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# The Menzies Foundation 25 years as a catalyst for achievement

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As a catalyst for achievement, we identify and promote the next generation of Australian leaders, invest in world-class health research, and advance initiatives of national importance.

Sir Robert Menzies was Australia's longest serving prime minister, but his interests and passions were far broader than politics. The Menzies Foundation was established in 1979 to build on the significant contribution he made to Australian society.

As a scholarship boy from Jeparit in rural Victoria, Robert Menzies particularly understood the horizons expanded through an excellent education. The Menzies Foundation supports young people through prestigious postgraduate scholarships in allied health, engineering, law and medical research, as well as Menzies scholarships to Harvard University in a variety of graduate disciplines. Undergraduate scholarships are also available to senior school students in rural north-west Victoria.

The Foundation's role in providing initial and ongoing funds to four health and medical research institutes around Australia echo Sir Robert's commitment to nationally significant pursuits for the benefit of all Australians.

We support the leaders of tomorrow to increase their contribution to the Australian community through their career – whether through finding a cure to peanut allergy, furthering our understanding of climate change, contributing to law and ethical debate or identifying best-practice education systems – whatever their calling may be.

Our annual report demonstrates the breadth of our impact.



#### Our cover:

David Bowly, the 2014 Menzies Scholar in Engineering, is always seeking new challenges. He is pictured on the front cover with fellow hikers in Snowdonia National Park in Wales. Supported by the Menzies Foundation, David is undertaking a Master of Philosophy in Energy Technologies at Cambridge University.

# 2014 highlights. The Menzies Foundation at a glance...

\$470K



Supporting young people with \$470,000 in **scholarships** 



Injecting \$234,000 into **health** and medical research



Setting out to **change the world** – the alumni grows to 204 Menzies Scholars in law, medicine, allied health, medical research, engineering and other disciplines



Creating a **new national partnership** to further Australian research in allied health



Reinvigorating the Jeparit community with **support** for the Menzies Discovery Park



Challenging young minds – sponsoring a **new category** in the National History Challenge for Australian school students



**20 years awarding** the Menzies Centenary Prize to a student in Year 12



Furthering tertiary education opportunities – new scholarships to support students from **regional Victoria** to go to university

# Report from the Chairman and CEO

2014 has been another successful year for the Menzies Foundation. We have expanded our suite of scholarships and increased our impact on health and medical research.

The first year of the three-year strategic business plan saw a focus on:

- growing our scholarship program
- strengthening the Menzies alumni's impact in the community
- increasing our support to health and medical research
- honouring Australia's past.

Significant progress was made on continuing the development of another research institute specialising in allied health. We are delighted to partner with Griffith University on the Gold Coast, to establish the Menzies Health Institute Queensland (MHIQ). This new research institute will be the fourth research institute carrying the Menzies name. The Foundation will contribute funding towards the Menzies Foundation Professor in Allied Health Research based at the Institute.

2014 saw the development of new scholarships, the Fielding Menzies Tertiary Scholarships. These new undergraduate scholarships are administered by the Menzies Foundation in partnership with the Fielding Foundation. Three-year scholarships were awarded to three year 12 students who have the desire and capability, but limited financial capacity, to study at an Australian university. The eligible schools, in the Hindmarsh Shire of Victoria's Wimmera region, were delighted that the aspirations of their students could be realised with tertiary study opportunities. Sir Robert Menzies himself was awarded academic scholarships when attending a rural secondary school in Victoria in 1909. We look forward to following the academic journeys of the three scholarship recipients.

In keeping with our memorial activities, the Foundation became a sponsor of the National History Challenge. This national competition encourages primary and secondary school students to research and learn more about the past. In 2015 there will be a special category on Sir Robert Menzies.

The Foundation also invested in the future redevelopment of Menzies Square at Jeparit, Victoria, the birthplace of Sir Robert. This community space will be redeveloped into a vibrant, interactive park and renamed the Menzies Discovery Park. The new park will be used by local school children and will attract tourism to Jeparit. We look forward to seeing this park come to life in the next 12 months.

Our UK-based scholars enjoyed a dinner at the House of Lords. This annual event is a very special occasion to bring together Menzies scholars who are studying or working in the UK. We thank the Britain-Australia Society for their efforts in organising the event on our behalf.

There are a number of people to thank for their outstanding support of the Menzies Foundation.

Thank you to the President of the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association (MMSA), Ms Dariel de Sousa, and outgoing Secretary, Dr Adrian McCallum. The committee has worked tirelessly throughout the year to develop ideas and initiatives to engage the Menzies alumni, provide networking opportunities and deepening the impact in the broader community.

We wish to thank Dr McCallum for his enthusiasm and commitment to the Foundation as a Director and very active alumnus. Dr McCallum's term finished in November 2014. We welcome Dr Josie Barbaro as a Director and new MMSA Secretary.

The Foundation has seen changes at Board level. Three longstanding Directors retired and new Directors were appointed.

We wish to acknowledge the leadership, contribution and commitment of the following Directors, who retired from the Board during the year:

- Mr Charles Kiefel OAM, after 28 years of service
- Mr Brian Jamieson, after 10 years of service
- Mr Ross Illingworth after 10 years of service.

To ensure a diverse mix of skills and expertise, a Board Appointments Subcommittee was formed to oversee the board appointment process. We welcome four new Directors appointed in 2014:

- Mr Peter Jopling AM QC
- Mr Tony Connon
- Mr Craig Thorburn
- Mr Terry Moran AC.

Details of the full Menzies Foundation Board of Directors appear on page 16.

We wish to thank the Australian Government's Department of Education and Training and donors to the Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law for their strong support of the scholarship program.

A special thank you must go to King & Wood Mallesons for their pro bono legal support to formalise the Menzies Health Institute Queensland partnership and other advice provided throughout the year.

Finally we wish to acknowledge the valuable contributions and commitment

of all honorary Directors and our dedicated staff during 2014.

