Rural Reconnect continues to gain momentum

The inaugural John and Johan Høj Rural Reconnect Scholarships, part of the Rural Reconnect project, have been awarded to four rural students commencing studies at UniSA in 2010.

A year has passed since we first announced the RURAL RECONNECT project – a pilot project designed to encourage greater participation, retention and achievement of rural and remote students in higher education. In that short time the project has gone from an idea on paper to a reality.

Through a strategic Five Step approach, Rural Reconnect is addressing the most significant obstacles to participation at university. Let’s see how we’re doing so far…

Step 1: Managing Aspirations & Possibilities
Two three-day Rural Reconnect Orientation Programs have given year 10 and 11 students from targeted rural schools the opportunity to experience our metropolitan campuses and meet existing Uni students from rural areas. A total of 70 students, 10 teachers and 5 parents took part in the program in 2009 and a similar number of participants are expected to attend the two programs scheduled for this year.

Step 2: Managing Deferrals & ‘The Gap’ Year
An ezine was sent to over 500 rural and remote students who opted to defer their studies in 2010, inviting them to join CareerShop, UniSA’s award winning online career portal. A large proportion of these students are now actively engaged with the University via this site. A strategic communication plan for Gap Year students has also been developed.

Step 3: Managing Relocation – Financial Costs
The John and Johan Høj Rural Reconnect Scholarships have been established via a generous personal gift from Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Høj. Scholarships valued at $6,000 have been awarded to four students this year, to assist with the costs of moving to the city to study with UniSA, from Wirrabarra, Port Pirie, Poochera and Barmera.

“I know that my father and grandfather, who lived in rural Denmark, felt they were unable to express their full potential due to a lack of higher education. They made sure that my life turned out very differently. I wanted to honour them with these scholarships, to help other isolated individuals and communities enjoy the many benefits that a higher education brings.”

– Professor Peter Høj

Step 4: Managing Relocation – Social Costs
Four Rural Reconnect Mentoring Program Coordinators have been identified, and programs have begun in each Academic Division. Trained student mentors have been matched with new students in their Division and a number of events and meetings have been planned throughout the year.

Step 5: Managing Giving Back to the Community
Five Service Learning ‘Placement’ Grants valued at $1,000 have been established and will be awarded for the first time later this year. The grants assist students with the costs of carrying out their professional placement in a rural community. Integral to the Rural Reconnect pilot project is the longitudinal research study seeking evidence on the impact of the Five Steps. To date, the results are promising! Rural Reconnect is beginning to make a REAL difference to the lives of many young people from rural South Australia.

For more information about Rural Reconnect, contact Yvonne Clark, 8302 0972 or yvonne.clark@unisa.edu.au
Building a sustainable urban environment

We are all acutely aware of the growing problem of climate change. But have we ever thought about this problem in relation to our cities? More than half of the world’s human population live in cities – from the very small, and spread out like Adelaide (1.5m people over 1800km sq), to the terrifyingly large and densely populated, like Mumbai (13.8m people over just 600km sq!). As the world population continues to rise, urbanisation will only increase. In a world of limited resources, the growth of cities provides yet another layer of complexity to the way we interact with the environment.

Prolific scientist, author and award winning science communicator, Professor Chris Daniels, hasn’t just been thinking about this problem, he has been researching the issue for years. Chris is the Director of UniSA’s Barbara Hardy Centre for Sustainable Urban Environments. Established in March 2009, the Centre will contribute to a framework of knowledge about how cities function as environmental entities and how we can build and manage sustainable cities in a changing world. Within this context it will specifically consider the conservation of biodiversity and the maintenance of the natural processes that sustain life.

Professor Daniels has been recruiting ordinary citizens on the street as part of his team of scientists. Citizen Science is a research methodology where researchers work with members of the community to collect data and submit their findings. Indeed, Professor Daniels has become somewhat of a local celebrity through the Centre’s Citizen Science programs to date – ‘Operation Possum’, ‘Operation Bluetongue’ and ‘Bring Us Your Bugs’.

