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VISION & MISSION

To inspire and nurture Australia's future leaders

The Menzies Foundation works to create a vibrant future for all Australians by:

- Providing Australia's leading postgraduate scholarships
- Supporting and fostering health and medical research opportunities
- Identifying and partnering with organisations which value Australia's history for the benefit of the future.

ABOUT US

From rural Victoria to the world stage, what is perhaps best known about Sir Robert Menzies is that he remains Australia's longest serving prime minister

What is perhaps lesser known are his humble beginnings, his strong commitment to education for all and his belief in community service.

Menzies Foundation Director and granddaughter of Sir Robert, Diana Menzies, tells us her grandfather "valued the opportunity to be the best that he could be (by virtue of his scholarship and education) and he wanted that for all Australians, regardless of their circumstances".

The Menzies Foundation works to promote and preserve Sir Robert's education legacy by supporting leadership through prestigious post graduate scholarships and medical research funding.

The 2016 annual report reflects the breadth of achievement and leadership of our scholars, with a greater focus on their commitment to the Australian community, one of the things Menzies himself held dear.

Please join us in celebrating our scholars' achievements in 2016 and our contribution to a better Australia in the name of Sir Robert Menzies.



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

2016 has been a year of consolidation and reflection on our many successes. Our Menzies scholars have continued their strong track record of achievement and leadership across many and varied professions highlighted in the following pages. We have worked with several scholars this year to tell some great stories, including producing our first scholar video, *Leadership takes many forms*.

Our scholars' community leadership skills were recognised with the awarding of the Menzies Alumni Community Leadership Grants. We also partnered with the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) to provide a mentoring opportunity for an Indigenous university student to work with indigenous secondary students.

In marking the important education legacy of Sir Robert Menzies, we travelled to his birthplace of Jeparit for the opening of Menzies Square. Our work in western Victoria is an important aspect of what we do (see page 14) and we are very proud to have provided funding as part of the Square's initial planning.

The Menzies institutes continue to grow and we celebrated one year of operation with the Menzies Health Institute Queensland at Griffith University, where Professor Suzanne Chambers succeeded Professor Sheena Reilly as Director.

As with all Foundations and their funding support, priorities and partnerships change over time.

We chose to end our 34 year funding contribution to the RG Menzies Scholarship to Harvard, offered by the Harvard Club of Australia and the Australian National University (ANU). The scholarship was started by these two organisations and will continue to be managed by the ANU.

Also ending in 2016 was the Menzies Foundation's untied funding to the Menzies Centre for Health Policy after providing support for 10 years. We continue to take a strong interest in their direction and achievements beyond the life of our funding relationship.

A sincere thank you to Brian Doyle AM for his significant contribution to the Foundation for over 23 years; the last three as Chairman. It was a privilege and humbling experience to be elected the new Chair of the Menzies Foundation and be the first Menzies Scholar to take on this role. We also thank Dr John Stocker AO for accepting the role of Deputy Chair.

Thanks also to retiring directors Craig Thorburn and Dr Josie Barbaro for their unwavering support of the Foundation and its work.

It is with sadness 2016 also saw the passing of Peter Henderson, Council Member and past Director of the Foundation, as well as beloved husband of Heather Henderson, daughter of Sir Robert Menzies.

We were also sorry to hear of the passing of Council Member Mrs Jean Trethewey OAM.

Most importantly we thank our donors and supporters who have invested in our work and therefore, the leaders of tomorrow.

Lastly, thank you to the staff for their tireless efforts throughout 2016.

Professor Simon Maddocks

Chair

Sarah HardyChief Executive Officer

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The impact of the Menzies alumni is extensive and varied; here is a small selection of their achievements in 2016.



A smartphone app which helps parents identify the early signs of autism, ASDetect, developed by 2006 Menzies Scholar in Allied Health, **Dr Josephine Barbaro**, was one of the 10 Australian finalists in the Google Impact Challenge. The award of \$250,000 for the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre at La Trobe University will mean the app can be translated into Mandarin. The app also won a national iAward for Research and Development Project of the Year for 2016.



The Australian Government announced the appointment of Victorian Barrister and 1997 Menzies Scholar in Law, **Dr Stephen Donaghue QC**, as Australia's next solicitorgeneral. Stephen's appointment to the second highest legal position in the country was met with a very positive response from the legal profession.



Composer, teacher and 2001 Harvard Menzies Scholar, **Dr Nicholas Vines**, was in Boston for the performance of his music and libretto as part of the 10th anniversary production of Guerilla Opera's *Loose, Wet and Perforated*. Nick is the only Menzies Scholar to have a PhD in Music Composition and is now balancing a creative career with his teaching at Sydney Grammar School.



TELLING OUR SCHOLAR STORIES

1993 Harvard Menzies Scholar and architect, **Professor Esther Charlesworth**, celebrated a decade of humanitarian projects with her not-for-profit, Architects Withou Frontiers.

Esther was part of the Menzies Foundation's video project, Leadership takes many forms, released in 2016, to highlight the achievements and impact of the work of Menzies scholars nationally and internationally, and to showcase a number of Menzies' leaders in their varied professions.

Esther is pictured during the video shoot with fellow architect, Peter Maddinson, host of *Grand Designs Australia*.

