving a gift in her Will through the University. Nathan Towney, Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Leadership, experienced firsthand the generosity and kindness of the Doherty family, when he was awarded the Jack Doherty Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students in 2003.

We also celebrate 50 years of cheering graduates across the stage of the University's Great Hall. I extend my sincere gratitude to our community who generously supported the Great Hall's construction back in the late 60s and early 70s. It is inspiring to see so many people continue to donate through the University to support scholarships, research programs and community projects like Alumni House.

I sincerely thank you for your loyalty and commitment. My wife Olga and I are proud to be part of our strong community of philanthropic supporters. Together, we can change lives and create a better world for future generations.



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

**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, 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.

# BUILDING NEW FUTURES FOR MIGRANT WOMEN

A new program to equip women from migrant and refugee backgrounds with skills in construction is set to build more than just new homes, thanks to generous support from the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation.

For the 11,000 young migrant and refugee women living in the Hunter and on the Central Coast, the opportunity to break into the construction industry will help them gain the confidence and skills they need to successfully establish themselves in a new country.

## NEW COUNTRY, NEW SKILLS, NEW LIFE

The program, launched by the School of Architecture and Built Environment, will deliver education and training to at-risk young migrant and refugee women in hard-to-reach culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

Participants will be trained by the University of Newcastle and TAFE NSW. They'll also receive industry placements, critical mentoring and support to increase their chance of success and longevity in a male-dominated industry.

While the construction industry is booming, less than 13 percent of the workforce are women.

“Our goal is to have 50 women aged between 18 and 45 years old obtain a Certificate II in Construction in the first phase of the program. These women will then be able to translate their new skills into life-changing opportunities, including paid jobs, apprenticeships, and even further specialisation, while becoming financially independent and able to support themselves and their families,” says Professor Temitope Egbelakin from the School of Architecture and Built Environment.



Thank you to the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Chair, Ross Griffiths and Professor Temitope Egbelakin, who have teamed up with project partners to help migrant and refugee women successfully enter the construction industry.



“This program is giving me my confidence back and will allow me to be financially independent which is a big step forward in life. I am looking forward to working hard and making a life that I deserve.”

Saeedah  
Program Participant

## THANK YOU

We are so grateful to the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation for generously funding this initiative, and to the project partners, for helping young migrant and refugee women enter the construction workforce with confidence. Your support will enable positive change for generations to come.

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](mailto:philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au)

# THE WONDERFUL IMPACT OF YOUR GENEROSITY



## YOUR SUPPORT

**\$22.9M**

in new gifts pledged for research, scholarships and community projects

**4**

gifts in Wills received to honour legacies beyond a lifetime

**23**

areas of research received vital funding

**17**

projects provided support to benefit the community



## SUPPORTER COMMUNITY

**2,102**

generous supporters

**5,961**

donations gratefully received

**541**

loyal alumni donors

**265**

kind staff donors



## ALUMNI

**174,000+**

valued members in our alumni community

**154**

countries represented

**612**

alumni kindly volunteered to support students and the community

**7,000+**

hours generously given



## STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**24%**

of the more than 29,500 domestic students were from a low socioeconomic status area

**OVER 40%**

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

**431**

students supported through scholarships funded by generous donors

**76**

students were awarded a life-changing Shaping Futures Scholarship

**140**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students supported through scholarships

**316**

scholarships available to support equitable access to education

# 2023

# THANK YOU

# FAMILY LEGACY SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Everybody has different reasons for leaving a gift in their Will. Frances Doherty is proud to honour her father, Jack Doherty, whose activism to bring change for Indigenous students had an indelible impact on the University's history.

Frances remembers her father's passion for education and social justice; and how he would support and motivate her during her early career as a teacher working with students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds.

"My father worked tirelessly for recognition and justice for Indigenous Australians. I'm proud to continue his legacy of supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study at the University of Newcastle, develop the skills and confidence to achieve their goals and become leaders in any field they choose to follow."

## BELIEF IN POTENTIAL

Scholarships provide vital support, often when students are feeling most challenged or are yet to believe in their own potential. This feeling is one that Nathan Towney, Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Leadership and the 2003 recipient of the Jack Doherty Undergraduate Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students, remembers well.