“It is important for the progress of any community that its citizens engage in the debate about future plans. To do this, the community needs to have an adequate knowledge and also understand the strengths and limitations of the data that support the decision making process. The best way to do this is to encourage the general public to be a part of the data collection. This is the primary function of Citizen Science research. Large amounts of information can be collected, whilst simultaneously informing and educating the community about important issues and the scientific process.”

– Professor Daniels

The Centre also has a strong team of young scientists researching the problems of sustainability and conservation in an urban environment. A new research scholarship, the Barbara Hardy Honours Scholarship, valued at $1,000, has become available to Honours students within the Bachelor of Sustainable Environments Program. Donor and UniSA staff member, David Cox, says the scholarship is designed to help students cover research costs and preference is given to applicants identified as equity students as recognised by the University.

“I wanted to support the work of the Barbara Hardy Centre because it is so important to preserve as much of the natural environment as we can, and I really admire the work that Chris and others have been doing in engaging the public in this debate. I also wanted to support people at the beginning of their research careers – they are the people who will ultimately provide us with the knowledge that will help us create a sustainable society. This scholarship is particularly targeted at excellent students who might be experiencing financial hardship.”

– David Cox

The inaugural recipient of the Barbara Hardy Honours Scholarship is Georgina Clarke, the topic for her thesis is Biological filtration systems for urban stormwater management: The influence of wetting and drying regimes.

The Barbara Hardy Honours Scholarship is named after the Centre’s patron, Barbara Hardy AO. Barbara has been working in the environment field in a voluntary capacity since the Centre’s Citizen Science programs to date – ‘Operation Possum’, ‘Operation Bluetongue’ and ‘Bring Us Your Bugs’.

The book is available through the Barbara Hardy Centre at a cost of $150. To purchase your copy of this book please visit the website: www.unisa.edu.au/barbarahardy/books/
UniSA students benefit from the Fred P Archer Charitable Trust

We are very pleased to report the Development Office’s success in obtaining $60,000 in grants from the Fred P Archer Charitable Trust. The funding received in late 2009 will provide UniSA students with support in two vital areas: Disability Grants and Education Rural Placement Grants.

In 2010 and 2011 UniSA students with a disability will be able to apply for 30 grants valued at $1,000 each. Recipients will be eligible to purchase specialised study equipment for use at home to support their tertiary studies.

The Disability Equipment Grant Scheme supports UniSA’s mission of achieving equitable access to a university education by directly improving the financial capability of students with a disability to meet specialised home study setup costs. These grants reduce study adoption barriers, improve career options, and improve quality of life and level of community support for this group. The grants also complement the specialised on-campus support for students with disabilities that UniSA provides on all five city and rural campuses.

UniSA has offered Disability Equipment Grants for the past two years after raising money in the 2007 fundraising appeal, but those funds were exhausted during 2009, leaving many deserving and eligible applicants without assistance. The need for these grants is ongoing as each year, new students with disabilities commence higher education programs.

In 2009, Mikaila Crotty was one of the fortunate students to be awarded a Disability Equipment Grant. Having suffered severe Rheumatoid Arthritis since early childhood, Mikaila says that purchasing a laptop has allowed her flexibility to study when and where required. The added benefit of being able to purchase a lightweight laptop has also meant she can carry it into Uni without adding an additional bulky laptop bag and without depleting her physical strength.

UniSA has the highest number of registered students with a disability compared to other Australian universities, with over 625 starting study in 2010 and over 2,000 enrolled over all year levels. As an Australian leader in providing quality higher education for people with disabilities, we are thrilled to have secured a new funding source which will make provisions to thirty students over the next two years. There is always room to do more and we are always grateful for any more funding to assist these students in realising their potential.