**Brian J Doyle AM** 

Chairman

**Sarah Hardy** 

Chief Executive Officer



### Menzies Foundation Scholars in Action

#### **PROFESSOR ROBYN O'HEHIR**

1986 Menzies Scholar in Medicine

Professor Robyn O'Hehir is the Director of the Department of Allergy, Immunology and Respiratory Medicine (AIRMed) at The Alfred, Professor of Medicine (Allergy & Clinical Immunology and Respiratory Medicine) at Monash University, and the Honorary Professor of Pathology and Immunology at Monash University.



Professor Robyn O'Hehir (left) with colleagues at the Monash University allergy group. Photo: Monash University

'Research is an international pursuit, so I was delighted when my Menzies Scholarship supported my decision to do a PhD on allergy at the University of London.

We are in the middle of an allergy epidemic: far more people have asthma, hay fever and food allergies than 50 years ago, and Australia is one of the most affected countries. My work over the past 20 years at The Alfred Hospital and Monash University, dissects exactly which bit of an allergen protein (from peanut, grass pollen grains or house dust mites) provokes the allergic reaction.

'During the past year, with help from the National Health and Medical Research Council and the John Ilhan Foundation, we have moved closer to this for peanut allergy. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the fruits of a Menzies Scholarship were to result in curing peanut allergy in hundreds of Australian children?

I was the first Professor of Allergy in Australia, and I am proud of the excellent clinical service my colleagues and I deliver from The Alfred, which is a model internationally. However, my real aim has been to use the fruits of my basic research, those little peptides (small parts of proteins) that cause all the trouble, and find a way to modify them so they can cause tolerance instead of asthma or anaphylaxis. My work while on the Menzies Scholarship has now been applied in North America to develop vaccines to treat people who are allergic to cats, house dust mites and grass pollens.'

#### **RICKY CAMPBELL-ALLEN**

2009 Robert Gordon Menzies Scholarship to Harvard University (Education)

Ricky Campbell-Allen is the Managing Director of Learning First and former Director of the Centre for New Public Education. Ricky holds a Master of Education specialising in Education Policy and Management from the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University; a Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Canberra and a Bachelor of Visual Arts with First Class Honours from the Sydney College of the Arts at the University of Sydney.

'Wouldn't it be wonderful if the fruits of a Menzies Scholarship were to result in curing peanut allergy in hundreds of Australian children?'

Professor Robyn O'Hehir

'As a former teacher and school leader I am always working to make sure that we have an impact on the things that will make a difference in education. For the last three years I've been working as the Director of the Centre for New Public Education at the Foundation for Young Australians, an advocacy initiative focused on creating a fairer and future-focused school education system for all young Australians.

'Since working in the US public school system I have been interested in how teachers can engage in education policy and influence system-level decision-making.

'One way we have impact is by convening education stakeholders including parents, educators and academics, to advocate for policy and legislative changes to support student outcomes. A focus of our alliance work has been on reforming school funding to make it more transparent and needs-based. We underpinned this with policy and media products, such as *Edunews*, a curated daily summary of education news.'

#### Making an impact on the lives of Australians

#### DR ADRIAN MCCALLUM

2007 Menzies Scholar in Engineering

Dr Adrian McCallum holds the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Engineering with First Class Honours from the University of Western Australia, a Bachelor of Science with Second Class Honours from the University of New South Wales, and a Graduate Diploma in Meteorology with High Distinction. Adrian took up his scholarship at the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge University, undertaking a PhD of Polar Studies.



Dr Adrian McCallum, assisting in shoring up Australia's Antarctic future.

'My research focuses on glaciology, the mechanics of snow and ice and the development of polar infrastructure. Australia lays claim to 42 per cent of Antarctica and our future commitment to the continent is currently under review. It is here that my expertise may be applied to assist in shoring-up Australia's Antarctic future.

'I'm currently negotiating funding for the deployment of a cheap, home-made slope stability radar that can be deployed in villages across the Himalaya and other high alpine areas of the world to warn of avalanche or slope-stability issues. Ultimately I hope to roll out workshops across these areas on the construction and deployment of these (relatively) simple devices so that alpine communities can manage their own early warning systems for rock fall and glacial hazards.

'In 2014 I was involved in the first depth assessment of the remote Bonar Glacier in the Southern Alps of New Zealand; this work will provide a baseline for monitoring glacial variation in a changing climate.

'Additionally, via my involvement with the Outer Edge Polar Challenge, I was able to share the excitement of a field-based STEM career with thousands of primary and high school students; I am passionate about encouraging our youth to embrace their dreams and seek to become all that they can be.'

#### **DR JOSEPHINE BARBARO**

2006 Menzies Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences

Dr Josephine Barbaro is the Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre at La Trobe University and holds the degree of Bachelor of Behavioural Science also from La Trobe University. Josie's PhD project entitled 'Prospective Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Infancy: The Social Attention and Communication Study' was carried out at La Trobe University in September 2008.

'I am passionate about encouraging our youth to embrace their dreams and seek to become all that they can be.'

Dr Adrian McCallum

'I developed a developmental surveillance program for autism (Social Attention and Communication Surveillance – SACS) that aims to identify children with autism and other developmental disorders as early as possible, through children's routine health-checks. Early diagnosis and intervention greatly improve children's developmental outcomes. The SACS was previously rolled out across 17 councils in Victoria and is currently being implemented across another eight councils in Melbourne, as well as other Australian states including NSW, WA, Qld and Tasmania.

The SACS has been translated and disseminated in many countries around the world, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Our biggest international project involves China's 4th largest city and Melbourne's sister city, Tianjin, in which they have incorporated the SACS into their seven-year health plan since 2013, monitoring every baby born (100,000 per year) with this tool. I also co-founded and am the lead clinician in Australia's first Early Assessment Clinic for Autism, at La Trobe University.

'In 2014 my work received extensive media coverage. I was successful in securing funding from the Autism Cooperative Research Centre for establishing a Family Support Package for families with a recently diagnosed child with autism, as well as funding to return to China to support our developmental surveillance work in Tianjin.'