"As a young Wiradjuri man from Wellington NSW studying a Bachelor of Education, being awarded this scholarship changed the way I thought about myself and higher education in general. That someone who didn't know me would put themselves in a position to help me financially really motivated me to succeed," says Nathan.

With more first-in-family and Indigenous students enrolled at the University of Newcastle than any other Australian university, scholarships not only provide financial support, but encourage students to believe in themselves.



Frances Doherty and Nathan Towney are united in their commitment to supporting Indigenous education. When you leave a gift in your Will to support scholarships, your generosity continues to impact lives.

## HONOURING A LEGACY

Jack Doherty was a science lecturer who helped set up the Newcastle Aboriginal Support Group in 1980. To honour his memory, and encourage support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, a scholarship now known as the Doherty Ellis Undergraduate Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students was established in his name. Initially funded by community donations, Frances has been supporting this scholarship for many years, seeing the impact first-hand, with over 40 scholarships awarded since it began in 1992. Her decision to leave a gift in her Will to fund the scholarship beyond her lifetime will ensure her family's passion for education continues.



"It is extremely rewarding knowing my gift will continue on my father's legacy and the good work that he had started."

**Frances Doherty**  
Bequest and Scholarship Donor

Frances Doherty and her father, Jack Doherty, attending her graduation ceremony in 1980.



Scan the QR code to watch Frances and Nathan's story

# DIET DETECTIVE PUTS CROHN'S DISEASE UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The search for the perfect diet to manage Crohn's disease symptoms and prevent disease progression has been on for decades. University of Newcastle PhD candidate Cheenie Nieva is investigating how eliminating specific food triggers may improve quality-of-life for millions of people living with the disease worldwide thanks to the generous support of alumni Merv and Judy Lindsay.

Food is a big part of life for people living with Crohn's disease. Eating certain foods can ease symptoms while other foods can trigger painful attacks and even be implicated in the development of the disease.

Cheenie seeks to understand how different components of the 'most likely suspect' foods, such as dietary fats, wheat, and food additives like emulsifiers, affect the immune system and gut microbiota, and contribute to disease symptoms.

## SOLVING THE FOOD TRIGGER PUZZLE

"My research aims to examine the relationship between diet, the gut microbiome and immune system. Specifically, I want to investigate how immune cells from Crohn's disease patients respond when challenged with specific fats, emulsifiers and wheat-containing foods, and whether eliminating these foods can help improve their symptoms and reduce or prevent disease flares," says Cheenie.

Importantly, Cheenie's research will also focus on whether diagnostic screening can be used to predict who will benefit most from excluding certain foods, limiting the 'trial and error' approach, which is hard on patients.

Thanks to generous support from donors like Merv and Judy Lindsay, our researchers can continue to search for answers and discover better treatments for people living with chronic diseases like Crohn's.

"Supporting Cheenie's research gives us an opportunity to add to the pool of knowledge and talent working to understand what aggravates the disease. We hope this helps improve treatment and management of Crohn's for more people in the future."

### Merv and Judy Lindsay

Bachelor of Science (Engineering), 1974  
Bachelor of Social Science (Honours), 2002



**Diet detective:** PhD candidate Cheenie Nieva is searching for answers to help people living with Crohn's understand how certain food components may affect the onset, progression and management of their disease.



"People living with Crohn's pay special attention to what they eat and often self-impose dietary restrictions, but there is still no consensus on a specific diet that can be recommended to help manage the disease and improve quality of life."

### Cheenie Nieva

Bachelor of Biomedical  
Science (Honours), 2020

If you would like to support an area of research that is important to you and help improve lives, please contact Kate on 02 4921 8612 or email [philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:philanthropy@newcastle.edu.au)

# GREAT HALL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF GRADUATE CHEERS

Every year more than 4,500 University of Newcastle graduates walk proudly across the stage of the Great Hall to receive their degrees. The most recent ceremonies marked 50 years since an astonishing community-led fundraising effort made its construction possible.

