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Front cover: The new Materials and Minerals Science Learning and Research Hub, Mawson Lakes.
Landmark building paves the way for minerals, materials and manufacturing research

The Ian Wark Research Institute and the Mawson Institute are major partners in a new $73 million Materials and Minerals Science Learning and Research Hub, co-funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments and the University of South Australia.

Affectionately named M², the new complex at Mawson Lakes was opened on 6 August 2012 by Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, at an event attended by key stakeholders, including government and industry representatives, and researchers from government, the commercial world and the higher education sector.

The main M² building accommodates 55 academic staff and 45 research students, representing both The Wark and the Mawson Institute; the collocation of the groups is in part focused on the new Minerals and Materials undergraduate degree program that had its first intake this year.

The project benefited from $40 million in funding from the Commonwealth Government’s Education Investment Fund.

On target to achieve a five star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia, the 7,300m² building uses solar water heating, rain water harvesting and active mass cooling, and is made up of an array of recycled materials. The building is already garnering accolades after it was announced as the winner of the prestigious Jack McConnell Award at the 2012 SA Architecture Awards in July.

An exciting array of cutting-edge research will benefit from the facilities, from industrially-driven projects such as the manufacture of lightweight plastic mirrors for the automotive industry and new energised coatings providing a solution to biofouling on ship hulls, to health products utilising new age biomaterials such as high-tech bandages to speed the healing process, tumour-fighting pills and more targeted cancer diagnostics.

Ian Wark research fellow Dr Craig Priest, who was named South Australia’s Tall Poppy of 2011 by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science, is enthusiastic about the M² complex’s potential to bring people together to innovate.

Dr Priest is one of a new generation of researchers working in microfluidic solvent extraction, a field that has the potential to prevent pollution and save time, water and energy costs in manufacturing and mining. He’s adamant that creativity and community are two of the most important ingredients contributing to his and other scientists’ success.

‘It’s a beautiful building, but the potential for what can go on inside between the people that come here is the really exciting thing,’ he says.
Supporting the Wark

The Ian Wark Research Institute, now occupying space in the Materials and Minerals Science Learning and Research Hub, is an integral and proud part of the University of South Australia. The Institute, established in 1994 and named after one of Australia’s most distinguished physical and colloid scientists, Sir Ian William Wark (1899-1985), has forged a worldwide reputation for fundamental and applied research in the broad area of particle and material interface science and technology.

The Wark Fund was established in 2008 to help the University liaise with the science and engineering professions, raise funds and advise on fund distribution. Since the formation of the fund, its Advisory Group has raised scholarship funds and assisted in the establishment of the Norton Jackson Material Science and Engineering Medal.

The Wark Fund Advisory Committee

Mr Antony Simpson (Chair)
Dr Ian Gould AM, Chancellor, University of South Australia
Professor Jonas Addai-Mensah, Associate Director: Minerals, Ian Wark Research Institute
Professor Magnus Nydén*, Director: Ian Wark Research Institute
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Professor Clive Prestidge, Associate Director: Nanomedicine, Ian Wark Research Institute
Professor Leanna Read, CEO, TGR BioSciences
Ms Yvonne Martin-Clark, Deputy Director: Development, University of South Australia

* Professor Magnus Nydén replaced Laureate Professor John Ralston in mid-2012

The Theatre in the Round within the Materials and Minerals Science Building was designed to create a flexible space where researchers and students could meet to collaborate and have robust discourse.
The new Learning Centre at City West will provide a new level of student experience.

(Image reproduced courtesy of John Wardle Architects and Phillips Pilkington Architects.)
City West Learning Centre - the hub of an outstanding student experience

Highlighting commitment to an outstanding student experience and the provision of high quality facilities supporting engaged student learning, the University secured $30 million in 2010 from the Commonwealth Government’s Education Investment Fund for a new $80 million Learning Centre, which will serve more than 15,000 students, and contribute to the regeneration of Adelaide’s West End.