## Menzies Foundation Scholarships and Fellowships

The following scholarships and fellowships were awarded in 2014.

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

Up to \$55,000 over two years

This scholarship supports graduates who have completed the first stage of their PhD program at an Australian University.

**Ms Sharon Oberstein** is a qualified optometrist. The two-year scholarship will enable Sharon to complete her PhD project; 'Strategies to facilitate driving in individuals with central vision loss' at the University of New South Wales.

Sharon's research aims to provide scientific evidence to support clinical practice and Australian driving licensing policy, and improve the quality of life and independence of individuals with central vision loss.

# THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGINEERING

Up to \$75,000 per annum

In 2014, two scholarships were awarded.

Ms Quan Lau has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Melbourne with First Class Honours and the Dean's Honours Prize. Quan currently works at AECOM as a graduate engineer and has a particular interest in the challenges of sustainable development. Quan will undertake a Master of Philosophy for Sustainable Development at the University of Cambridge, starting in 2015.

Ms Anna Gould has a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the University of New South Wales with First Class Honours, and is nearing completion of a Master of Process Engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. Anna undertook a four-month research project at the University of Cambridge, and is undertaking her master thesis in industry at Novartis in Basel. Anna will undertake a Master of Philosophy in Bioscience Enterprise at the University of Cambridge to further her knowledge of biotechnology innovation and commercialisation, starting in 2015.

# THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW Up to \$75,000 per annum

Mr Andrew Currie holds a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne, receiving a number of prizes in both degrees, including the Supreme Court Exhibition for Jurisprudence. Andrew is a solicitor at King & Wood Mallesons and aims to examine the foundations of legal interpretation to contribute to an understanding of the law as a rational and coherent system. Andrew will undertake a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford starting in 2015.

# THE SIR NINIAN STEPHEN MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Up to \$75,000 per annum

Mr Patrick Wall studied government and law at the University of Sydney and is currently completing a Master of Diplomatic Studies at the Australian National University. Patrick works for the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department where he is assisting Papua New Guinea to bring its money laundering and terrorist financing laws into line with international standards.

Patrick will undertake a Master of Law in International Law at the Graduate Institute Geneva, starting in 2015.

# NHMRC / RG MENZIES FELLOWSHIP

\$70,000 (contribution)

This Fellowship is awarded in partnership with the National Health and Medical Research Council. It supports postdoctoral medical research for two years overseas and two years in Australia.

**Dr Si Ming Man** is studying overseas, through the University of New South Wales, to investigate the role of Interferon-regulatory factors (IRF), molecules important for anti-viral defence. Si Ming aims to investigate the role of IRFs in the host defence against two important foodborne bacteria, Salmonella and Listeria, both of which result in significant morbidity and mortality worldwide. Si Ming is based at the St Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, USA.

# 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.

In 2014 three scholarships were awarded.

Ms Amy Chandran has a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Graduate Certificate in Economic Policy from the Australian National University. Amy is undertaking a Master of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Mr Simon Malian has a Bachelor of Information Technology from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Master of Commerce in Finance, Accounting from the University of Sydney. Simon is undertaking a Master of Science in Computational Science and Engineering at the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Ms Angela Winkle has a Master of Architecture from the University of Queensland and a Master of Climate Change from the Australian National University. Angela is undertaking a Master of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School.



The Governor of Victoria, His Excellency the Hon Alex Chernov AC QC and Mrs Chernov with Menzies Scholarship recipients: Andrew Currie, Quan Lau, Anna Gould, Sharon Oberstein, Patrick Wall, and Menzies Centenary Prize Winner, Mikayla Riley.



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You can also find out more about our scholars by following us on Twitter <@MenziesFdation>, LinkedIn <www.linkedin.com/company/menzies-foundation/> or by visiting our website <www.menziesfoundation.org.au>

# Menzies Foundation Scholarships and Fellowships

# MENZIES CENTENARY PRIZE \$10.000

Initiated in 1994 to mark the centenary of Sir Robert's birth in Jeparit, the Menzies Centenary Prize is awarded to a Year 12 student from Dimboola Memorial Secondary College as a contribution to the cost of the first and second years of tertiary study.

**Miss Mikayla Riley** was awarded the Menzies Centenary Prize in 2014. Mikayla began a Health Sciences degree at Deakin University in March 2014.

The prize is jointly funded by the Menzies Foundation and the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association.

'I'm extremely grateful for the Menzies Prize because it really does benefit me and my ability to attend university, especially away from home.'

# FIELDING MENZIES TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM \$30,000

Established in 2014, the Fielding Menzies Tertiary Scholarships recognise committed secondary students who are finishing senior school in rural northwest Victoria.

These new undergraduate scholarships are administered by the Menzies Foundation in partnership with the Fielding Foundation, which has committed \$270,000 over three years to this scholarship program.

Three-year scholarships were awarded to three students in Year 12 who have the desire and capability, but limited financial capacity, to study at an Australian university.

The Menzies Foundation, in partnership with the Fielding Foundation, has awarded scholarships to:

- Miss Madison Albrecht, Dimboola Memorial Secondary College
- Mr Jacob Creek, Nhill College
- Miss Georgia Klemm, Rainbow Secondary College.

#### **ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Annual Awards Ceremony is a time of reflection for the Menzies Foundation, returning to its core motivations of leadership, education and community contribution. The event recognises young Australians who have demonstrated thought leadership, displayed extraordinary talent in their chosen fields and who have already made significant public service contributions.

The Governor of Victoria, His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, joined past and upcoming Menzies Scholars to award the Menzies Scholarships for 2015.







- 1 2008 Menzies Scholar in Law, Patrick Ky with Amelia Fitzhardinge and Ricky Campbell-Allen, 2009 Robert Gordon Menzies Scholar to Harvard University.
- 2 Mrs de Kretser and Prof David de Kretser AC, chatting with Menzies Foundation board members Diana Menzies and Craig Thorburn.
- 3 Menzies Scholars in Allied Health, Dr Josie Barbaro, Sharon Oberstein and Dr Fiona Dobson.