Brick-by-brick, pledge-by-pledge. That's how local industry, business leaders and generous community members raised \$600,000 for the construction of our iconic Great Hall in the 1960s and 70s. This huge community fundraising effort, led by former Newcastle Lord Mayor Frank Purdue, would equal almost \$8.2 million today and is a symbol of the enduring impact community support has on our students and future generations.



📹 Mrs Gaynor Reeves OAM was among one of the first student cohorts to graduate in the Great Hall, crossing the stage to receive her Master of Arts in 1976. Mrs Reeves contributed to fundraising for the Great Hall in the 70s and is now a proud supporter of Alumni House.



## ALUMNI HOUSE - BUILDING ON A LEGACY

The latest development to call on the University's community spirit and showcase the values of excellence, equity, engagement, and sustainability is Alumni House: a landmark new building in the heart of Newcastle and the first purpose-built alumni and community building of its kind in Australia.

Alumni House will build on the great sense of pride and community spirit present among our graduates, just like those embodied by the late Dr Bernard 'Bernie' Curran AM.

Bernie Curran was an integral part of our University community for more than 50 years as a sports leader, academic, mentor, fundraiser, donor, researcher and friend. To celebrate Bernie's life and the incredible impact he had on our communities, friends are coming together to support a permanent space within Alumni House in his honour: the Bernie Curran Lounge.





Undergraduates congregate outside of the Great Hall, 1986. Of our more than 174,000 alumni who are making an impact right across the globe, a large majority receive their degree in the Great Hall.



Bernie Curran loved helping people both navigate and embrace life. From his devotion to equity in education to his commitment to the Rugby Club, there are thousands who have been touched by Bernie's spirit, generosity and belief.

“Alumni House is brimming with potential, and the Bernie Curran Lounge will be a space for alumni to connect and reflect on Bernie's impact and create new memories based on the values of connection and community he shared with so many.”

Darren Turner

Newcastle Business Leader  
Bachelor of Commerce, 1987



If you would like to join us in honouring Bernie and the passion and values he stood for, scan the QR code to contribute to creating the Bernie Curran Lounge.

If you would like to find out more about making a gift to name a space in Alumni House, please visit [newcastle.edu.au/alumni-house](https://newcastle.edu.au/alumni-house)

# RESEARCHERS CALLING TIME ON OVARIAN CANCER

Born from incredible loss, a special friendship between Dubbo farmer Brian Schloeffel and Professor Pradeep Tanwar is helping to spread awareness about ovarian cancer and the potentially life-changing early detection test that researchers at the University of Newcastle's Global Centre for Gynaecological Diseases are developing.

It only took three dances for Brian Schloeffel to know that he would marry Nola Giddings. Brian and Nola were married 49 years, a milestone reached just two weeks before ovarian cancer claimed the love of his life. She was 69. Desperate to make a difference, Brian and his sons have been raising awareness about ovarian cancer through local media and community groups; a heartfelt mission that led them to Professor Tanwar.

Alongside a 35-strong team of researchers, Professor Tanwar is dedicated to improving the health of women through innovative research that informs better healthcare. This includes ovarian cancer which has deservedly earned a reputation as a ruthless, silent killer, and the deadliest of all gynaecological cancers.

If a woman is diagnosed with early-stage ovarian cancer, her chance of survival is high. However, 75 percent of patients are diagnosed when the cancer has already spread. The frustration for families like the Schloeffels, is that ovarian cancer has no early detection test available – yet.



The warm friendship between Dubbo farmer Brian Schloeffel (left) and Professor Pradeep Tanwar (right), is helping to raise awareness of the 'silent killer' affecting thousands of women each year.



Scan the QR code to learn more about how our researchers are on the cusp of calling time for ovarian cancer

**“We don't need to accept that we lose 1,000 women in Australia every year to ovarian cancer who are dying because healthcare is unable to protect them. We want to be able to save women's lives and it's people like Brian who inspire us to keep going.”**

**Professor Pradeep Tanwar**  
Director, Global Centre for Gynaecological Diseases

## GETTING CLOSER TO AN EARLY DETECTION TOOL

Over the past six years, and with significant philanthropic and industry support, Centre researchers have discovered and patented a blood-based biomarker test targeted at the detection and risk categorisation of early-stage ovarian cancer. The team has validated the ultrasensitive test in 500 women with 90 percent accuracy. The five-year objective is to launch the ovarian cancer early detection tool for community use.

## YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IS SAVING LIVES

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

Anonymous donors

Country Women's Association of NSW

Gel Works Pty. Ltd.

Maitland Park

Women's Bowling Club

Margaret Ashford-MacDougall

Peter Suna

The estate of Mary Sherriff

The Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation

If you would like to support vital research to save and improve the lives of women with ovarian cancer, please visit [newcastle.edu.au/donate](https://newcastle.edu.au/donate)

# BREAKING INTO A CAREER IN SCIENCE

Zarah Anderson was entering her final year of a Bachelor of Science (Advanced), majoring in medicinal and organic chemistry, when the stress of studying full-time and working to support herself caught up. Receiving the Will O'Reilly OAM Shaping Futures Scholarship for Women in Science gave Zarah invaluable breathing space to consider her career options and prepare for graduate interviews that would ultimately land her a dream job.

"It was stressful going into my final year. I'd been working since I was 14 while dedicating myself to academic excellence but I needed time to consider my career options post-university, which is very time-consuming and not factored into the usual study and work commitments. Something had to give," says Zarah.

Receiving the scholarship was a pivotal moment for Zarah who used the break in employment to build a resume which reflected her achievements at university, and apply and interview for a range of graduate jobs in the health, law and finance sector.



Receiving the Will O'Reilly OAM Shaping Futures Scholarship for Women in Science enabled Zarah to set herself up for an exciting career in science. She hopes to inspire other women to join her in her quest to contribute solutions to global challenges.



**"The scholarship not only eased my financial burden, it validated all the hard work I'd put in to overcome obstacles in my life. It gave me the confidence to branch out in a new direction and I will be eternally grateful for the support."**

**Zarah Anderson**

2023 Will O'Reilly OAM Shaping Futures Scholarship for Women in Science Recipient  
Bachelor of Science (Advanced), 2023

## NEW CAREER, NEW DIRECTION

Zarah is now working as a graduate Laboratory Technician. Of her graduate cohort of nine, Zarah is the only woman and the only person with a background in science. So how does Zarah feel being a trailblazer in her career?

"I find it empowering that women can feel welcome in male-dominated industries. I'm already full of ideas for potential future research and I'm so excited to be starting my scientific career."

## A CHAMPION FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Dr William James O'Reilly OAM came to study at the University of Newcastle, completing a Bachelor of Educational Studies (1983) and a Master of Educational Studies (1984), after an earlier career as a metallurgist. As a secondary teacher, he actively encouraged girls to pursue their interest in science and overcome barriers to entry in traditionally male dominated fields. An avid learner all his days, the Will O'Reilly OAM Shaping Futures Scholarship for Women in Science is a celebration of these values and Will's life-long passion for education.

If you are interested in establishing or supporting a scholarship, please contact our team on 02 4921 8612 or email [donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au)

# LEARNING THE EMU WAY



## How Indigenous games are improving children's cultural understanding, health and wellbeing, and learning in schools.

Ready for a game of Gorri, Buroinjjin, Kabi or Puldjungi? Children in the Awabakal and Worimi regions of the Hunter will soon be able to teach you how to play, thanks to an exciting new school-based education program generously supported by Port Waratah Coal Services.

Led by alumna, Associate Professor Narelle Eather from the Centre for Active Living and Learning (CALL) at the University of Newcastle, EMU (Education, Movement and Understanding) combines the joy of games and sport with important lessons in culture, positive health and wellbeing, and literacy and numeracy development to address major issues affecting Australian children.

Children are not moving as much as they need to be healthy, with up to 80% of Australian children and adolescents considered inactive.

Across Australia, poor physical activity and fitness levels, high prevalence of mental health issues, and declining numeracy and literacy skills among children are major causes for concern. Children living in regional areas and children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are at highest risk.

EMU is the first program of its kind to integrate traditional Indigenous games to target key learning goals around cultural understanding and appreciation, health and wellbeing, and academic outcomes.