The Fred P Archer Charitable Trust’s generosity will also benefit students from the School of Education. Help is now available for students who would like to undertake a rural professional experience placement, but under normal circumstances could not afford it. Travel, accommodation and living expenses, when combined with a loss of income, make the option of a professional experience placement in a rural or remote setting beyond the means of many students. This funding provides thirty grants of $1,000 each for students completing their first placement in a country school in 2010. Preference is given to financially disadvantaged students.

The problem these grants seek to address relates to the inadequate staffing of country schools due to problems of attracting and retaining suitably qualified teachers in rural and remote locations. The poor supply of specialist teachers in country schools is a key barrier for rural secondary students to gain an adequate secondary school education and develop aspirations for tertiary study. Research indicates that an effective strategy of improving educational outcomes is to increase the quality and size of the pool of available teachers.

These grants will enable more first year Education students to experience living and teaching in a regional community and help to breakdown any fear of the unknown. We are delighted that with the funding from the Fred P Archer Charitable Trust, UniSA is able to offer these rural experience grants as a practical mechanism for raising aspirations among pre-service teachers and promote the appeal of working in country schools after graduation. We know the students will be thrilled to have this opportunity opened up for them.

For more information about the Disability or Rural Placement Grants, or to make a gift, visit www.unisa.edu.au/giving/fundingpriorities/

Supporting Rural Students

After a lifetime of working in education and living in regional areas, Jean and Tom Pearce recognised the need to provide opportunities for country students to obtain tertiary qualifications and established a number of scholarships and grants at UniSA to do just that.

Each year the Pearce Family Transition Grants, valued at $1,500, help financially disadvantaged rural students make the move from secondary school to university. The grants have assisted ten UniSA students to date and five more will be awarded in 2011.

In 2004 Jean also established the Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship in memory of her brother, a farmer from Kadina, who valued the prospect of higher education. The scholarship, valued at up to $25,000 per year for the length of the recipient’s program (up to 5 years), covers fees and provides a fortnightly stipend to be used for accommodation, living and other expenses relating to the program of study. Thanks to Jean’s generosity provisions have been made to continue this scholarship well into the future.

As well as providing access to education for young rural students, Jean felt the wider community could benefit from targeted research in the field of environmental science, and in 2009 funded the Jean Pearce Environmental Scholarship which was awarded to a PhD student, Chris Raymond. Chris is undertaking research focusing on relationships among rural landholder values, place attachments and conservation behaviour in two areas of South Australia – the Eyre Peninsula and the SA Murray-Darling Basin.

Sadly, Jean passed away in November 2009. We will all miss her greatly as a supporter of UniSA and as a friend. Her passion for championing education continues through Tom and their family, and through the legacy of the Pearce Family scholarships and grants. To read more about Jean please visit www.unisa.edu.au/giving/giftatwork

Tom and Jean Pearce, taken in 2009 at a morning tea for scholarship recipients
Donors reflect UniSA's values

With a number of scholarships, grants and prizes being offered for the first time in 2010, our donors continue to share our vision “to be a leading contributor to Australia having the best higher education system in the world”. Each award is established with input from the donor, reflecting that they too support UniSA’s values of Scholarship, Engagement, Social Justice, Sustainability, Innovation and Openness.

Scholarship - UniSA values world-class scholarship through open intellectual enquiry characterized by high standards of ethics and integrity…
- Barbara Hardy Honours Scholarship
- Codan High Achiever Engineering Prize
- FutureNet High Achiever Prize
- Lockheed Martin High Achiever Engineering Prize
- Margaret E Pank Honours Scholarship

Engagement – UniSA’s teaching and research values connect strongly with the issues of our local, national and international stakeholders…
- John and Johan Haj Rural Reconnect Scholarships
- Professional Rural Experience Grants for Graduate Pre-Service Teachers

Social Justice - Reconciliation with Indigenous Australians and building social cohesion through equitable educational access is a priority at UniSA…
- Australian Executor Trustees Law Founder Grant
- Codan Engineering Transition Grant
- Consult Australia Transition Grant
- David Pank Northern Areas Laptop Grant
- Gavin Wanganeeen Indigenous Scholarship (sponsored by the Department for Environment and Heritage)
- Joshua McDowell First and Second Year Law Grants
- Lockheed Martin Engineering Transition Grant
- Paul Anderson Law Grant
- The Schulz Prize for Law Society and Justice