The building, currently under construction at the City West campus, will be a state-of-the-art, seven-storey, five green star-rated facility and is scheduled for occupation in early 2014.

The Learning Centre will be a next generation facility designed to enable students and staff to access and acquire world-leading knowledge and practice, enhancing services and the student learning experience. With a special focus on a technology-rich environment and flexible learning spaces, the building will enable students to work in new kinds of spaces that will convey the University of South Australia’s strong commitment to innovation and quality.

The Learning Centre design reflects the need to shift education facilities from repositories of books, journals and whiteboards to flexible configurations of space which encourage students and staff to engage with knowledge and each other. The emphasis of the learning spaces on active, collaborative, peer and social learning reflects a shift from the traditional lecture/tutorial style class rooms to spaces that are active or reflective in their design and function to suit a variety of learning styles. The design creates areas where students can share their ideas, broaden their networks and thereby deepen their knowledge and engagement with the University and with each other.

Professor Joanne Wright, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice President: Academic, says the Centre highlights the University’s commitment to imaginative and up-to-date physical and virtual infrastructure designed to deliver an outstanding student experience. ‘The new building will provide a variety of learning spaces including areas for small group learning,’ she says. ‘Technology will connect students with simulated real-world settings and peers from all over the world. It will provide a safe study environment for our most disadvantaged students who might not have an ideal study space at home. The student experience will be outstanding and we know that students who are well engaged tend to do better in their studies, persist to the end of their program and graduate well prepared for professional employment.’

As well as library services and information resources, other key student support services being integrated into the Learning Centre include student administration, careers, counselling, disability services and learning advice. This model follows international trends in flexible learning spaces which inform the development of this innovative project.

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Students from a wide range of degree programs will benefit from the new facility and the project will support the University’s plans to increase student participation levels in line with the Commonwealth Government’s targets.
Incoming Director, Professor Richard Head, who joins UniSA from the CSIRO, where he was the Director of the Preventative Health National Flagship since 2002, brings to the directorship a rich and diverse background in health and medical research that began with a PhD in cardiovascular pharmacology at the University of Adelaide. Since then he has developed considerable national and international experience in research leadership and has a track record in establishing and building collaborative research teams to tackle health issues of international significance. Having been a member of Sansom’s External Advisory Board since 2009, he is well versed in the operation of the Institute.

Professor Head says he is looking forward to leading the Institute in an exciting era in science and preventative health. ‘The Sansom has a strong track record for applied health research and I’m looking forward to continuing that work with the many talented individuals who make up its membership,’ he says. ‘The future in health research is going to be very much around prevention and early intervention, and I think South Australia and the Sansom Institute are ideally positioned to take on a national leadership role.

‘We’re seeing an increasing focus on chronic disease and an ageing population, and underpinning our strategies to deal with that are three pillars: firstly boosting our capabilities surrounding early detection of disease; secondly providing effective lifestyle and therapeutic interventions to treat illness before it becomes chronic; and thirdly communicating with policy makers, health professionals and the broader community about what research is teaching us.’

Professor Head takes over from former Sansom Director, Professor Kerin O’Dea, a public health luminary who will continue her association with the Institute as leader of the $8.1 million NHMRC Program Grant - Improving Chronic Disease Outcomes for Indigenous Australians: Causes, Interventions and System Change.

The Institute is on a rapid growth trajectory, building upon and expanding its focus from its original emphasis on medicines and pharmaceutical science to encompass a range of research that crosses the entire health spectrum. The Sansom now boasts particular strengths across five broad research themes: population health, practice and policy related to health, pharmaceutical science and medicines, nutrition and physical activity, neuroscience and Indigenous health.

Working within and across these themes are more than 20 different concentrations producing innovative research linked to better health. While each area or theme has its own unique aims and projects, the Sansom brings them together to address a broad health agenda centred on the key priorities of intervening early to prevent illness; improving health systems and services; creating more effective therapies and advancing health equality.