Fun, fast-paced and engaging: participants in the pilot program gave EMU a big thumbs up with teachers noticing improvements in fitness, confidence and cooperation skills, while students looked forward to trying out new games each week.

One in seven children aged 4-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.

“We have heart-warming examples of talented children who weren't given opportunities to participate in sport outside of school, were disengaged from learning, and who had high rates of absenteeism from school, who came to school every day the EMU program was delivered because they enjoyed the learning program so much.

By providing teachers with the tools to deliver a fun and active learning program, that also shares concepts of Indigenous culture, country and caring for yourself and others, the EMU program is helping children be healthier, happier and more successful at school.”



Associate Professor Narelle Eather  
EMU Program Leader  
Doctor of Philosophy, 2014



## SUPPORT FOR EMU

Following a successful pilot program, generous philanthropic support from Port Waratah Coal Services is funding EMU's expansion into 10 schools across the Awabakal and Worimi regions of the Hunter. The program team will work alongside local Aboriginal elders, community members and schools to ensure the program reflects local Indigenous culture, language and storytelling while equipping teachers with professional skills to use traditional Indigenous games as a learning platform.

While students across the Hunter get more active, researchers will continue collecting evidence to support EMU being offered as a professional learning opportunity to teachers in all Australian schools, reaching thousands more children in the future.

Most Australian children finish primary school without having mastered the core movement skills to be active throughout their life, especially the skills of kicking, throwing, and striking.

The prevalence of social and emotional difficulties, mental health problems and psychological distress is higher in Indigenous children than non-Indigenous children.



## THANK YOU PORT WARATAH COAL SERVICES

“When we take the opportunity to develop shared understanding and learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture everybody benefits.

Port Waratah is excited to partner with the EMU team to help all children reach their full potential and contribute to creating more equitable and positive outcomes for the region's First Nations people.”

Hennie du Plooy  
CEO, Port Waratah Coal Services



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

# ARTS SCHOLARSHIP INSPIRES NIK'S NOVEL APPROACH

Nik Ynez is the 2023 recipient of the Patricia Jensen Arts Scholarship, established from the estate of Patricia Jensen (nee Smith) to honour her love of literature and the arts. Thanks to ongoing support from a generous donor, the scholarship continues to encourage students to achieve their dreams through education.

## Why did you choose this area of study?

I have always wanted to study English since falling in love with books and stories as a child. Studying a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) full-time has not been an easy path but I'm almost finished honours, aiming for high distinctions. My ultimate academic goal is to complete a PhD and eventually teach at the University.

## What challenges have you faced?

I am legally blind with a chronic medical condition that makes it difficult for me to work and study. I get tired very easily and my low vision makes it a much harder and lengthier process to absorb information and to study. Before applying for the scholarship, I was struggling financially to support myself and my two teenage girls who also have additional needs.

## How did receiving the Patricia Jensen Arts Scholarship help?

The scholarship has been life-changing for me and my family. It alleviated so much stress! Stress around finances, stress around whether I am doing the right thing putting my kids through this. I was able to pay bills and buy necessities for my family without falling into debt. I was also able to purchase software to help me with my studies, update my incredibly old computer equipment and organise my study area to be more efficient.

**“Knowing that someone else believes in me has been amazing for my self-esteem and confidence. It proves that I am highly capable and will succeed. Receiving this scholarship has been the difference between completing honours and excelling at honours. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to excel.”**

**Nik Ynez**

2023 Patricia Jensen Arts Scholarship Recipient  
Bachelor of Arts, 2021



Professor Kate Nash (left) and Nik Ynez (right) celebrating at the 2023 College of Human and Social Futures Scholars' Ceremony.

## Can you tell us about your passion for graphic novels?

I love the way graphic novels focus on visual storytelling and their huge capacity to engage people who may struggle with reading comprehension, for example, somebody with dyslexia or low vision. But, like most media, I don't often see myself in these stories. My goal is to produce graphic novels where disability and LGBTIQ+ issues are represented, with various accessibility options so people with low vision or no vision can interact with the stories. I see it as a form of activism and a way I can help dispel people's assumptions about disability.