### Menzies Foundation Health and Medical Research

For over 30 years the Menzies Foundation has played a strong role in providing funds and support for health and medical research around the country. Starting with the establishment of the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin in 1984, the 2015 launch of the Menzies Health Institute Queensland will be the fourth of the Menzies institutes around Australia. echoing Sir Robert's commitment to nationally significant pursuits for the benefit of all Australians.

# A COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Menzies School of Health Research

The Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) based in Darwin remains Australia's only medical research institute with a core commitment to improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

In 2014, a number of Menzies teams made important breakthroughs which are contributing to meaningful and sustained improvements in Indigenous and tropical health.

#### These included:

- developing an alternative and painless way to treat skin sores (impetigo)
- publishing a report into the devastating problem of petrol sniffing that has revealed a significant decline in its prevalence among remote Aboriginal communities.

In addition, Menzies pioneering work into global and tropical health, which extends into more than 20 countries across the Asia-Pacific region, is considered critical in the fight against life-threatening illnesses such as malaria and tuberculosis.



Menzies Let's Start team members Cherie Mackley and Michelle Woody with Eribeta and Jules from Milikapati, Tiwi Islands.

In 2014, Menzies research sought to develop an improved understanding of the extent and nature of drug-resistant malaria to enhance treatment regimes that will ultimately eliminate malaria from the region.

Menzies strong track record on the national competitive grant stage continued in 2014 as it was awarded federal funding for 12 competitive grants and fellowships by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

2015 sees Menzies proudly celebrate 30 years of research, innovation and education.

The Menzies Foundation has been supporting the Menzies School of Health Research since 1984. In 2014 the Foundation provided a grant of \$75,000.



### Menzies Foundation Health and Medical Research



Associate Professor James Sharman and Dr Martin Schultz, who are working on the factors influencing underlying blood pressure. Dr Schultz was the winner of the Royal Society of Tasmania Doctoral Award presented in 2014. Photo: Peter Mathew

#### THRIVING RESEARCH PROGRAM Menzies Institute for Medical Research

The University of Tasmania's Menzies Institute for Medical Research (Menzies) continued to thrive in 2014, with more academic research published than ever before and a record number of new Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students.

Highlights included Dr Kaylene Young being named as one of two inaugural winners of the Metcalf Prize for Stem Cell Research, a prestigious national award that recognises leadership in this area. The Menzies Director, Professor Tom Marwick, was selected as an associate editor of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, the world's most widely read cardiology journal, and was also appointed as a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences

Professor Graeme Jones, who leads Menzies Musculoskeletal Health and Diseases research theme, was awarded the University of Tasmania Research Medal.

Menzies researchers published a record 213 papers in 2014, with articles in high-impact journals such as *Nature*, the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology, Nature Genetics* and the *European Heart Journal*.

Menzies record of success continued with competitive grant income of around \$11 million. An additional \$2.8 million was raised through donations and bequests, testament to the continuing mutual respect enjoyed by Menzies and the generous Tasmanian community.

The Menzies Foundation cofounded the then Menzies Centre for Population Health Research in 1988 and has been providing funds through 27 years of growth. In 2014 the Foundation provided a grant of \$75,000.



# A LEADING VOICE IN HEALTH POLICY

**Menzies Centre for Health Policy** 

During 2014, the Menzies Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) continued to consolidate its position as Australia's leading independent scholarly voice in health policy, under the direction of Professors Andrew Wilson and Sharon Friel

MCHP researchers undertook projects on policies for healthy futures, value in health care, serious and continuing illness, equity and governance – with funding secured from a range of government and industry sources.

The connection between the two nodes of MCHP – at the University of Sydney and the Australian National University – remained strong. Dr Patrick Harris was awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council early career fellowship for his project *Collaborating to Create Healthy Built Environments: Including Health in a Land Use Planning System.* The MCHP's two directors will mentor Dr Harris.

MCHP Directors held positions on boards of national and state significance, many of which reported directly to federal and state/territory health ministers.

Andrew Wilson is one of two independent reviewers undertaking a national review of the medical internship program to examine the current model and consider potential reforms. He also chairs the Post-market Review of Life Saving Drugs Program to provide recommendations to the Department of Health and the federal minister.

The Emerging Health Policy Researchers Conference, MCHP's showcase for early researchers, continued to attract a wide range of participants from universities across Australia, supported by Menzies Foundation funding. The grant from the Menzies Foundation was also used to fund a new series at ANU called Policy Grand Challenges, to generate awareness and discussion about emerging policy challenges for Australia in a global context. The program was broadcast on Radio National.

The Menzies Foundation has been supporting the MCHP since its inception in 2005. In 2014 the Foundation provided a grant of **\$82,500** (including GST).

Menzies Centre for | Health Policy





# NEW PARTNERSHIP IN ALLIED HEALTH

Menzies Health Institute Queensland

The Menzies Foundation is proud to be a founding partner of the Menzies Health Institute Queensland at Griffith University, which joins a prestigious group of health and medical research institutions around Australia to carry the Menzies name.

The University's Griffith Health Institute, with more than 750 exceptional biomedical scientists, clinical researchers and higher degree research candidates, has been renamed the Menzies Health Institute Queensland under a memorandum of understanding with the Menzies Foundation.

The collaboration will position the University as a leader in world-class allied health research.

The establishment of the new Menzies Health Institute Queensland will allow Griffith University to enhance its research excellence through collaboration and resource sharing, as well as supporting greater engagement between academic researchers and healthcare professionals nationally and internationally.

The Menzies Foundation has provided financial support for the establishment of the Menzies Foundation Professor of Allied Health Research. This senior researcher will lead and build upon the Institute's already strong program of allied health research.

The Menzies Foundation will provide **\$150,000** per annum for five years, starting in 2015, to support the start-up phase of the Institute.





Researchers in the Centre for Musculoskeletal Research, part of the Menzies Health Institute Queensland.