Commensurate with the growth in health and medical research undertaken by the Institute has been the support received from a range of government and private supporters. Support such as that provided by Bellberry Limited, a national, private not-for-profit Australian organisation that provides streamlined scientific and ethical review of human research projects across Australia.

The company has contributed $100,000 towards a scholarship to be awarded to students pursuing a research topic in medical and health ethics. The recipient of this prestigious award is Elizabeth Buckley, a PhD student in the Cancer Epidemiology group within the Sansom Institute.
The Sansom Pharmacy Fund was established in 2001 to foster and develop the practice of pharmacy by supporting teaching, research, and community and professional activities. The Fund honours the work of Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom AO and exists to continue his work in the field of pharmacy.

In 2004 the University of South Australia named the Sansom Institute in honour of Professor Sansom, who has had an illustrious career spanning five decades, including as Head of the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences from 1995 to 2000.

Recent highlights

- Dr Matt Haren is the new RFDS Research Fellow appointed as part of a partnership between UniSA and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Matt’s work centres on improving healthcare for people living in remote areas, with an emphasis on primary healthcare and service provision, health promotion and chronic disease management.

- The newly established Drug Discovery and Development group is led by Professor Shudong Wang, an internationally renowned scientist recruited from the University of Nottingham with a strong track record in drug discovery and development. The group is developing new drugs to treat a number of diseases, particularly cancer.

- The Institute recently established the Centre for Research Excellence in the Prevention of Chronic Conditions, in partnership with James Cook University, the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council and the Royal Flying Doctor Service, with funding of approximately $4 million. The new Centre will be led by UniSA epidemiologist and public health expert, Professor Robyn McDermott.

- Professor Sanjay Garg recently joined the Institute, where he heads the Centre for Drug Formulation and Delivery. The growing group has a long list of exciting projects, including the development of breath tests for early detection of oesophageal cancer and gastric cancer.

Supporting the Sansom Pharmacy Fund

Dr Song Zhang, Research Fellow at the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences with postgraduate student Lisa Nicholas (at rear). They both work with Associate Professor Janna Morrison (Group Head) in the Early Origins of Adult Health research group.
Protecting our children

The Australian Centre for Child Protection was founded by the University of South Australia and the Australian Government in 2005 and since that time has become known nationally and internationally as a key driver in advancing innovation in child protection policy and practice.

After an extensive national and international search, the University of South Australia has appointed Professor Fiona Arney to the Chair of Child Protection and to the position of Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection. Professor Arney was Deputy Director of the Centre until she moved to the Menzies School of Health Research in early 2010 to establish and lead their Child Protection Research Program. She has built a strong body of research, especially in relation to Aboriginal children and families. This will continue to be a major priority in her new role at the Australian Centre for Child Protection and will strengthen the Centre's work in this most critical area.

Professor Arney is pleased to have returned to the University of South Australia, which was fundamental in the development of her career in child protection research.

‘My passion is creating and sharing knowledge which can truly transform the lives of our most vulnerable children,’ she says. ‘I feel very proud to be leading a team of such high calibre, with multidisciplinary expertise spanning the areas of research and evaluation, workforce and organisational development, and program development and implementation.’

Emeritus Professor Dorothy Scott OAM was the Foundation Chair of Child Protection and Director, Australian Centre for Child Protection after she established the Centre at the University of South Australia in 2005. She left that role in 2010, but recently returned as Acting Director during the appointment of a new Director. Professor Scott will continue to maintain close ties with the Centre as a key member of its fundraising board.

Child abuse and neglect is a significant social problem experienced by children across all income groups and in all family types. It is estimated that 5-10 per cent of Australians have experienced some physical abuse while growing up. Every day in Australia over 37,000 children live in state care.