You can find out more about the Menzies alumni by following us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.



2006 NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow, **Dr Nick Huntington**, was awarded the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute's prestigious Burnet Prize for 2016, for his pioneering early career research into innate immunity and immunotherapy. During the year, Nick and his team identified the mechanism by which natural killer immune cells can destroy cancer cells. Nick also co-founded a Melbourne-based biotechnology company called oNKo-innate, to develop novel immunotherapies for cancer



2008 NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow and immunologist, **Dr Misty Jenkins**, was awarded the Suzanne Cory Fellowship, the NHMRC RD Wright Career Development Fellowship and started a new laboratory head role also with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. Dr Jenkins was also named one of the Westpac/Australian Financial Review Top 100 Women of Influence.



2005 NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow, **Professor Adrian Liston**, was presented the 2016 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigator of the Year for his seminal work in elucidating key mechanisms by which the immune system avoids attacking its own organism while remaining effective against pathogens.



Current NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow, **Dr Alexis Whitton**, who is at Harvard Medical School, will expand her research into bipolar disorder after being awarded the Andrew P Merrill Memorial Fellowship worth \$US20,000.



2003 NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow and haematologist, **Professor John Pimanda** and his team at the University of NSW, made a major breakthrough in stem cell research, which may help the body rebuild damaged tissue.



2015 Menzies Engineering Scholar, **Anna Gould**, played a leading role in GapSummit 2016, the world's first global inter-generational leadership summit in biotechnology held at Cambridge last year. Anna is completing her MPhil at Cambridge.



2015 Harvard Menzies Scholar, **Matthew Tyler**, is currently studying a Masters in Public Policy at the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. In 2016 he was prolific in the media with strong advocacy on a range of social and political issues including the 2016 Closing the Gap statement, tackling homelessness and Pay for Success contracting to improve the effectiveness of social services in Australia.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The following scholarships and fellowships were awarded by the Menzies Foundation in 2016, either outright or in partnership.

THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP IN THE ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Up to \$40,000 per annum for up to two years

Bernadette Brady graduated from a Bachelor of Applied Science with first class honours at The University of Sydney and went on to complete a Master of Manual Therapy at the University of Western Australia in 2011 for which she was awarded a University Medal. Bernadette is completing a PhD entitled 'The inequities of chronic pain - responding with culturally responsive physiotherapy' through Western Sydney University and Liverpool Hospital. The scholarship will help Bernadette to study full time and complete the final two years of her PhD.

THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGINEERING

Up to \$75,000 per annum

Olsen Garland (pictured) is the first University of Newcastle engineering student to be awarded a Menzies Scholarship. His outstanding academic record included the 2013 University Medal. Olsen graduated with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering with First Class Honours in 2013. He is the



youngest elected chairman of the Electrical Branch of Engineers Australia and acts as a mentor with university students. Olsen volunteers for the NSW SES and has competed in national cycling competitions. Olsen was awarded the scholarship to complete an MBA at the London Business School, after which he hopes to combine his business nous and engineering skills to help bring cheaper, more efficient, zero-emission electricity to markets at home and abroad.

THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

Up to \$75,000 per annum

Nathan Van Wees graduated at the top of his class with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from Monash University in 2015. His outstanding academic record included the Supreme Court Exhibition Prize for Best Honours Thesis (law) and the University Medal. As part of his community contribution, Nathan has worked as a volunteer tutoring refugees in English and provided research assistance at Refugee Legal. Nathan also completed internships with Ghana's Human Rights Advocacy Centre, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Canberra and the Australian Human Rights Commission. With his scholarship, Nathan will complete a Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford University.

THE SIR NINIAN STEPHEN MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Up to \$75,000 per annum

Lyndon Goddard was awarded the Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law for his outstanding academic record, including several Dean's awards at UNSW. He was voted the 7th best oralist in the world in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. He graduated second in his class with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of International Studies in 2013. He has volunteered at a community centre for disadvantaged high school students and was heavily involved with the UNSW Law Society and NSW chapter of GivingWhatWeCan, which evaluates the efficiency of charities. Lyndon will complete a Master of Laws at the University of Cambridge with a view to contributing to the development of refugee policy and creating greater awareness of Australia's international legal obligations.

NHMRC/RG MENZIES FELLOWSHIP

\$75,000 (contribution) plus \$20,000 fellowship supplement

This Fellowship is awarded by the National Health and Medical Research Council. The Early Career Research Fellowship supports postdoctoral medical research for two years overseas and two years in Australia.

Dr Kevin Man will use his Fellowship to further his research into circadian rhythm regulation on a cellular level. Kevin's research focuses on understanding how genes regulate circadian rhythms, and the impact of disrupted cycles on cardiovascular and metabolic illnesses. His research may

help with the development of tailorable therapies for immune related disorders such as asthma or type 2 diabetes.

Kevin's research will be conducted at The University of California's San Francisco campus and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research. Through the fellowship he aims to bring new research techniques back to Australia. Kevin was awarded his PhD from the University of Melbourne in 2015.

THE RG MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD

\$32,000 (contribution)

This scholarship is jointly funded by the Menzies Foundation, The Harvard Club of Australia and the Australian National University (ANU), which administers the scholarship.

