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A new and exciting chapter

As Chancellor, one of the best features of the position is the opportunity it affords to connect with UQ students, staff and alumni. Three particular occasions come to mind when I think of Alumni Friends—each of which link with your 2017-18 Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Firstly, it was a pleasure to host a special February 2017 afternoon tea, attended by members of the Senate and by many of your foundation members, and to have the privilege of unveiling a commemorative plaque. Standing in Alumni Court, alongside your Patron and our Vice-Chancellor, it was a pleasure to reflect on your contributions to the life and success of our alma mater, while enjoying a space funded through the support of Alumni Friends’ members.

Secondly, I enjoyed speaking at your 2017 AGM, taking the opportunity to reflect on the importance of Universities in the life and success of our country. And thirdly, I thank you for the opportunity to share some reflections on my own time studying at UQ—what I referred to, in my contribution to your fifty stories project, as four years at UQ that were “halcyon days”.

Reflecting on the contribution over the last 50+ years since the founding of your association—the first to be founded in Australia—it gives me great pleasure to once again thank you for your unerring support of our University. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, work and extraordinary generosity has been overwhelming both in its loyalty and volume. Your volunteer labour has raised more than $10 million for UQ in Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries and Benefactions across all areas of the University.

I am delighted that, having celebrated your 50+ years of contributions to the life and fabric of UQ, you have now put in place agreements to ensure that your contribution continues. On behalf of the University Senate—and indeed, on behalf of the broader University community—I thank you.

We are delighted that Alumni Friends, Friends of Antiquity, the UQ Alumni Book Fair®, and the Three Score (now 3T) events will continue. A new, closer and stronger partnership will emerge, a magnificent suite of Scholarships and prizes will continue in perpetuity, and I hope that your example will attract many fellow alumni (and members of the community) to reconnect with UQ. After all, knowledge leadership for a better world cannot be achieved without a lifelong partnership with world-class alumni and supporters.

Thank you for all you do for UQ. Let us continue to jointly celebrate your continuing contribution to the culture and success of The University of Queensland.

Thank you,

Mr Peter N Varghese AO
Chancellor
The commitment of Alumni Friends members to supporting UQ’s future endeavours was showcased during the memorable 2017-18 Golden Jubilee (50th Celebrations) Program. This support was also celebrated during 2018-20, where over $1.8 million (including some UQ matching) was donated to the University by Alumni Friends—including over $1 million donated during 2019-20. Following these significant donations, a suite of Awards and Scholarships are now endowed, maintaining a continuing connection with Alumni Friends. Specialist Funds will also continue to support important areas of UQ research and teaching—including the Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History Fund. Two major new Funds have also been established with seed-funding from the closure of the Incorporated Association: a new Classics & Antiquities Fund (disbursements with the approval of Friends of Antiquity) and an Alumni Friends Fund (disbursements in consultation with the Alumni Friends Leadership Board).

In addition, two further important Awards, established by Alumni Friends, will continue. The UQ Graduate of the Year is bestowed on the student who both exemplifies the values of the University and demonstrates academic excellence. The UQ Alumnus of the Year is awarded in recognition of the achievements of an outstanding UQ graduate who has achieved distinction in their chosen field, and in whose development UQ has played a significant role. It was first established in 1992. Extra copies of the Trophy, designed and sculptured by Dr Rhyl Hinwood AM and donated to UQ in 2019, are valued at over $10,000.

2020 is a momentous year in the history of Alumni Friends. May 2020 saw the launch of a new UQ Giving Society, which maintains and builds on the ‘best’ of Alumni Friends. The ‘Three Score’ program of talks (now 3T events) will be maintained and developed, with UQ support. The founders and Members of Friends of Antiquity (FoA) have established an important legacy of support for the UQ study of Classics and Ancient History, which will be maintained through a volunteer-led program of engagement and advancement activity. The now-annual UQ Alumni Book Fair® will continue to be managed by Book Group volunteers. All of these programs of engagement, connection and fund-raising will continue to be overseen by the volunteer-led Alumni Friends Leadership Board.