# **Menzies Foundation Modern Legacy**

#### **NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE**

The National History Challenge is an annual competition for school students ranging from primary years through to Year 12, run by the History Teachers' Association of Australia and supported by the Australian Government.

The Challenge is designed to encourage students to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about the past. Upon submission of their research, students have the opportunity to progress through school, regional, state/territory and national finals.

In 2014, the Menzies Foundation established a partnership with the National History Challenge as a sponsor for the 2015 challenge. The 2015 theme will be Leadership and Legacy and the special category is Sir Robert Menzies.

# THE PRIME MINISTER'S XI CRICKET MATCH

Established in 1951 by Robert Menzies, the Prime Minister's XI cricket match is held annually at Manuka Oval in Canberra, with an Australian team picked by the Prime Minister to play against a visiting international team.

Sir Robert used cricket as a recreational means to build international relationships. In 2014, England won the match and claimed the Menzies Memorial Cricket Trophy.

Since 2005, the Menzies Foundation has provided a Stuart Devlin medallion for the man of the match. In 2014 the medallion went to Jos Butler of the English Cricket Team.

#### **MENZIES DISCOVERY PARK**

The Menzies Foundation was pleased to support the Hindmarsh Shire's grant application to redevelop Menzies Square in Jeparit, Victoria.

Inspired by Sir Robert Menzies' desire to be an active community leader, the Hindmarsh Shire recognises that through purposeful and active engagement with their surroundings, young people can become lifelong contributors to the community.

The Menzies Discovery Park project demonstrates the Shire's commitment to youth engagement.

The Menzies Foundation's contribution of \$35,000 has helped secure additional funding which will see Menzies Square become an interactive and educational space for the community, illustrating the life of Sir Robert Menzies and his connection with Jeparit and the region.

The new park will be used by local school children and is designed to attract tourism to Jeparit.

Plans for the Menzies Discovery Park in Jeparit



# THE MENZIES ORATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

# Taking the unexpected path

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester, delivered the annual Sir Robert Menzies Oration on Higher Education at the University of Melbourne on 16 September.

Motivated by the human benefit of scientific discoveries, Professor Rothwell spoke of her expert findings in the field of obesity and metabolism, and of her career-changing transition to neuroscience in pursuit of new findings in the fields of brain disease and inflammation.

Professor Rothwell also spoke of the commonalities between science and art, and how the combination of creativity, communication, mentoring and taking the unexpected path is equally important for a successful career.

Professor Rothwell urged scientists to engage with the wider society that funds scientific research.

Sir Robert Menzies considered that his contribution to the development of universities might prove to be amongst his most lasting achievements.

The annual Menzies Oration on Higher Education was established in 1991 in recognition of this vision and Sir Robert's role as Chancellor of the University of Melbourne from 1967 to 1972.



Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Manchester.

University of Melbourne students listen to the Menzies Oration delivered by Professor Rothwell. Photos by Richard Timbury at Casamento Photography.



### Menzies Foundation Scholars in Action

# MENZIES ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES GRANT

A grant of \$25,000 is offered to Menzies Scholars in the Allied Health Sciences within five years of completion of their PhD. The grants are to help support research at an early stage of a post-doctoral career.

The 2014 grant was awarded to **Dr Phillip Tully** who is conducting a pilot study of anxiety disorder treatment in cardiac disease patients at the University of Adelaide.

The first trial of its kind, the pilot project aims to conduct a randomised controlled trial and assess the hypothesis that a transdiagnostic psychotherapy intervention for depression and anxiety disorders will lead to a clinically meaningful improvement in measures of emotional distress and quality of life, an improvement in cardiovascular health behaviours, and a reduction in cardiovascular disease morbidity events.

The Menzies Allied Health Sciences start-up grant has been instrumental in allowing Dr Tully to lead a small research group to assess the efficacy of mental health interventions for severe and disabling anxiety disorders amongst cardiovascular disease patients.

#### **SYMPOSIA GRANTS**

**Up to \$10,000** is offered to provide an opportunity for Menzies Scholars to present their work at a major conference, workshop or symposium. In 2014 the grants enabled two symposia:

# A window into normal cognition: Insights from synaesthesia JULY, 2014

The Menzies Foundation supported a symposium on synaesthesia at the International Conference on Cognitive Neuroscience in Brisbane.

Synaesthesia is an unusual phenomenon in which people have a 'mixing' of the senses. In its most common form, people have immediate involuntary experiences of colour when they see, hear or think about letters, numbers or words. Other forms of synaesthesia include sound, odours, tastes, or touch eliciting colour experiences.



Autism Spectrum Disorder expert, Dr Josie Barbaro, works with a young child. Photo: La Trobe University.

Synaesthesia occurs in at least 0.5% of the population, but may be more common. The goal of the symposium was to bring together international experts to discuss current research and debate a new conceptualisation of the phenomenon.

This symposium was organised by **Assoc Professor Anina Rich**, 2004 NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow in Medicine, who was awarded a 2014 symposia grant of **\$5000**.

# Shaping Futures DECEMBER, 2014

The Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre at La Trobe University hosted a free public event, the Menzies Foundation Symposium 'Shaping Futures', on recent advances in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Close to 400 parents, carers, professionals and researchers attended the symposium to hear local and international experts speak on recent advances in research and practice on early detection, diagnosis, learning and early intervention for children with ASD.

This symposium was organised by **Dr Josephine Barbaro**, 2006 Menzies Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences, who was awarded a 2014 symposia grant of **\$5000**.

# Menzies Foundation Alumni

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### **Dariel De Sousa**

President, Menzies Memorial Scholars Association

The alumni of the Menzies Foundation – the Menzies Memorial Scholars
Association (MMSA) – took great strides in 2014 towards generating greater involvement, networking and mentoring among the alumni members.

More than 200 scholars have now benefitted from one of the Menzies scholarships and, within that group, we have an outstanding array of talent, skills and achievements.

The priority for the year was furthering the strategic plan to identify and start to implement some key initiatives, namely:

- the introduction of an MMSA Mentoring Framework
- the establishment of an MMSA website to enhance communication between scholars and other stakeholders
- development of the Menzies
   Foundation Legal Sector Alliance for Academic Excellence and Thought Leadership.