In 2016 two scholarships were awarded. Following a decision of the Board, 2016 was the final year the Menzies Foundation contributed to the RG Menzies Scholarship to Harvard.

Dr Nick Gattas is a graduate of the University of Queensland and holds degrees in Arts and Medicine. He is studying an MBA at Harvard Business School to complement his medical degree. He plans to open a private hospital as a prototype for all hospitals in Australia, utilising the highest degree of technology in the treatment and prediction of chronic illnesses.

Sibella Matthews holds a double degree of Bachelor of Economics and Social Sciences and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the ANU. Before taking up her study in public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Sibella was a solicitor and policy advisor and is passionate about the juvenile justice and child protection systems within Australia. She plans to use her expectant degree in public policy to better protect children's rights. Sibella's ambition is to use innovative policy reforms to bring the states and territories together to decrease the number of children in need of protection caught up in the criminal justice system.

MENZIES ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES GRANT

\$25,0000

Menzies Allied Health Sciences Research Scholars, who have finished their PhD in the past five years, have access to a start-up grant of \$25,000 to further their research at an early stage of their post-doctoral career.

Children and adolescents with joint hypermobility will benefit from the 2016 Menzies Foundation Allied Health Grant, which was awarded to 2012 Menzies Research Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences, **Dr Verity Pacey**.

Dr Pacey's project called 'Clinical characteristics of children with generalised joint hypermobility: a 5 year longitudinal cohort study', aims to identify the signs and symptoms of children and adolescents most likely to worsen in terms of pain, fatigue and quality of life over a 5-year period.

This is the only prospective longitudinal cohort study of children and adolescents with symptomatic joint hypermobility to be undertaken in the world.

Verity, a physiotherapy PhD from the University of Sydney and Lecturer at Macquarie University, says the findings of her study will enable clinicians to identify individuals at risk of rapid decline at an initial assessment, and prioritise therapy accordingly.

MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEES

Sincere thanks to members of the interview panels and expert assessors who willingly gave their time and expertise to deliver the scholarship program in 2016.

ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Prof Simon Crowe, Chair Prof Suzanne Chambers A/Prof Liisa Laakso Ms Sarah Hardy Assessors: Prof Colleen Canning, Prof John Coveney, A/Prof Jennifer Fleming and A/Prof Liisa Laakso

ENGINEERING

Mr Peter Bowtell, Chair
Dr Andrew Whiting
Prof Iven Mareels
Ms Janita Holt
Ms Sandra Mackenzie OAM
Assessors: Engineers Australia Victoria
and Dr Adrian McCallum

LAW

Justice Susan Kenny, Chair Professor Chester Brown Mr William Heath Mr Anthony Bowden Ms Sarah Hardy Assessors: Mark Darian-Smith, Roger Derrington QC, Peter Jopling AM QC, Frances Williams

SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION





The Menzies Foundation held its annual scholar celebration in Sydney at Pier One Hotel. It was an opportunity to welcome the new scholars into the fold and allow others to reconnect.

The Menzies Alumni Community Leadership Grants were awarded and the Menzies Memorial Scholars' Association also held its AGM.

Above all it was an opportunity to celebrate our alumni.





ALUMNI MAKING A CONTRIBUTION

The Menzies Memorial Scholars Association (MMSA) established two initiatives in 2016: the Menzies Alumni Community Leadership Grants and the Menzies Alumni Advisory Group.

The Menzies Alumni Community Leadership Grants were awarded to three outstanding community organisations with whom Menzies scholars play a significant role. I would like to warmly congratulate our grant recipients, and you can read more about them on page 8.

The Menzies Alumni Advisory Group was established to capture alumni perspectives from across the country and from across our diverse professional groups, to feed into projects of the MMSA, the Foundation and its Board.

The Foundation has a tremendous group of alumni, many of whom have now attained significant success in their professional lives. We are seeking ways in which we can involve this accomplished group to further enhance ongoing opportunities for younger generations of Australian leaders.

I would like to acknowledge past President Dr Josie Barbaro's enormous contribution to the MMSA and the Menzies Foundation Board over the past two years. I have great pleasure in welcoming Dr Sheree Hurn (2010 Menzies Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences), as the new MMSA Secretary. Sheree has already made valuable contributions as a member of the Alumni Advisory Group and I'm sure that she will prove a great asset to the MMSA and the Board.

Dr Adrian McCallum

MMSA President

Top left: 2010 NHMRC/Menzies Fellow, Dr Susanna Park and 2007 Menzies Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences, Dr Sally Gainsbury, enjoying the sunshine.

Centre left: Executive Director of the Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS), Ed Tudor and MIT Chair, A/Prof Liz Tudor chatting with Menzies Foundation Deputy Chair, Dr John Stocker AO. Bottom left: Ms Helen Kennedy (mother of Fielding Menzies Scholar, Natasha Kennedy-Read), Menzies Foundation Director, Sandra Mackenzie OAM, 2013 NHMRC/Menzies Fellow, Dr David Riglar and Menzies Foundation Director, Diana Menzies.