Sustainability – UniSA community partnerships contribute to environmentally, economically, socially and culturally sustainable development…
- Sheila Bailey Midwifery Prize
- St Andrews Hospital Nursing Study Assistance Grants
- Zero Waste SA Pam Keating Memorial Scholarship for Honours Students

Innovation – UniSA anticipates change and acts quickly to seize opportunities and solve problems…
- Ian Gould Experimental Science Honours Scholarship
- Kevin Benger Community CPS Scholarship
- SA Water Ada Scholarship in Information and Communications Technology

Openness – UniSA is outward looking, welcoming diversity and the wide range of perspectives it brings, international in outlook, collaborative, creative, agile and enterprising…
- UniSA welcomes new partnerships. If you would like to talk about how to set up a scholarship or find out how your organisation can collaborate with us please call our office on 08302 7634.

We are thrilled to acknowledge other ongoing awards in 2010 which touch the lives of our students.

Aborigines Advancement League Grants
Ahrens Grant
AMP Financial Planning Grant
Andrew Knox Memorial Scholarship
Art, Architecture and Design Higher Degree
Research National and International Travel Awards
Cowan 50th Anniversary Engineering Scholarship
Cowan Ability Grants
Cowan International Placement Grant for Hawke Ambassador
Cowan Regional Grants
Cowan Young Endeavour Practicum Grants
Desmond Tan Grant in Architectural History
Disability Equipment Grants
Don Hawke Memorial Scholarship
Eastwoods Group Accounting Grant
Eastwoods Group Wealth Management Grant
Gavin Wanganeeen Indigenous Scholarship
Gladys Elphick Memorial Scholarship
Irene and David Davy Indigenous Scholarship
ISS Facility Services International Experience Grant
Lewis Barrett Prize
Lydia Longmore Memorial Award
Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship
Mutual Community Nursing Experiential Learning Grants
Mutual Community Nursing Scholarship
Nursing Agency of South Australia Experiential Learning Grants
P W Stephens Engineering Prize
13 Pank Family Scholarships, Grants & Prizes
Rider Levett Bucknall Grants
SA Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure Scholarship in Civil Engineering
11 SA Water Scholarships
Sansom Pharmacy Fund Travel Award
Schulz Communication Prize
Schulz Veterans’ MATES Travel Grant
Sheila Bailey Early Childhood Education Prize
St Andrew’s Hospital Nursing Experiential Learning Grants
The Arthur J Smith Prize
The Ian Daviey Research Thesis Prize
The Jane Harper Honours Research Prize
The Pearce Family Transition Grants
The Smith Family Learning for Life Transition Grants
Tony Winefield PhD Thesis Prize in Psychology
Unibooks Scholarship for Honours Students
University of South Australia Transition Grants
Whyalla City Council Engineering Scholarship
The Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship recipients are achieving success in their own fields.

At UniSA we believe it is important for more Indigenous Australians to gain a University degree. We established the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship, the first of its kind in Australia, to help financially and educationally disadvantaged Indigenous Australians do just that. But we need your help to ensure the scholarship continues into the future; to ensure it keeps changing the lives of inspiring individuals and, in turn, their communities.

Scholarship recipient update...

Patricia Waria-Read
(Scholarship Recipient 2006; Graduated 2009)
Following her graduation from a Bachelor of Education (Adult, Vocational and Workplace Learning), Patricia Waria-Read saw an opportunity to help her community very directly that she couldn’t pass up. Patricia, now a grandmother in her 50s, is working as a Case Planner for the Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Service (APOSS).

“I go where my people need me. I wanted this job because I knew it was where, as an elder, I could help my people the most.”