The role for the Centre is to provide the evidence base to inform the continuing challenges for those children who are at risk of being abused or neglected, and for those children and their families who are involved in child protection or who have been removed into state care.

The Commonwealth Government, through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, committed core funding of $1 million per annum for the first ten years of the Centre. This core funding will expire at the end of 2013 and a high level fundraising committee has been formed to seek support for the long-term future of the Centre. See opposite page for more information on the committee.

In carrying out its goals, the Centre works closely with the Australian child and family welfare sector to address the ongoing challenges presented by child abuse. The research of the Centre focuses on practical tools and techniques that benefit front-line staff in child and family protective services so that they can truly help children and families. The Centre works in partnership with a variety of community agencies, collecting information that will inform strategies and services that result in children being safer.

To view a video interview of Emeritus Professor Dorothy Scott discussing the origins of the Australian Centre for Child Protection and its public role visit unisa.edu.au/childprotection
Supporting the Australian Centre for Child Protection

Under the leadership of Mr Theo Maras AM, a fundraising board has been established to seek support for the Endowed Chair in Child Protection. A goal of $5 million has been set and the University is most grateful to the members of the Board for their commitment.

The cornerstone of the University of South Australia’s long-term sustainability plan for the Australian Centre for Child Protection (ACCP) is the establishment of an Endowed Chair. The Australian Government and UniSA have committed substantial funding to assist in establishing the Endowed Chair and there is an opportunity for individuals and organisations to ensure the ongoing viability of the Centre. The Chair in Child Protection will be the only one of its kind in Australia and will secure a strong future for the Centre. The position of Director and the core administrative support of the Centre will receive funding in perpetuity from the annual interest earned on the capital base.

The University of South Australia has already committed $500,000, with private donations so far totalling $155,000. To find out more about this unique opportunity please contact Nigel Relph, Pro Vice Chancellor and Vice President: International and Development on 08 8302 0061.

Fundraising Board for the Endowed Chair in Child Protection

- Mr Theo Maras AM (Chair), Founder and Chairman of the Maras Group
- Mr Graeme Gilbertson, General Manager, Channel 9 SA
- Mr Jim Hazel, Company Director
- Mr Hieu Van Le AO, Lieutenant Governor of South Australia
- Mr David McKee, Company and Not-For-Profit director
- Mr Richard Ryan AO, former Chancellor of Charles Darwin University
- Mr George Wilson, Director, Tatigen Financial Management
- Emeritus Professor Dorothy Scott OAM, Foundation Chair of Child Protection, Australian Centre for Child Protection
- Professor Pal Ahluwalia, Pro Vice Chancellor: Education Arts and Social Sciences, UniSA
- Mr David Klingberg AO, former UniSA Chancellor
- Ms Paula Nagel, UniSA Council Member and International Education Adviser
- Mr Nigel Relph, Pro Vice Chancellor: International and Development, UniSA

The ACCP has a National Advisory Council of eminent Australians representing a range of disciplines and bringing a wealth of experience. The Council is chaired by the Honourable Justice Robyn Layton AO, QC.

The patron of the ACCP is Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia.
UniSA College was established in 2011 with a clear mandate to create pathways enabling more Australians to access tertiary education and raise awareness about tertiary opportunities with those who have not previously considered university study.

The College’s academic programs are built on a culture of success and innovation, flexible approaches to teaching, and the development of a strong and supportive community environment. In 2012, the College is offering a Diploma in Arts and a Diploma of Science and Technology in addition to the popular Foundation Studies program.

It is expected that UniSA College will have over 700 students by the end of this year, many being the first in their family to attend university. Student numbers have greatly exceeded expectations, with targets set for 2017 being achieved in 2012.

The value of the College in creating pathways is demonstrated by 2012 David Pank Undergraduate Scholarship winner, Pierre Nkuriye, who is now studying a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of International Business, Finance and Trade. Pierre was displaced from Burundi, his country of birth, and settled in Australia three years ago. Pierre says, ‘I wanted a pathway to higher education after I realised how hard it was to achieve my goals without decent qualifications’. With the help of the UniSA College team, hard work and perseverance, Pierre is proud to be in his first undergraduate year continuing his challenging journey towards gaining a double degree.