Left: guests mingle overlooking Sydney Harbour at Pier One

Top right: Newly awarded 2017 Menzies Scholar in the Allied Health Science, Bernadette Brady. Right: Law Scholars, Kate Peterson, Professor Chester Brown and Aruna Sathanpally. Far right: the class of 2017 with the MMSA Executive and Menzies Foundation Chair, Prof Simo Maddocks. L-R: Simon Maddocks, Bernadette Brady, Nathan Van Wees, Olsen Garland, Lyndor. Goddard, Dr Sheree Hurn, Dr Josie Barbaro and Dr Adrian McCallum.







ALUMNI GRANTS

Grants to support alumni community leadership

When the Menzies Foundation awards Menzies scholarships, not only do potential scholars have to demonstrate qualities Sir Robert Menzies held in high esteem, such as leadership and academic excellence, but also an interest and experience in the service of others.

The Menzies Foundation and the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association introduced the Menzies Alumni Community Leadership Grants, to enable scholars to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to a community organisation with which they have an existing relationship.

The grants not only identify and foster the leadership qualities of the alumni, but also support Australian community organisations which demonstrate a passion and vision for leadership, through the delivery of their community-based initiatives.

Based on applications from Menzies Scholars, three Menzies Alumni Community Leadership Grants for 2016 were awarded to:

Heartbeat of Football (\$9180)

 nominated by 1989 Menzies

 Scholar in Medicine, Professor

 Jamie Vandenberg.

Using the grant, Heartbeat of Football will initiate a program of health checks for mature aged football players at football grounds, aimed at preventing deaths on the football field.

Satellite Foundation (\$8800)
 nominated by 2004 Menzies
 Research Scholar in the Allied Health
 Sciences, Dr Kerry Proctor.

The Satellite Foundation will use the grant to run a 12 month program called SELFies (Satellite Engaged Leaders of the Future leadership and mentoring program) for eight young people who live with a parent with a mental illness.

 Disability Sports Australia (\$10,000) - nominated by 2005 Menzies Research Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences, Dr Leanne Hassett.

With the grant, training courses will be run for physiotherapists and other health professionals working with adults with physical disabilities. They will also develop resources to help health professionals determine appropriate sporting opportunities for their clients.

Young participants in the SELFies program. Photo courtesy of the Satellite Foundation.



UK SCHOLARS DINE AT HOUSE OF LORDS

A mix of current and past Menzies scholars and guests attended the annual UK dinner at the House of Lords in November, hosted on behalf of the Menzies Foundation by Council Member, Michael Whalley.

The Rt Hon the Viscount Slim OBE DL welcomed the Australian High Commissioner to the UK, the Hon Alexander Downer AC, distinguished guests and scholars. Guest speaker, Professor Lord Broers Kt DL, gave a thought-provoking speech about the composition and workings of the House and its Peers. 2016 Menzies Law Scholar, Emily Rumble, who is studying for the BCL at Oxford, responded to a toast to the scholars proposed by Lord Broers.

Pictured above are Mr Downer, Emily Rumble and Lord Alec Broers, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge and former President of the Royal Academy of Engineering.



25TH MENZIES ORATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



Preparing global citizens and protecting freedom of speech

Lady Amos and Professor Glyn Davis, University of Melbourne Vice-Chancellor, on their way to the Menzies Oration. Photographs courtesy of Drew Echberg.

Former UN Under-Secretary for Humanitarian Affairs and Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London, Baroness Valerie Amos CH PC, delivered the 25th Menzies Oration at the University of Melbourne in September.

The Oration was a call to universities to continue to play their role in protecting freedom of speech. Held annually, the Oration recognises Sir Robert's vision for strengthening the role of higher education.

Lady Amos spoke to students, graduands and invited guests about free speech and the fact that universities should be places where people are challenged by views different from their own.

As part of her Oration, Lady Amos said "for me higher education institutions and what they stand for have a significant impact on the development of societies because they provide a space for critical engagement, for debate and discussion of contentious issues and are places of learning and unlearning.

"Universities open up opportunities for creativity, innovation and the pursuit of knowledge. And where they do their job really well, they help students to learn to listen, to understand another point of view, to respectfully disagree rather than dismiss and ignore."

Lady Amos put something of a challenge out to the outstanding University of Melbourne PhD students, who were at the Oration as part of their graduation ceremony. "Our students today are tomorrow's leaders and given the challenges we face in our world – injustice, inequality, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, conflict, extremism – we need them to be active global citizens. We need them to think beyond borders."