If you are interested in establishing or supporting an existing undergraduate or PhD scholarship, please contact our team on 02 4921 8612 or email [donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au)

# CREATING A BETTER TOMORROW, TOGETHER



Across the University, our community is united by a desire to make the world a better place. The Staff Donor Collective is one area creating ripples of positive change through regular payroll donations. From supporting life-changing Shaping Futures Scholarships to advancing critical areas of health research and community programs, let's meet some amazing University of Newcastle staff members choosing to come together to create more impact for a better tomorrow.

## Dr Yik Teo

Strategic Advisor, Office of Academic Excellence

**Supports Shaping Futures Scholarships**



“As a student, I experienced the boundless kindness and generosity of fellow University supporters. As I embark on my professional journey, I'm motivated to give back. Recognising that not every student has the same opportunities, I advocate for equal access to education by providing financial assistance to those in need, helping to empower students to overcome challenges and fulfil their unique individual potential.”

## Lauren Farlow

Project Officer (Research Development), Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources

**Supports the Mark Hughes Foundation Centre for Brain Cancer Research**



“My uncle died of a brain tumour in 2012, and a close friend is living with one too. All the stats around brain cancer – the amount of government funding it receives, the survival rates, that it is the leading cause of death in children in Australia – are shocking. It was very easy to set up a regular donation to come out of my pay to support the amazing research the Mark Hughes Foundation Centre for Brain Cancer Research is doing to identify more effective treatments and better diagnostics for these cancers.”

## Siobhan Curran

Director – Entrepreneurship, Office of the PVC Industry and Engagement

**Supports Shaping Futures Scholarships**



“Like all good habits, little contributions made regularly over time can make a big difference. Setting up fortnightly pre-tax payroll donations is a simple way for me to make a small contribution go a long way. I see giving to scholarships as just one way to help ease the pressure for someone who has found themselves in a position of hardship. Life is messy, for some more than others, and often through no fault of their own. Education is the cornerstone of a well-functioning society and shouldn't be limited to people with resources and without worries.”

## Professor Kent Anderson

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global, Office of the DVC Global Engagement & Partnerships

**Supports 2NURFM and the Anderson-Yamanaka Scholarship**



“Languages are tough to learn but one of the only ways to deeply teach empathy and internationalism. By contributing to a language scholarship, I can help support and train language learners just as my dedicated teachers did for me. I also support our community radio station 2NURFM because I come from a radio family and love the role 2NURFM plays in strengthening our community. I'm keen to see it continue. Rock on!”

If you would like to support our students, research or community projects, please visit [newcastle.edu.au/donate](https://newcastle.edu.au/donate)

# WHY I DONATE



“When I was growing up, I was lucky enough to be the recipient of some incredible scholarships which positively shaped my upbringing and education.”

Dylan Alcott AO

The Dylan Alcott Foundation is committed to providing the same meaningful support Dylan had throughout his life to students with disability at the University of Newcastle. The Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship is open to students no matter which field they may be passionate about and is why we're so excited to be partnering with the University of Newcastle to support students living with disability and provide them with the opportunity to succeed and achieve their educational aspirations.

The Dylan Alcott Foundation is dedicated to providing equal educational opportunities for people living with disability. Dylan Alcott AO established the Foundation with a mission to help enrich the lives of young people with disability by eliminating the barriers of entry to get involved in sport and study through mentoring, grants and scholarships. The establishment of this scholarship is just one step of many towards making a difference for people living with disability.

 Dylan Alcott AO, former Australian of the year, Paralympian, keynote speaker and business owner.

The existing support demonstrated by the University for students with disability, fueled our passion for creating positive change through the Dylan Alcott Foundation Scholarship. The Dylan Alcott Foundation sees the importance of our Foundation's reach beyond capital cities, which is why we chose to donate through the University of Newcastle.

We believe in the transformative power of education and mentorship. Our hope is to create lasting change, where the students we support feel as though they have the backing and mentorship to succeed. We want to give students the best chance to enjoy their studies, be social and enjoy the full university experience.

The Dylan Alcott 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](mailto:donor-relations@newcastle.edu.au)

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