Whether students elect to study a one-year UniSA College foundation studies program or a two-year diploma program, College programs prepare them for success at university and equip them to achieve their ambitions. Analysis of student performance data clearly shows that College students perform well in their chosen course, with many pursuing an undergraduate program after the completion of their College qualification.

David Pank UniSA College Scholarship

The generous support of the Pank family is helping UniSA College students gain a tertiary education and achieve their life and career dreams.

Since 2003, over 100 students across 15 different scholarship, grant and prize schemes have benefitted from the generosity of the Pank family.

The David Pank UniSA College Scholarship is available to students who are enrolled in the Foundation Studies program at UniSA College. Students must be living in the areas of Salisbury, Playford or Gawler. The scholarship commences while the students are undertaking the Foundation Studies program at the College and continues for the duration of their study in an undergraduate program at UniSA. The scholarship is valued at $2,000 per year for a maximum period of five years (one year at the UniSA College and three - four years undergraduate study at UniSA).

‘Receiving the David Pank UniSA College Scholarship means more to me than I can put into words,’ says recipient Kelsey Towicz. ‘Knowing there are people out there who believe in me makes me feel very blessed. Before I received this scholarship I felt that in my financial position a university degree would be unaffordable, with the cost of computers, textbooks and the like.’
Centre aims to strengthen business in Asia

With an alumni network worldwide of 164,000 graduates, almost 20 per cent of whom reside or work in Asia, the University of South Australia launched the Australian Centre for Asian Business (ACAB) in 2011, recognising the importance of Asia and the need for Australian enterprises to build deeper understanding of Asian business.

With the rapid growth of the Asian economies, the study of Asian business and management has become an issue of international importance, given the significance of these economies to our international trading relations and economic prosperity.

The Australian Centre for Asian Business is a community of leading academics in Business, Commerce, Law, Management and Marketing who are dedicated to producing high quality research on Asian business, and to broadening Australian understanding of the Asian business environment.

ACAB’s Director is Professor Ying Zhu, who says that, while the benefits of trading with rapidly growing Asian economies are evident, what is less clear and often overlooked are the cultural subtleties that often mean the difference between success and failure.

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The Centre has been in existence for just over one year, but even in that short time it has been responsible for developing and supporting 27 individual Research Projects across UniSA’s Division of Business. In late 2011, Professor Zhu, as Chief Researcher, was successful in receiving an ARC Discovery Grant worth $220,000 over three years. As its profile builds, ACAB is keen to pursue further research funding opportunities from state and federal governments, industry and international bodies, as well as Cooperative Research Centre opportunities. Given its charter and focus, ACAB would particularly like to partner with Asia-based institutions and to increase philanthropic support to maintain and extend its reach.

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Professor Ying Zhu, Director: Australian Centre for Asian Business.
How the difference is being made: Scholarships and Grants – 2012 snapshot

The University was pleased to provide over $600,000 to 116 students at the annual Scholarships and Grants ceremony held in June. The number of schemes offered in 2012 has increased by 74 per cent since 2008 – truly a reflection of the generous support we receive from both corporate and private donors.

New scholarships in 2012

Kym Adey Catherine House – UniSA Scholarship

Valued at $10,000, this scholarship has been established to support women from Catherine House to undertake further education at the University of South Australia or the UniSA College. One scholarship will be offered each year and recipients will receive up to $10,000, with payments being apportioned over the life of their program.

More than $155,000 has been raised towards this scholarship, with funding coming from private donors, businesses and various levels of the South Australian government. Significant proceeds have been raised from various activities organised by Emeritus Professor Kym Adey AM.