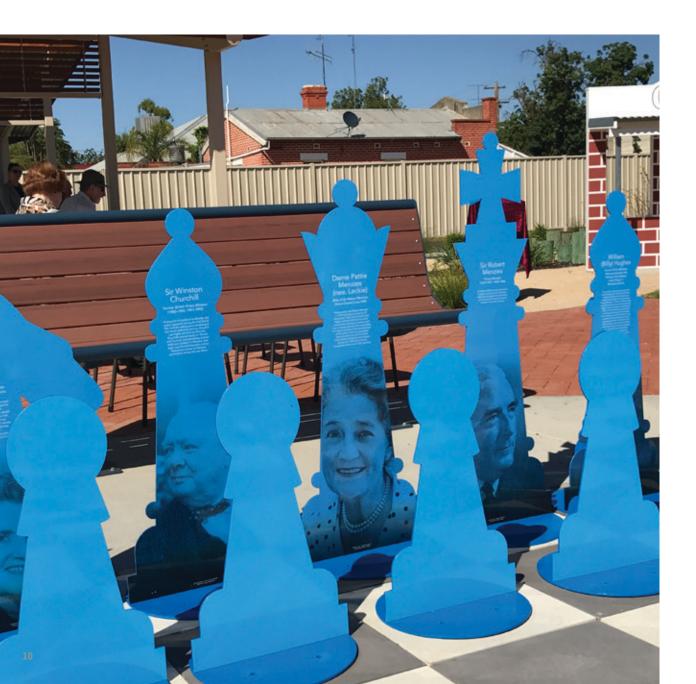




A number of Menzies Scholars attended the Menzies Oration dinner including Professor Hilary Charlesworth (Harvard Menzies 1982), David Bowly (Engineering 2014), Premala Thiagarajan (Law 2004) and Professor Julian Savulescu (Medicine 1994).

REGIONAL EDUCATION LEGACY

Menzies Square captures old and new in Jeparit



A tribute to the Menzies family and the role they played in the small rural western Victorian town of Jeparit – birthplace of Sir Robert Menzies – was the feature of the Menzies Square redevelopment, officially opened late in 2016.

The redevelopment was funded by the Hindmarsh Shire and the Victorian State Government, with additional funds from the Menzies Foundation and Federation University. Menzies Square creates a new focal point for Jeparit, whilst marking some of the most notable achievements and moments in the life and career of its most famous export.

The Menzies Foundation contributed \$35,000 (in 2014) to early stages of the project as part of its work to honour the legacy of Sir Robert Menzies.

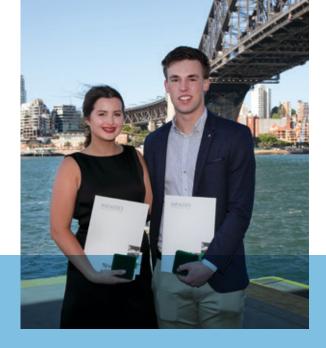
Speaking at the opening, Menzies Foundation CEO, Sarah Hardy, said "We share two things in common with the town of Jeparit... to keep the ambition and legacy of Sir Robert Menzies alive ...and to create relevance for those people today who visit this town.

"For the Foundation that's about extending the legacy of education and telling the story that reflects his (Sir Robert's) own personal journey."

In congratulating the Hindmarsh Shire, Ms Hardy said "we are very proud of how you've captured the old and the new to support the legacy of Sir Robert."

Sir Robert's eldest grandson, Alec, also travelled to Jeparit and spoke about his last visit to the town with his grandfather 50 years ago. Alec's great grandfather James was a mayor in the region and opened the general store, which is depicted in the new Menzies Square redevelopment.

The State Government of Victoria was the major funder of Menzies Square, with \$165,000 granted from the Putting Locals First program managed by Regional Development Victoria.



The Menzies Foundation provided a range of support for students in the Wimmera to perpetuate Sir Robert Menzies beliefs about the impact of education on the wellbeing of all Australians.

FIELDING MENZIES TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$30,000 (Fielding Foundation)

The Fielding Menzies Tertiary Scholarships provide financial support to secondary students from the rural Wimmera region in North West Victoria. The scholarships enable students to realise their ambition to study at the University of Melbourne, whilst residing on campus at Ormond College. The Menzies Foundation, Fielding Foundation and Ormond College have partnered to offer these scholarships.

The 2016 scholarships were awarded to:

Natasha Kennedy-Read from Stawell Secondary College. Natasha, an aspiring journalist with an interest in politics and gender studies, is studying a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Media and Communications.

Ethan Koschitzke from

Warracknabeal Secondary College. Ethan is pursuing his love of science through a Bachelor of Biomedicine. His family have been farming in Warracknabeal for four generations.

Natasha and Ethan are pictured top left at the scholarship presentation in Sydney.

MENZIES CENTENARY PRIZE

\$10,000

The Menzies Centenary Prize valued at \$10,000 is jointly funded by the Menzies Foundation and the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association.

The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student from the Dimboola Memorial Secondary College in north west Victoria as a contribution to the cost of the first and second years of tertiary study. Although, the primary criterion is academic achievement, the successful candidate is a person deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the College over at least two years. The Menzies Centenary Prize was initiated by the Foundation in 1994 in association with the Dimboola Memorial Secondary College to mark the centenary of Sir Robert's birth in nearby Jeparit.

The winner of the 2016 Menzies Centenary Prize is **Andrew King** who is undertaking a Bachelor of Engineering at Monash University.



BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

\$5000

In time for school to start in 2016, the Menzies Foundation made a small grant to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to fund back to school vouchers, providing some additional financial support to families in the Wimmera region of Victoria.

The Back to School program run by FRRR has been running nationally since 2005 and is based on a belief that quality education should be accessible no matter where you live.

The Menzies Foundation contributed \$5000 to be distributed to Wimmera families, for basic needs such as school uniforms, clothing, shoes, school bags and stationery.

Andrew King is pictured with Alec Menzies, at the presentation of the Menzies Centenary Prize in Dimboola in December. Photo courtesy of the Dimboola Courier.



HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Expanding translational research capacity in the north of Australia

MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH

In 2016, the impact of the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) was bolstered by a number of significant grants to enable the institute to continue to lead critically important tropical and Indigenous health research

Menzies, which has its major base in Darwin, is committed to innovation in Indigenous, global and tropical health, conducting research projects and programs in partnership with more than 60 remote communities across central and northern Australia, and pioneering global and tropical health work extending into 20 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

Menzies will expand the translational research capacity in the north of Australia in collaboration with partners across the Asia-Pacific, thanks to funding from the National Health Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as part of the Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program.

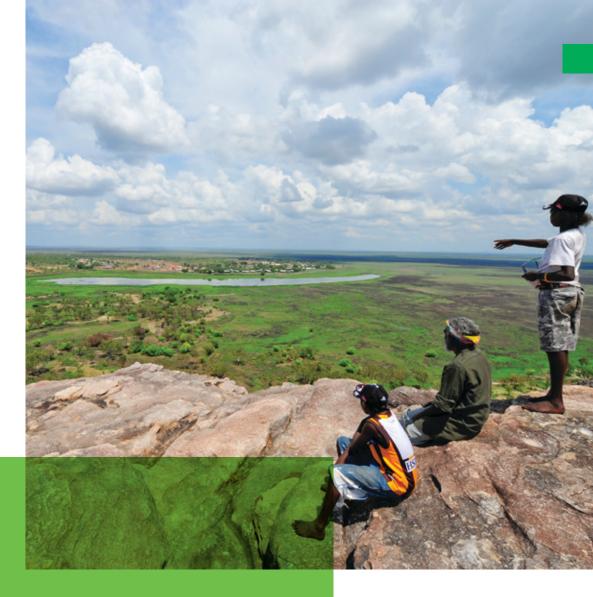
NHMRC funding will enable Menzies researchers to continue work to reduce rates of anaemia in children whilst eliminating the need for ongoing, painful treatment regimens. Specialised audiology and early child development researchers in the ear

health team will measure longer-term benefits of different vaccine schedules. They aim to better understand the impact of ear disease and hearing loss on social, cultural and school readiness in early childhood.

Menzies received \$5 million from the Northern Territory Government to fund research into delivering strong economic and health returns for the Territory and \$2.25 million from the Queensland Government to deliver the 2017–2019 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brief Intervention Training Program. The program will provide community health workers with knowledge, skills and tools to promote healthy changes to their clients.

In April 2016, Menzies hosted the first World Indigenous Cancer Conference in Brisbane. Over 300 delegates from across the globe came together to discuss the latest findings, develop meaningful collaborations and encourage high quality cancer research.

The Shadow Minister for Human Services, the Hon Linda Burney MP, delivered the 2016 Menzies Oration, Truth Telling and Generosity: Healing the Heart of a Nation', to a full house at the Darwin Convention Centre.



In 2016 the Menzies
Foundation provided an untied grant of \$75,000 to the Menzies School of Health Research.

Delivering research ready for translation

MENZIES INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

2016 was the Institute's 29th year and the first with new Director, Professor Alison Venn. In keeping with current funding and research delivery expectations, the Menzies



Institute for Medical Research's priorities heading into its third decade were to diversify funding streams, deliver research ready for translation into policy and practice and to develop and mentor its workforce.

In 2016 Menzies had some great funding gains through national competitive grants and partnerships, as well as the continued support of those enlightened organisations and individuals who provided philanthropic support. Menzies won \$7.5 million in competitive funding and secured \$2.1 million in donations and bequests.

Menzies was awarded more than \$5 million by the NHMRC for project grants and fellowships – almost double the income from this source in 2015. This funding will further research in multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular disease, health economics, Alzheimer's disease, arthritis and osteoporosis. The Institute also teamed up with the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth on a new NHMRC partnership grant with the Tasmanian Government that will track and review the health and education services available to 12,000 Tasmanian children from birth until they start formal school. In line with a push for evidence-based policy and practice, Menzies provided input to the State Government's Healthy Tasmania Five Year Strategic Plan.

Menzies' research students make a significant contribution and enrolments in this area increased by about 12 per cent on the previous year. Publications output also increased notably in 2016, which is testament to the hard work by Menzies researchers and students with the support of professional staff.

There is a lot to look forward to in the 30th year of the Menzies Institute of Medical Research.

In 2016 the Menzies Foundation provided an untied grant of \$75,000 to the Menzies Institute for Medical Research.

Evidence for better health outcomes

MENZIES HEALTH INSTITUTE QUEENSLAND

As a newly formed Institute, Menzies Health Institute Queensland (MenziesHIQ) at Griffith University spent 2016 focussing on health research achievement now and preparing for the future.

Preparing for the future has led to the formation of three key research programs that align with local, national and global health priorities:

- Understanding Chronic Conditions
 faces up to the challenges of chronic
 disease, the leading cause of illness,
 disability and death in Australia
 accounting for 90 per cent of all deaths.
- Building Healthy Communities is focused around how social and community participation leads to improved health and wellbeing. Some of the key areas of research include maternity and newborn health, exercise and human performance, healthy workplaces and mental health.
- Optimising Health Outcomes explores how we can improve wellbeing in the community and health care services in the clinical setting. This work includes women's wellness, aging, dementia, managing disability, safe clinical and nursing care practices, to name a few.

