In 2011 the University had another year of strong support from donors and corporate supporters with $1.3 million raised.

This outcome was the second highest revenue result recorded since the University’s establishment, excluding the one-off years in which the University received large funding injections for the Chair in Child Protection (2009) and the Hawke Building Fund (2006). The University had philanthropic funds under management of $9.6 million at 31 December 2011, representing a 2.9 per cent increase on the 2010 end position. Since commencement of Foundation activities in 1992, payments of $9.7 million have been made to support students, research activities and resources. In 2011 alone, just under $1 million was distributed directly to the various scholarships and causes supported by donors.

These strong results have been achieved against a backdrop of global economic volatility. Investment markets experienced a significant downturn of around 15 per cent in 2011 and it is revealing to consider that the All Ordinaries index has fallen from a high of approximately 6850 in late 2007 to the low 3000s in March 2009, rebounding to around the 4100 level at year end. Throughout this period of decline and uncertainty, the Foundation Committee’s conservative investment strategy has been maintained.
Financial highlights

I would like to highlight a number of factors that contributed to the success recorded in 2011.

• A donation of $200,000 for the International Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding was received from the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. The donation was kindly coordinated by the former Prime Minister of Australia Bob Hawke.

• Bellberry Limited, a national private not-for-profit organisation that provides streamlined scientific and ethical review of human research projects across Australia, donated $100,000 to support a medical research scholarship.

• In 2011, SA Water donated $100,000 to fund 11 SA Water scholarships benefiting 24 students.

• Donations totalling almost $61,000 from 169 donors were received for the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship, bringing the amount raised since 2004 to just under $300,000.

I am delighted that 16 new scholarships were awarded in 2012 and wish our scholarship, grant and prize recipients all the very best in their future studies and careers as we work together to support a brighter future for us all.

The Foundation Committee of Council, as a subcommittee of the University Council, manages and administers philanthropic funds received from donors, providing oversight of donated funds and ensuring contributions are appropriately recognised and managed.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all individual and corporate supporters of UniSA. Despite economic uncertainty our donors choose to show long-term vision by investing in the next generation of professionals, researchers and leaders; and by supporting solutions to the challenges we face.

Bruce Linn
Chair: University of South Australia Foundation Committee