Nathan Agius
(Scholarship Recipient 2008; Graduated 2010)
Following his graduation from a Bachelor of Arts (Australian Studies)/Bachelor of Education (Middle and Secondary), Nathan Agius has gained a position at the John Pirie Secondary School in Port Pirie. He is the Aboriginal Education Teacher, where he is responsible for ensuring that Aboriginal perspectives are included in the curriculum.

“I’m very passionate about what I do. Obviously it is early days for me but I’m just loving it. I like to think I’ve effected some change on a couple of fronts already but at this point I’m still developing rapport, earning respect and proving that I’m here for the long haul. That takes time.”

Supporting the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship

Dr Christobel Mattingley AM, author of Survival in Our Own Land: ‘Aboriginal’ Experiences in ‘South Australia’ since 1836, has been donating the proceeds of the sales of the hard back of this exceptional book to the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship since 2008. We would like to thank Christobel for her wonderful generosity in supporting this important scholarship. Watch out for Christobel’s two new publications, Maralinga - the Anangu Story, and For the Love of Nature: E.E Gostelow’s Birds & Flowers.

More good news for future scholarships

The Department for Environment & Heritage has provided a boost to the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship by providing an additional scholarship to final year Indigenous students. The Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship (sponsored by the Department for Environment and Heritage) was offered for the first time in 2010.

We appreciate the ongoing support and the generous donations received from all our donors for the Gavin Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship.

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UniSA's donor events

Engaging with donors, friends of UniSA, academics, students and scholarship recipients is always a highlight for the Development Office. We have the privilege of meeting some of the most inspiring and delightful people! In 2010 the program of events is shaping up to be an enjoyable year for making a difference.

Chancellor’s Club

Throughout the year we invite Chancellor’s Club members to share in the achievements of the University, and the success of our students. Exclusive membership of the Chancellor’s Club is open to bequestors and major donors. Chancellor’s Club members helped celebrate UniSA’s ten year relationship with the Tour Down Under, by attending a private tour behind the scenes of this international event. UniSA Supporters Captain and professional rider, Pat Jonkers, lead a small group inside the team village to meet some of the riders and crew, and to look at the light weight equipment now used in racing. The group also viewed the exhibits in the Adelaide City Council TDU Village and met with journalists at the Hilton Hotel media hub.

For the first time UniSA became a major partner of the Adelaide Festival 2010 Visual Arts Program, including Artists’ Week. As well as strengthening UniSA’s contribution to art in South Australia, this partnership enabled UniSA senior management to host friends of the university, including Chancellor’s Club members, at a variety of shows offered throughout the month long festival.

Chancellor’s Circle

Activities such as the Chancellor’s Circle tours and Successful Ageing seminars allow the University to showcase new facilities, provide information updates and give our patrons the opportunity of becoming more involved in the UniSA community.

Starting the 2010 Chancellor’s Circle program, regular attendees of the Successful Ageing Seminars were invited to a special workshop on Digital Media and Social Networking, where an overview of modern methods of communication such as the use of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube were discussed.

The Chancellor’s Circle will visit the UniSA Magill Campus for a tour of the new media centre, and later in the year will visit the Samstag Museum for a private viewing of the exhibition “Abstract Nature”.

In 2010 the biennial Duguid Memorial Lecture will be hosted by the Aboriginals Advancement League to honour the lives of Dr Charles Duguid OBE and Mrs Phyllis Duguid OAM. The lecture rotates between UniSA and Flinders University every two years, with Flinders hosting the lecture this year. Professor Michael Dodson AM is the invited guest speaker. Keep the evening of 20 August free to hear this lecture.

For more information on the Chancellor’s Club, Chancellor’s Circle and the UniSA bequest program, please visit www.unisa.edu.au/giving/bequest or phone Libbi Langford on +61 8 8302 0964.