Ian D McLachlan Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship recognises the important and generous contribution that Ian McLachlan made to the University over a number of years as Council member, member of the University Finance Committee, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and as a Director of ITEK Pty Ltd (the University of South Australia’s commercial arm).

Valued at $5,000 per annum, the scholarship is open to financially disadvantaged, academically excellent students studying a Bachelor of Commerce, who are looking to pursue a career in business.

Ian Cox Memorial Social Work Honours Scholarship

The Ian Cox Memorial Social Work Honours Scholarship has been established in memory of the late Ian Cox, who was Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare from 1970 to 1984. He was also an Associate Professor and lecturer in Social Work at UniSA from 1987 to 2000.

Ian Cox was instrumental in a comprehensive reform of juvenile justice and made a significant contribution to the South Australian community through the government’s program of support for those experiencing disadvantage. He also pioneered new ways of working with the families of children with disabilities.
Staples Corporate Express Scholarship

Awarded for the first time this year and valued at $20,000, the Staples Corporate Express Scholarship was established to support financially disadvantaged, high achieving students to succeed in obtaining their degrees.

SA Water

Since the first scholarships were offered in 2007, SA Water has funded 13 scholarships and grants at the University of South Australia and almost 60 students have received SA Water awards worth a total of $400,000. As well as leaving a lasting legacy, the scholarships program provides pathways into SA Water’s future workforce and the wider business community. The organisation is one of our most generous corporate donors and we greatly appreciate their support.

SA Water Science Honours Scholarship for Women

The SA Water Science Honours Scholarship for Women was offered for the first time in 2012 to female students undertaking a science Honours degree or degree with Honours. Each scholarship is valued at $7,500 and two were awarded in 2012. The recipients were Le Nhat Nguyen (above) and Morgan Schebella.

SA Water Shahid Talpur Memorial Scholarship

The SA Water Shahid Talpur Memorial Grant has been established in memory of Shahid Talpur, a popular and knowledgeable Network Analyst who represented the SA Water Information Systems team with passion and a genuine love of his job. Shahid lost his life in a road accident that occurred in June 2011 and is survived by his wife and three daughters. Shahid’s technical skills and commitment to his team’s success provided the basis of this grant in his memory. The grant, valued at $2,500, was awarded in 2012 to UniSA Bachelor of Information Technology student, Mark Murray (below).

Australian Science Media Centre Scholarship

Formed in 2005, AusSMC is an independent, non-profit service for the news media, giving journalists direct access to evidence-based science and expertise. The Centre’s aim is to better inform public debate on the major issues of the day by improving links between the media and the scientific community.

Valued at $4,750, the Australian Science Media Centre (AusSMC) Scholarship draws together the worlds of science and media and is available to students who are commencing the Masters of Arts (Journalism) program. The scholarship will be awarded to students who have a genuine interest in science combined with journalism, communication or multimedia.

Mark Murray, recipient of the SA Water Shahid Talpur Memorial Grant.
Norton Jackson Material Science and Engineering Medal

Just as the South Australian School of Mines and Industries, which was formed in 1888, was critical to building a young state’s skilled workforce and prosperity, so too will the University of South Australia have a pivotal role in drawing ideas and talent together to secure the future prosperity of South Australia.

As a School of Mines alumnus and passionate supporter of science and the mining industry, the late Dr Norton Jackson AM recognised the need to harness new technologies and cutting-edge processes to maximise the impact of mining.

Norton always considered himself extremely fortunate to have received a quality education at the School of Mines and Industries, and was recognised for his study efforts when he received the prestigious Klug Medal for the ‘top metallurgist of the year’. The award had a powerful influence on Norton’s career and he worked with the University of South Australia to create a similar award for today’s graduates.

In 2011, the prestigious Norton Jackson Material Science and Engineering Medal was established. It is a fitting tribute to a man who made a distinguished contribution to the nation’s knowledge and understanding of the mining industry. The award was made possible through the financial support provided by Dr Jackson and numerous other donors.