Dev Tayal, 2012 Menzies Engineering scholar, takes part in the ScholarSlam.

MMSA members will hear more about these initiatives in 2015 via *The Menzies Brief*, our regular online update.

The annual gathering of alumni in November broke with tradition and featured a 'ScholarSlam'. Scholars across the various disciplines explained the transformative impact the Menzies scholarship has had on their lives and careers. Dev Tayal (Engineering 2012), Nick Huntington (NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellowship 2006), Premala Thiagarajan (Law 2004) and Adrian McCallum (Engineering 2007) gave inspiring presentations and I would like to thank each of them for their contribution to the evening.

Earlier in the day Australia's former Prime Minister, The Hon John Howard OM AC, spoke about his recently launched book, *The Menzies Era*.

I would like to acknowledge the MMSA's outgoing Secretary, Adrian McCallum, for his energy, support and enthusiasm over the past 12 months and, particularly, for his leadership in relation to the MMSA Mentoring Framework, an initiative which will be critically important to the MMSA moving forward.

I would also like to thank Josie Barbaro who has been elected to the MMSA Secretary's role for 2015. I am grateful to Josie for agreeing to make this commitment and look forward to working with her.

#### LAW SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen were delighted to meet the inaugural recipient of the Sir Ninian Stephen Menzies Scholarship in International Law, Ms Christine Ernst, at a reception in May.

The reception to thank contributors to the scholarship was held at the Menzies Foundation in East Melbourne.

The scholarship recognises the strong connection between Sir Robert Menzies and Sir Ninian Stephen and Sir Ninian's role as Chairman of the Menzies Foundation from 1992 to 1998.

The Foundation welcomed members of the Stephen family, the legal profession, representatives from the Australian government, Menzies alumni, board and council members. The event included introductory remarks by Her Honour, Justice Susan Kenny, previous Associate to Sir Ninian and the **1985 Menzies Scholar in Law**.

#### THE ANNUAL DINNER FOR MENZIES UK SCHOLARS

The annual dinner for UK-based Menzies Scholars was held at the House of Lords in November 2014. This event is a highlight for the new Menzies scholars and alumni. The dinner was co-hosted by Mr Michael Whalley and Professor Carl Bridge. The special guest was the Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, The Hon Alexander Downer AC and Mrs Nicola Downer AM.



The Hon Alexander Downer AC with Menzies scholars David Bowly, Christine Ernst and Christopher Ash at the annual dinner for UK-based scholars.

### Menzies Foundation The Board



The Menzies Foundation Board: (From front, L-R) Dariel De Sousa, Sandra Mackenzie OAM, Dr Josie Barbaro, Tony Connon, Diana Menzies, Peter Jopling AM QC, Prof Simon Maddocks, Craig Thorburn, Brian Doyle AM, Terry Moran AC.

The Directors named comprise the Menzies Foundation Board of Directors as at 31 December 2014.

**BRIAN J DOYLE** AM, LLB (Tas), BCL (Oxford)

#### Chairman

Brian Doyle is a graduate in law of the University of Tasmania and the University of Oxford. He was a partner and later a consultant with the national legal firm Clayton Utz for 18 years.

Brian has had a long association with L'Arche, an organisation working with intellectually disabled people. He was Chairman of the Australian board and for eight years served on the international board. He is the Foundation's representative on the board of the Menzies Institute for Medical Research in Tasmania. Brian has been a Director of the Menzies Foundation since 1993, and is a Member of the Investment and Finance Committee.

# PROFESSOR SIMON MADDOCKS BAgSci (Hons), PhD, FAIAST, FAICD Deputy Chairman

Professor Simon Maddocks is the President and Vice-Chancellor of Charles Darwin University. He was formerly with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australian Research and Development Institute (2003-2014), and with the University of Adelaide (1990-2002). Simon was the 1987 recipient of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Medicine, and has an international

research reputation in agricultural and biomedical sciences.

Other appointments include the Menzies School of Health Research Board since 1995 (Chairman from 2004-2014) and The University of Adelaide Governing Council (2007-2014). Simon has been a Director of the Menzies Foundation since 1993.

# TONY CONNON BA (Oxon), FCA, FAICD Treasurer

Tony Connon is Strategic Adviser to the Group Managing Director at Australian Unity. Tony is a Chartered Accountant, a Non-Executive Director at Calliden Group Limited, Honorary Treasurer at Friendly Societies Australia Inc and a Board Member at the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.

Previously, Tony held senior finance and administrative roles with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Grindlays Bank, Elders Finance Group, and the Australian Wheat Board. Tony became a Director of the Menzies Foundation in 2014 and is the Chair of the Investment and Finance Committee.

**DIANA MENZIES** BA (Melb), Grad Dip (Couns Psych), MAPS

Diana Menzies is the granddaughter of Sir Robert Menzies. In her early career, Diana worked in the publishing industry with Thomas Nelson and William Collins. She is now a registered psychologist, and works with CP Consulting offering psychological services to individuals, couples, families and the corporate sector. Diana has a special interest in relationship therapy in addition to the treatment of anxiety, panic disorders, depression and eating disorders. Diana has been a Director of the Menzies Foundation since 2008.

**DARIEL DE SOUSA** BEng (Mech) (Hons 1), LLB (Hons 1), BCL (Oxford), MBA (Yale)

Dariel De Sousa is a consultant in the Public Law Group at Maddocks, specialising in regulation in a range of areas including energy, water, sustainability and climate change. Dariel was previously Director of Enforcement and Compliance at the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and a Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division of the World Trade Organisation in Geneva, Switzerland. Dariel was the 1993 recipient of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law and is the President of the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association Dariel has been a Director of the Menzies Foundation since 2012

# **SANDRA MACKENZIE** OAM, BA, BLitt (Hons)

Sandra Mackenzie has been associated with the Menzies Foundation since its inception in 1979 when she was employed as a member of the inaugural

secretariat. She retired as the Foundation's General Manager in 2012 and brings to the Board an intimate knowledge of the Foundation's history and ethos. Sandra has been a Director of the Menzies Foundation since 2013.