Successful Ageing Seminars

This year there are three seminars planned for the Successful Ageing in Australia series. These will be held in July, September and December and will cover the following topics:

Retirement – Active Planning: Financial and Physical Wellbeing: Thinking about retiring, or already retired? What are the implications of living on super or a pension? What are the benefits of keeping both mind and body active? Investment specialists Con Michalakis and Chris Williams from Statewide Super will provide insights into the current investment markets and tips on making the most of your finances. UniSA academics from the Centre for Tourism and Leisure Management, Dr Gary Crilley and Dr Emily Moskwa will share their research into the benefits that volunteering holds for seniors. Proudly sponsored by:

Health Issues – State of Ageing in SA: At the last seminar for 2010 senior managers from the Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre at UniSA will be looking into the role of the community in supporting an ageing population. How do we support people living with dementia, and are there ‘red flags’ to look out for? Can changes to living environment, diet and activity improve wellbeing and reduce the effects of health problems? Research into all of these areas is currently being conducted and information will be shared at this seminar by healthcare professionals.

To register for any of the 2010 seminars, please visit www.unisa.edu.au/giving/news/successfulageing

Opening of the 2010 Adelaide International: Apart, we are together exhibition presented at the UniSA’s Samstag Museum in partnership with the Adelaide Festival, February 2010.

Pat Jonkers demonstrates pedal power at the Adelaide City Council Tour Village in January 2010.
Planed Giving: a weighty decision

Deciding to leave a bequest can be a weighty decision.

Consideation of family needs is an essential element of estate planning. However, if your children are now well established and comfortable, perhaps the thought of creating a lasting memory appeals to you and your family.

Talking with friends of UniSA, many indicate that they view their Will as a planned giving tool which ensures their lifetime passions are continued through the addition of a bequest to UniSA. By leaving UniSA a portion of their estate, or a specified sum of money, these donors have confidence that their wishes will be carried out as planned. It may be to use the funds to establish a scholarship in their name, or that their funds will be directed to an area they believe needs attention.

Alice McCleary is one such donor. Through her involvement with UniSA as a past Council Member, Foundation Committee Member and previous Deputy Chancellor, Alice has acted upon her desire to see more research into family relationship education to ensure safer and happier family environments for children by leaving UniSA a bequest to establish a PhD research project in this area. After lengthy discussions with Professor Dorothy Scott (Director: Centre for Child Protection at UniSA), Alice decided to include in her Will a set amount, ensuring it is sufficient to establish a viable PhD study with the aim of creating practical family education tools as the outcome.

“I’ve always felt that all children have the right, simply by being born, to feel safe at home. That so many children both in Australia and the world don’t enjoy this most basic right is a tragedy.”

“… I would be happy for my bequest to be used on any project which made kids feel more safe and secure in their home environment, … so that more kids are “lucky” in the same way my own children are lucky.”

- Alice McCleary, Bequestor

The research, Alice hopes, will be a way of reaching out to both lonely mothers and inexperienced men entering into new relationships, so they have some tools and skills to cope with their new circumstances.

When asked if she had a family history of planned giving, Alice responded that it was a new concept for her family, but she had enjoyed thinking about the details and now takes pleasure in the knowledge that she has planned something helpful for the community.

Alice also noted that she had always admired the attitude of Dame Elisabeth Murdoch - being benevolent because it is “such fun”. Alice agrees that apart from overcoming the initial mental barrier of preparing a Will, she did indeed have a lot of fun planning out her bequest and hopes that this approach can be shared.

Adding a bequest to your Will may be as simple as adding a codicil. Your solicitor is the best person to advise you on specifics; however the UniSA Development Office is able to provide suggested wording and clauses.

For more information on including UniSA in your Will please visit our website www.unisa.edu.au/giving/bequest/ or call Libbi Langford for a confidential conversation on +61 8 8302 0964.
The context we have been operating in during 2008 and 2009 has been volatile with sharp declines in investment markets in 2008 followed by a rapid rebound in the first half of 2009. I am pleased to report that with some stability returning to the capital markets and the Australian economy showing signs of growth, funds under management by the Foundation have been steady and support for UniSA has been strong. In 2009, the Foundation received donations, bequests and fundraising proceeds of over $1 million, and $2 million was also received after the University entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Innovation Industry, Science and Research to establish an endowed Chair in Child Protection. This increased the total funds under management by the Foundation in 2009 to $9,216,764.