Underpinning the work of these programs is a focus on allied health, innovations in healthcare, data science and clinical research partnerships.

In late 2016 MenziesHIQ appointed a new Director, Professor Suzanne Chambers, who also is also the Menzies Foundation Professor of Allied Health Research.

The inaugural MenziesHIQ Director, Professor Sheena Reilly, moved into the role of Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) at Griffith University. In September, MenziesHIQ celebrated its first anniversary marking one year of growth and development.

Other highlights for MenziesHIQ included the establishment of a National Health and Medical Research Council Centre for Research Excellence in Prostate Cancer Survivorship led by Professors Suzanne Chambers and Paul Scuffham. The nation's top prostate cancer experts form the leadership group of this multi-disciplinary survivorship centre, the first of its kind in Australia and unique internationally.

Associate Professor Iulia Crilly from MenziesHIO and Professor Stuart Kinner from the Griffith Criminology Institute were awarded National Health and Medical Research funding for a study directed at improving outcomes for people with acute mental illness in hospital emergency departments. Associate Professor Clare Minahan from the School of Allied Health Sciences developed a ground-breaking research initiative focused around the examination and implementation of an intensive high-performance program for athletes of the Oceania region competing at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

In 2016 the Menzies Foundation provided \$150,000 to MenziesHIQ to support the Menzies Foundation Professor of Allied Health Research position.

THE BOARD

Menzies Foundation Board as at 31 December 2016

The Menzies Foundation is governed by a Board of honorary directors, chaired by Professor Simon Maddocks.

Professor Simon Maddocks

BAgSci (Hons), PhD, FAIAST, FAICD, Chair 1987 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholar Appointed: July 1993

Dr John Stocker AO BMedSc (Melb), MBBS (Melb), PhD, FTS, FRACP Deputy Chair Appointed: June 2015

Tony Connon BA (Oxon), FCA, FAICD Treasurer

Appointed: May 2014

Peter Jopling AM QC, LLB (Melb) Appointed: March 2014

Sandra Mackenzie OAM

BA, BLitt (Hons) Appointed: July 2013

Dr Adrian McCallum BSc (Hons) NSW, BE (Hons) WAust, GradDip (Meteorology) BoM, PhD Cantab 2007 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholar

Appointed: November 2015

Diana Menzies BA (Melb), Grad Dip (Couns Psych), MAPS Appointed: December 2008

Terry Moran AC

BA (Hons) (LaTrobe) Appointed: December 2014



The following changes to the Board occurred in 2016:

Mr Brian Doyle AM resigned from the Board after 23 years of service. Deputy Chair Professor Maddocks was elected as Chair in April 2016. Professor Maddocks is the first Menzies Scholar to serve as Chair of the Menzies Foundation.

Brian was a Director on the Board from 1993, Deputy Chair from 2002 and Chair from 2013. The Board thanked Brian and recognised his outstanding service to the Menzies Foundation.

Dr John Stocker AO accepted the position of Deputy Chair in April 2016.

Dr Josephine Barbaro completed her term as President of the Menzies Memorial Scholars' Association in November 2016 with new MMSA President Dr Adrian McCallum taking up the role.

Mr Craig Thorburn resigned from the Board in December 2016 after three years of service.

Details of the Directors' experience can be found on the Menzies Foundation website: www.menziesfoundation.org.au/ about-us/directors

COUNCIL MEMBERS

as at 31 December 2016

Prof Margaret I Bullock AM Mr Nicholas B Callinan AO

Mr M H Codd AC

Prof John P Coghlan AO

The Hon Sir Daryl Dawson AC, KBE, CB

Mr Brian Doyle AM

Prof Terry Dwyer AO

Ms Belinda G Gibson

The Hon Sir Guy Green AC, KBE, CVO

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Mr Brian Jamieson

Mr Charles P H Kiefel OAM

Prof Stephen R Leeder AO

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Prof John D Mathews AM

Ms Edwina C Menzies

A/Prof David A F Morgan OAM

Prof Kerin O'Dea AO

Prof Robyn O'Hehir AO

Prof Bob Porter AC

Mr A Paul Sheahan AM

The Rt Hon Sir Ninian Stephen KG, AK,GCMG,

GCVO KBE

Prof P Louis Waller AO

Mr Michael Whalley

Mr Bob J White AO

GOVERNANCE

PATRON

as at 31 December 2016

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

BOARD APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

as at 31 December 2016

The Board Appointments Sub-Committee was formed in 2014 and ensures the Menzies Foundation has a robust and transparent process to appoint honorary Directors to the Board.

The members of the Board Appointments Sub-Committee are:

- Ms Sandra Mackenzie OAM, Chair
- Mr Peter Jopling AM QC
- Ms Diana Menzies
- · Mr Terry Moran AC
- Dr John Stocker AO
- Ms Sarah Hardy, CEO

STAFF

Sarah Hardy - Chief Executive Officer

Sarah has held senior leadership and management roles across the not-for profit, philanthropic, education and government sectors for over 26 years. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Science and post-graduate qualifications in Adult Education, Community Health, Mental Health Sciences and Business. She is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Sarah has completed the Executive Program for Philanthropic Leaders at the School of Business, Stanford University and Harvard University's Non Profit Strategic Leadership Program.