#### PETER JOPLING AM, QC, LLB (Melb)

Peter Jopling has an extensive commercial law practice in the State Supreme and Federal Courts and has practised in those jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth. Peter is a Governor of the Florey Neurosciences Institute, Director of the Legal Services Board, Chair of the List G Barristers Pty Ltd, Member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Ethical Leadership, University of Melbourne, Director of the Ian Potter Museum of Art and Chairman of the Legal Practice Committee of the Legal Services Board. Peter became a Director of the Menzies Foundation in 2014.

# **CRAIG THORBURN** BComm, Grad Dip Eco Pol

Craig Thorburn is the Director of Emerging Markets, Future Fund.
Previously, Craig was a Senior Strategist at the Future Fund and the Practice Leader at the Australian Office of Financial Management. Craig became a Director of the Menzies Foundation in 2014, and is a Member of the Investment and Finance Committee.

#### TERRY MORAN AC, BA (Hons)

Terry Moran had a varied public service career, working with successive Australian Federal and State governments in public policy and public sector management. Terry's early career as a CEO focussed on building Australia's education and technical skills capacity. In 2000 he was appointed Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet in Victoria and later Secretary of the Federal Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from 2008 to 2011. His current roles include Chair of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority in Sydney, and National President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Terry became a Director of the Menzies Foundation in 2014

# **DR JOSEPHINE BARBARO** BBSc (Hons 1), PhD (La Trobe)

Dr Josephine Barbaro is the Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre at La Trobe University. Josephine is an active member of the international autism research community. Josephine was the 2006 Menzies Foundation Scholar in the Allied Health Sciences and is the Secretary of the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association. Josie became a Director of the Menzies Foundation in 2014.

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- A Number of meetings held during the time the director held office or was a member of the committee during the year
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- \* Not a member of the relevant committee

### **Menzies Foundation Governance**

# PATRON as at 31 December 2014

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

# BOARD APPOINTMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

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

The members of the Board Appointments Subcommittee are:

- Ms Sandra Mackenzie OAM (Chair)
- Ms Diana Menzies
- Mr Peter Jopling AM QC
- · Ms Sarah Hardy, CEO

The Committee recommended to the Board that Mr Tony Connon, Mr Craig Thorburn and Mr Terry Moran, become Directors. Mr Peter Jopling was appointed as a Director prior to the formation of this Committee. This Committee also provides support to the CEO on other governance-related matters.

# COUNCIL MEMBERS as at 31 December 2014

Prof M I Bullock AM Mr N B Callinan Mr M H Codd AC Prof J P Coghlan AO The Hon Sir Daryl Dawson AC, KBE, CB Prof T Dwyer AO Ms B G Gibson The Hon Sir Guy Green AC, KBE, CVO Mr P G F Henderson AC Dr T H Hurley AO, OBE Mr R Illingworth Mr B Jamieson Mr C P H Kiefel OAM Prof S R Leeder AO Ms S K Mackenzie OAM Prof | D Mathews AM Ms E C Menzies A/Prof D A F Morgan OAM Prof K O'Dea AO Prof R O'Hehir Prof R Porter AC Mr A P Sheahan AM The Rt Hon Sir Ninian Stephen KG, AK, GCMG, GCVO KBE Mrs | Trethewey OAM Prof P L Waller AO Mr M Whalley

Mr R I White AO

# MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEES

#### **Allied Health Sciences Scholarship**

Prof Simon Crowe, Chair A/Prof Liisa Laakso Prof Meg Morris Ms Sarah Hardy

#### **Engineering scholarship**

Prof Graham Hutchinson, Chair Mr Peter Bowtell Ms Vanessa Tulenew Dr Andrew Whiting Ms Sarah Hardy

#### Law scholarships

Mr Brian Doyle AM, Chair Justice Susan Kenny Ms Dariel de Sousa Ms Vanessa Tulenew Ms Sarah Hardy

# Medicine scholarships (NHMRC/RG Menzies)

This scholarship recipient is selected by the NHMRC and approved by the Menzies Foundation.

#### **RG** Menzies Scholarships to Harvard

This scholarship panel includes representatives from the ANU, the Harvard Club of Australia and the Menzies Foundation.

# Fielding Menzies Tertiary scholarships

A/Prof Lucas Walsh Ms Louisa Ellum Ms Sarah Hardy

#### 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 many years.

Sarah holds a Bachelor of Science and post-graduate qualifications in Adult Education, Community Health and Mental Health Sciences. 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. She is currently studying a Master of Business.

Pam Shearman – Office Manager

Anne-Maree Arthur – Administrative Officer (until November 2014)

# Menzies Foundation Financials

# INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Menzies Foundation continued to perform strongly in the 2014 calendar year and reported a surplus of \$807,335 with an increase in net assets from \$24,600,819 in 2013 to \$25,408,154 at 31 December 2014.

The Board of Directors appointed two new members to this committee; Mr Tony Connon (Chair) and Mr Craig Thorburn. Mr Brian Doyle AM and Ms Sarah Hardy continued as committee members during 2014. These new appointments were due to the retirement of members during the year.

The committee continued to review the current investment markets at quarterly meetings during 2014 and manage the portfolio accordingly. All investment decisions are governed by an Investment Policy approved by the Board of Directors. The investment strategy is aligned with the Foundation's risk profile and future needs and will be reviewed in 2015 following the review of the Foundation's strategic plan.

The 2014 Income Statement and Balance Sheet have been extracted from the audited general purpose financial statements of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation Limited.

The full 2014 Financial Report and audited Financial Statements can be found at www.menziesfoundation.org.au or by contacting the Menzies Foundation.