It is especially gratifying to see an increase in scholarships, grants and prizes available for students. In 2009, there were 86 Foundation managed scholarships, grants or prizes awarded. These included the $105,000 William T Southcott Scholarship for PhD research in the field of manufacturing engineering or related discipline and the $90,000 Jean Pearce Environmental Scholarship for PhD research in the area of environmental science. I would like to thank all of our generous donors who made significant contributions to UniSA once again during 2009.

I would like to acknowledge our Investment Advisor, Dean Brice, Director, Personal Portfolio Management, and our legal advisor Paul Ingram, Partner, Minter Ellison, for their ongoing advice and support of the UniSA Foundation Committee.

The role of the UniSA Foundation Committee is to assist Council in exercising due care, diligence and skill in managing and administrating philanthropic funds received from donors. These funds are managed and accounted for by the Foundation Committee separately from the University’s other resources. I would like to thank the Committee and gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Alice McCleary who stepped down in December after many years of dedicated service. We also bid Dr Anna Ciccarelli farewell as she takes up a position with the University of Queensland. Joining the Committee in 2010 will be Paula Nagel. Paula holds the position of International Education Adviser to the University City Project in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, where she provides expertise in the area of Education, Arts and Social Sciences.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the unwavering individual and corporate supporters of UniSA. Their commitment ensures that UniSA can continue educating professionals and providing equitable access to education. It is through the generosity of our donors that we are able to provide the opportunities for students to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Bruce Linn
Chair: UniSA Foundation Committee
2009 Strong Support

UniSA would like to thank its supporters for their donations during 2009. Your generosity truly helped make ‘the difference’, as the Foundation was able to distribute over $500,387 in funds to students in 2009. Three examples of outstanding support include:

The Pank Family
The Pank Family supports a diverse range of scholarships, grants and prizes which is a testament to their family values. The generosity of the Pank family has enabled UniSA to offer 30 students with assistance in 2009 through the following schemes:
- David Pank Education Scholarship
- David Pank Northern Areas Education Placement Grant
- David Pank Northern Areas High Achiever Encouragement Prize
- David Pank Northern Areas High Achiever Scholarship
- David Pank UniSA – PAL Encouragement Prize
- David Pank UniSA – PAL Scholarship
- Margaret E Pank Nursing and Midwifery Study Assistance Scholarship
- Margaret E Pank Nursing Scholarship
- Margaret E Pank Nursing 3rd Year Experiential Learning Grant
- Pank Prize for Entrepreneurial Activity

SA Water
SA Water’s portfolio of scholarships continues to grow. In 2009 the organisation offered a total of ten scholarships and provided much needed support to 20 student recipients.
- SA Water Honours Scholarship in Natural and Built Environments
- SA Water Hydraulics Scholarship
- SA Water Undergraduate First Year Scholarship in Civil Engineering
- SA Water Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship
- SA Water Undergraduate Scholarship in Business
- SA Water Undergraduate Scholarship in Civil Engineering
- SA Water Undergraduate Scholarship in Civil Engineering and Placement
- SA Water Undergraduate Scholarship in Civil Engineering and Placement For Women
- SA Water Undergraduate Scholarships in Natural and Built Environments
- SA Water Undergraduate Scholarships in Natural and Built Environments for Women

Workplace Giving
It is a true testament to UniSA students when staff are willing to invest their own money in support of the students they serve. Workplace giving was introduced at UniSA for staff to support external charities and the UniSA Foundation.

Workplace giving is a very easy way to donate on a regular basis, a little each pay soon adds up and the tax benefit is immediate. For example, a fortnightly $12 pre-tax gift will deliver an annual total of $312 to the selected charity, but only cost the staff member in the 31.5% tax bracket $8.22 per fortnight or $214 annually, or $7.02 per fortnight and $183 annually if in the 41.5% tax bracket1.