The medal, reflecting Dr Jackson’s passion and achievements, recognises the achievements of graduates of the Ian Wark Research Institute, and is awarded annually to the PhD graduate or graduand who has demonstrated the most potential or real application of research in industry.

Recipient of the 2012 medal Dr Ataollah Nosrati (right) with Associate Professor Bruce Jackson, son of the late Dr Norton Jackson.

From the Chancellor

Lifelong supporter, good friend and Chancellor’s Club member of UniSA, Dr Norton Jackson AM, died in early May, aged 93.

Having known Norton for many years, I was deeply saddened by the news of his death. Norton contributed enormously to the University over the course of a long and extremely productive life, as well as to the entire country.

A graduate of UniSA’s antecedent institution, the School of Mines and Industries, and the University of Adelaide, Dr Jackson held Diplomas in Applied Science and Mining and a Bachelor of Engineering in Metallurgy. A long-time supporter of the University, Dr Jackson enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the minerals and resources industry. He served on UniSA’s Council from 1995 to 1998, and for his services to the mining industry, to South Australia and to the University, he was made a Fellow of UniSA in 1999 and awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2006. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to the mining industry in 1987 and awarded a Centenary Medal in 2001.

Norton was a passionate advocate for higher education and in 2011 established the Norton Jackson Material Science and Engineering Medal, awarded annually to an outstanding PhD graduate or graduand from UniSA’s Ian Wark Research Institute. He was held in such high esteem in the mining industry that many of his colleagues made significant donations to the Norton Jackson Medal Fund, ensuring that this award honouring his name will live on for many years.

Perhaps Norton’s greatest successes took place following his ‘retirement’. For 30 years, from the age of 63 to 93, through his many board memberships...
Making a difference by reducing the burden for rural students

One of the most significant obstacles to getting a university degree for rural and isolated students is the financial cost of relocating. Living expenses can double the cost of a degree for students who have to relocate to the city rather than continue to live at home.

The John and Johan Høj Rural Reconnect Scholarships and the University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships were established to help meet these costs, to assist more rural students get a university education.

Outgoing Vice Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia, Professor Peter Høj, personally funded the Scholarships in honour of his father and grandfather who lived in rural Denmark and did not get the opportunity to go to university. Courtesy of Professor Høj, four scholarships a year have been offered to commencing students since 2010, but in 2012 the University was so overwhelmed with the high number of outstanding applications it decided to offer an additional ten scholarships, called the University of South Australia Rural Reconnect Relocation Scholarships.

‘I know that my father and grandfather felt they were unable to express their full potential due to a lack of higher education,’ says Professor Høj. ‘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.’

Chelsey Rothall is one student benefiting from the generosity of Professor Høj. Chelsey, who is studying a Bachelor of Physiotherapy, calls Cape Jaffa on the Limestone Coast home. She achieved an ATAR score of 99.95 and is the first person in her family to attend university.

Dr Ian Gould AM
Chancellor
University of South Australia

Moments like these are cause for pause and reflection on the legacy we leave behind. Norton’s generous support of the University during his lifetime was one thing. The enduring support provided by his bequest will live on well into the future. Indeed, the bequest celebrates his life, the enormity of his achievements, and provides real opportunity for talented students looking to make groundbreaking discoveries in science.

Dr Jackson’s family and pay tribute to his wife, Pat, for her loyal support of the University.

I have never met any individual who had worked so tirelessly to make connections that would benefit the University of South Australia. Norton’s support of UniSA even extended to performing the role of Master of Ceremonies for the popular Successful Ageing seminar program, designed to engage and inform the community about the fabulous contribution UniSA is making to daily life in South Australia.

He was an indefatigable supporter of the University of South Australia and we were honoured by his association and very fortunate indeed to have known the benefit of his expertise. I extend my condolences to
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.
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 benefitting 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
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