#### **KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

Income Statement	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
Revenue from continuing operations	2,600,164	*4,654,625
Expenses from continuing operations		
Menzies Health Research Centres	(234,039)	(225,000)
Scholarships and Fellowships	(470,064)	(241,937)
Other memorial activities	(71,836)	(91,574)
Salaries and salary on-costs	(384,390)	(385,754)
Other expenses	(237,000)	(220,666)
Total expenses excluding gains/losses from financial assets	(1,397,329)	(1,164,931)
Operating surplus	1,202,835	3,489,694
Unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(259,411)	2,732,455
Realised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(136,089)	837,333
Total gains from financial assets	(395,500)	3,569,778
Surplus for the year	807,335	7,059,472
Total comprehensive profit for the year	807,335	7,059,472
Balance Sheet	2014	2013
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,135,602	1,171,848
Trade and other receivables	244,533	104,986
Investments	23,080,414	23,399,391
Total current assets	25,460,549	24,676,225
Total assets	25,460,549	24,676,225
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	33,728	47,482
Provisions	10,582	17,022
Total current liabilities	44,310	64,504
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	8,085	10,902
Total non-current liabilities	8,085	10,902
Total liabilities	52,395	75,406
Net assets	25,408,154	24,600,819
Accumulated funds	25,408,154	24,600,819

<sup>\*</sup> The 2013 figure includes both a grant from the Australian government and the takeover of responsibility of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust in the United Kingdom.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

#### KING&WOD MALLESONS

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 new scholarships in 2014 and future years.



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

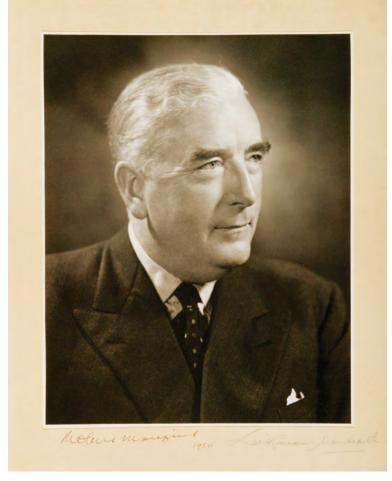


We continue to enjoy an ongoing relationship with our alumni association which has worked tirelessly during the year to provide ongoing opportunities for all members.

#### **Private donors**

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

# The Menzies story



It potentially serves as great inspiration to any ambitious young student, that Australia's longest serving prime minister started life in a room at the back of his father's general store in a small town in regional Victoria.

Sir Robert Gordon Menzies came from humble beginnings, born in 1894 in the town of Jeparit, 400km north-west of Melbourne.

Having started school in Jeparit, Sir Robert's education came through the benefit of scholarships from Grenville College in Ballarat, Wesley College in Melbourne, and then to the University of Melbourne, where he studied law. In his later years, he was Chancellor of the University of Melbourne for three consecutive terms.

How different might Australia's history have been if scholarships had not been available to this iconic, strong and confident Australian leader, who twice served as prime minister; the second time for 16 years.

Sir Robert Gordon Menzies 1894-1978

"My parents had a passionate faith in the procuring of an education for their children... So, by stages, we went off to school in Ballarat, where I won the scholarship necessary to take me to secondary school, and then to open the door to the University."

Sir Robert Menzies, Afternoon Light, 1967, p.10.

#### **Transformative power of education**

It was his early start in life and education, coupled with his extensive experience in public life, which underpins the philosophy of the Menzies Foundation's work. Sir Robert was a strong believer in the transformative power of educational opportunity.

Through a long life in the service of the Australian people – initially as a Victorian politician before his election to the federal seat of Kooyong – Sir Robert developed wide-ranging passions and interests with a common theme of excellence in all activities.

The Menzies Foundation was established in 1979 through a public fundraising appeal in memory of Sir Robert Menzies, following his death in 1978.

From the outset, the Foundation had the intent of providing Australian men and women an opportunity, whether in Australia or abroad, for academic or practical training in serious and nationally significant pursuits for the purpose of increasing their contribution to the Australian community throughout their career.

Today this takes the form of eight scholarships and fellowships awarded with the support of the Menzies Foundation, including scholarships for students from where the young Menzies made his start in Jeparit.

The other clearly stated aims of the newly-formed Foundation were to establish and fund medical health research. 2015 will see the opening of the fourth national health and medical research institute to carry the Menzies name.

And of course Sir Robert's passion for sport and cricket was not forgotten, through the Foundation's ongoing involvement with the Prime Minister's XI.

#### **Supporting future leaders**

In all of these endeavours, the Menzies Foundation supports future leaders. We look for students who will represent the Menzies ethos of being the best you can be, no matter where you start; taking risks, inspiring others and being willing to work hard.

As a catalyst for achievement, today the Menzies Foundation's vision is to identify and promote the next generation of Australian leaders, invest in world class health research and advance initiatives of national importance.

The Menzies Foundation is a national, non-political, non-profit organisation which has awarded more than 200 scholarships over 35 years to bright and inspiring young Australians.



The young Robert Menzies in an early school photo.

Along with our partners, we are determined our support of young Australians will grow – increasing the numbers who will take advantage of Menzies scholarships to study, learn and give back to the Australian community.

To read more about the life and times of Sir Robert Menzies and how Australia changed during his lifetime, visit the Menzies Virtual Museum:

www.menziesvirtualmuseum.org.au



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To make a tax deductible donation to help the Menzies Foundation invest in the next generation of leaders visit:

www.menziesfoundation.org.au/donate or turn over for more donation options.

'The most exciting thing for me was to see just how much creativity is needed to solve a really difficult scientific question – thinking of ways to combine the current knowledge and what tools are, or could be, available to solve the problem... It was then during my PhD I really came to see the power that medical research has to profoundly help people's lives.'

**David Riglar** 2014 NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellow

### The Menzies Foundation

– 35 years as a catalyst for achievement

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I would like to make a contribution to the work of the Menzies Foundation.

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You can also make an online donation.

Visit: www.menziesfoundation.org.au/donate

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION

Please forward information on how to make a bequest to the Menzies Foundation in my will.

To enquire, please call 03 9419 5699 or email menzies@menziesfoundation.org.au