We are very proud that there are inspiring employees who do give through workplace giving and we encourage more staff to do so!

1 All tax examples are provided as a guide only. For full independent advice, please contact your financial advisor.
As many of you know, I’m very passionate about Science, especially the ‘hands on’ collection and analysis of one’s own experimental data. Becoming Chancellor for UniSA has given me the opportunity to inspire the next generation and share my passion with students working towards greater sustainability for our society.

Like many of my colleagues at UniSA, I believe that the provision of scholarships and prizes to students gives the extra encouragement sometimes needed to push learning and research into excellence. I admire the number of staff at UniSA who have put their private funds behind this concept and, as individuals and families, now give our students opportunities to excel.

At the recent UniSA Foundation Annual Update event I welcomed the occasion to officially induct Emeritus Professor Ian Davey into the Chancellor’s Club. As well as being a major contributor in the success of improving the national position for UniSA in Research and Innovation, Ian has been providing a substantial prize to recognise the achievements of PhD students each year since 2007. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr Georg Grossmann, the 2009 recipient of the Ian Davey Research Thesis Prize, when he graduated last year and the meeting reconfirmed my belief that, given the opportunity and support, there are many students on the edge of discovery. The Ian Davey Research Prize was welcome recognition of the practical value of the thesis work which Dr Grossmann completed on how the integration of information systems impacts the community. The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), an environmental industry partner, is already applying some of Dr Grossmann’s research outcomes.

Among the many families that contribute to scholarships, grants and prizes, the Schulz family strikes a chord with our core value of promoting and sustaining open intellectual enquiry which results in direct application for the wider community and which is characterised by high standards of ethics and integrity. Roy and Dr Pamela Schulz are both proud graduates of UniSA. Pamela is also a lecturer in communications and a UniSA Doctoral graduate. As well as recognising academic achievement through the Schulz Communication Prize since 2007, the family established a Schulz Veterans’ MATES Travel Scholarship in 2008 with the aim of supporting postgraduate research into ways of improving the health and quality of life for Australian veterans. Pamela and Roy also recently established The Schulz Prize for Law, Society and Justice to stimulate the discussion and role of the judicial system in today’s society, and this prize will be awarded for the first time this year. As a family they champion equality in education and share the belief that relevant learning and research impacts and directs positive changes in our communities. Pamela and Roy’s policy of “giving back to the community” is evident through their generosity in supporting UniSA students, and is highly valued by us all.

Inspired by other donors, such as those mentioned above, I have established The Ian Gould Experimental Science Honours Scholarship. It is my desire to provide more than just funding, and offer students mentoring as well as the opportunity to forge a career in their area of passion, and thus make a difference for future generations by creating new data and information.

Dr Ian Gould
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~ Dr Pamela Schulz, donor and bequestor

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Friday 2 July
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Professor Mervyn Lewis, Professor of Finance & Banking, UniSA
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Dr Alice Clark, Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Centre, UniSA
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Mobilising appetites for higher education
Professor Trevor Gale
Thursday 3 June
6.00pm
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Level 5 Hawke Building City West Campus

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21 - 25 June
Bradley Forum and other venues

Creating a life that works in the flexible job age?
Co-presented with the Centre for Work & Life and SafeWork SA Work Life Balance Strategy
Wednesday 14 July
5.45pm for 6.00pm,
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Tuesday 3 August
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4th OzAsia Festival
Program to be released July 2010
17 September - 2 October
2010 UniSA Nelson Mandela Lecture
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Dr Ashis Nandy
Tuesday 21 September
Her Majesty’s Theatre
58 Grote Street, Adelaide

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Professor Geoff Gallop AC, Director, Graduate School of Government
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Wednesday 13 October
Adelaide Town Hall
128 King William Street, Adelaide

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Thursday 5 August
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