Sarah is a member of the Mental Health Committee of the Myer Foundation and is Deputy Chair of Youth Live4Life Inc, a youth suicide prevention organisation.

Pam Shearman – Operations Manager

Kate Nolan – Communications Manager

AJ Epstein – Project Officer

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

as at 31 December 2016

The members of the Investment and Finance Committee are:

- · Mr Tony Connon, Chair
- Mr Adrian Lombardo, honorary committee member
- Ms Margaret Ross, honorary committee member
- Ms Sarah Hardy, CEO
- Mr Craig Thorburn (retired December 2016)

Ms Margaret Ross joined the committee in 2016. Margaret brings 23 years' experience in the finance industry. She is an Investment Manager and Analyst with Thorney Investment Group. Margaret's primary focus is listed Australian industrial companies with a market capitalization of up to \$1b over a range of industries.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Menzies Foundation continued to perform strongly in the 2016 calendar year with an increase in expenditures on core granting activities of over 11 per cent. Investment returns however reflected the low interest rate environment and volatility in equities markets with a drop in the overall return from 2015's benchmark beating performance of over 10.5 per cent to a more subdued 6 per cent. In consequence a small loss of \$51,603 is reported with a decrease in net assets from \$26,397,650 in 2015 to \$26,346,047 at 31 December 2016.

The Finance and Investment
Committee remains very cognisant of
the need to ensure that asset
allocation settings are tuned to
provide the optimum balance between
capital protection and market returns
while recognising the potential for an
adverse result at some point pending
any return to strong global economic
growth.

Craig Thorburn retired from the Committee in December 2016 after providing an immense stimulus to our approach to policy development and sound judgement in his analysis of the marketplace. The Committee is very grateful for his insightful contribution.

KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Committee continued to review the current investment markets at quarterly meetings during 2016 and manage the portfolio accordingly.

All investment decisions are governed by an Investment Policy approved by the Board of Directors. Following development of the Foundation's strategic plan in 2015, a review of the investment strategy continues based on reassessment of the Foundation's risk profile and future needs.

The Key Financial Results for 2016 have been extracted from the audited General Purpose Financial Reports of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation Limited. The full 2016 Financial Report and audited Financial Statements can be viewed at

www.menziesfoundation.org.au

The audited 2016 financial reports are published separately and are available at www.menziesfoundation.org.au or by contacting the Menzies Foundation.

Income Statement	2016 (\$)	2015 (\$)
Revenue from continuing operations	1,769,574	1,945,929
Expenses from continuing operations		
Menzies Health Research Centres	(302,230)	(391,875)
Scholarships and Fellowships	(566,494)	(542,892)
Other memorial activities	(83,090)	(78,551)
Salaries and salary on-costs	(519,784)	(450,375)
Communications and operations	(213,111)	(201,008)
Clarendon Terrace maintenance and repairs	(61,632)	(74,104)
Other expenses	-	(10,352)
Total expenses excluding gains/losses from financial assets	(1,746,166)	(1,749,157)
Operating surplus	23,233	196,772
Realised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(7,554)	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(67,282)	792,724
Total gains from financial assets	(74,836)	792,724
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(51,603)	989,496
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	(51,603)	989,496
Balance Sheet	2016 (\$)	2015 (\$)
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,919,707	2,044,253
Trade and other receivables	476,383	448,859
Investments	23,069,925	24,031,362
Total current assets	26,466,015	26,524,474
Total Assets	26,466,015	26,524,474
Total Liabilities	119,968	126,824
Net Assets	26,346,047	26,397,650
Total Equity	26,346,047	26,397,650

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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We are grateful for the generous pro bono legal support provided by King & Wood Mallesons throughout the year.



We are pleased to have partnered with the Fielding Foundation to deliver scholarships in 2016



We thank the Australian Government for their financial support for the Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law.



We continue to enjoy a productive relationship with our alumni association which has worked tirelessly during the year to provide opportunities for all members.

Private donors

A heartfelt thanks to all our individual and corporate donors who have generously donated to our work. With your generosity our work continues to grow.



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LEARNING ABOUT MENZIES

The Menzies Foundation sponsored a special category in the National History Challenge to help school children learn about the former prime minister and the significant changes which occurred in Australia under his 18 years of leadership.

Biruk Kahsay (pictured with his brother) from St Monica's Catholic Primary School in Footscray, Melbourne, was the 2016 prize winner in the Menzies special category for his project on Maralinga.

Coming from an Ethiopian background, Biruk had a lot to learn about Australia's history and chose to focus on the Maralinga bombings in South Australia between 1956 and 1963.

DONATIONS YOU CAN INVEST IN OUR FUTURE LEADERS

To invest in our work to inspire and nurture Australia's future leaders, please make a tax deductible donation to the Menzies Foundation.

"I would not be going to do the MBA without this help. It's a dream come true. For me this is about developing all-round knowledge, not just having the technical engineering skills but the business, finance, management and marketing skills to be able to implement ideas".

Olsen Garland, 2017 Menzies Engineering Scholar

Tax deductible donations can be made:

- online: www.menziesfoundation.org.au/donate
- by direct deposit: WBC BSB 033 002 Account 376862 (Ref: DONATION and your LAST NAME)
- by cheque made out to The Menzies Foundation.

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