Without Alumni Friends’ long history of giving, UQ recognises that the various prizes and Scholarships – providing unique learning experiences and opportunities for students – would not be possible.
“I would like to thank you for your generosity in funding the Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland Medicine Prize. I feel very humbled to receive such an award, and it was certainly a pleasant surprise to do so during these challenging times! Moving across the country to study medicine was a big life decision, but I have been amazed by the kindness and dedication of staff, students and alumni alike at The University of Queensland. I plan to use this scholarship to purchase educational materials and medical equipment for my clinical years and beyond. I hope to be able to thank you all in person once the physical distancing restrictions have lifted!”

Caitlin Sweeting
Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery
Alumni Friends Medicine Prize 2019 recipient

“It has been a pleasure working with you and the Alumni Friends community over my past ten years, while the kindness and generosity has been instrumental in the ongoing support and success of our UQ student athletes. The Great Court Race trophy will continue to celebrate the history of the Alumni Friends and we will always welcome ‘friends’ from the past, and present, to the annual event.”

Bryan Pryde
Chief Executive Officer, UQ Sport Ltd
Donations with Alumni Friends’ support

The endeavours of ‘future alumni’ are encouraged and supported through a number of major Prizes, Awards, and Scholarships at UQ. In 2019 alone, Alumni Friends contributed a remarkable $1,221,970.07 – maintaining a number of Awards and Scholarships in perpetuity and encouraging ‘future alumni’ to study at a world-class university. A number of these Scholarships benefited from UQ’s Create Scholarship Match, a special initiative launched in 2019 to incentivise need-based giving. Alumni Friends’ extraordinary giving through this Program evidences a long-standing commitment to providing unique learning experiences for meritorious students.

Alumni Friends’ extraordinary giving, including through this Program, evidences a long-standing commitment to providing unique learning experiences for meritorious students who may be experiencing financial hardship.

The School of Dentistry is deeply grateful to Alumni Friends who have created a wonderful legacy by establishing the School’s first two endowed Scholarships. One of these endowed Scholarships will support an undergraduate student who through financial hardship may not have otherwise been able to access a dental education. The other endowed Scholarship will support a Higher Degree by Research student whose research is aimed at addressing oral health inequities.

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Professor Pauline Ford
Head of School of Dentistry
Gifts matched in value by UQ

Lisbeth Hopkins OAM Scholarship Endowment
$100,000.00
In 2020, Alumni Friends donated $50,000 to establish the Lisbeth Hopkins OAM Scholarship at UQ to support postgraduate coursework students studying in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science who are facing financial hardship. The endowment is due to commence supporting students in 2021. Lisbeth Hopkins OAM is recognised as the founder of the UQ Alumni Book Fair®, and was acknowledged with life membership of Alumni Friends for her continued work at the UQ Alumni Book Fair® - and in particular, in connection with the Rare Books section - for 17 years. The Scholarship was established in recognition of the service and support of Lisbeth Hopkins OAM, and of all of the UQ Alumni Book Fair® volunteers.

Joan Elizabeth Wickham Memorial Scholarship Endowment
$114,000.00*
*plus an additional $100 in 2020.
Following a 2019 gift of $57,000, the Joan Elizabeth Wickham Memorial Scholarship Endowment will support female undergraduate students facing financial hardship with a dream of studying Engineering at UQ. The Scholarship replaces the previous prize, established by Alumni Friends following a 2010 bequest made to the Association from the Estate of Joan Wickham. Joan managed the UQ Engineering Library from 1968 until her retirement in 1988. Joan’s 25 years of service to UQ and interest in assisting Engineering staff and students was first recognised in 2011, when three students were jointly recognised as recipients of the original Joan Elizabeth Wickham Prize. The donation by Alumni Friends will ensure that her commitment to UQ students is acknowledged in perpetuity with the Award of this new Scholarship.

Elizabeth Usher Memorial Young Achievers Scholarship Endowment
$160,000.00
Alumni Friends’ long tradition of enabling students to reach their full potential, will also continue through the new Elizabeth Usher AO Memorial Young Achievers Scholarship Endowment. The Elizabeth Usher Memorial Traveling Scholarship, to assist postgraduate students wishing to present research at an international conference, was first established in 1999, following a bequest from the late Elizabeth Catherine Usher AO to Alumni Friends. Following Alumni Friends’ endowed donation of $80,000 in 2019, this new Elizabeth Usher Scholarship, first awarded to Adeline Wright in 2020, will continue to honour the legacy of Elizabeth Usher AO, a long-standing Alumni Friends member who was the founding scholar of the study of Speech Therapy at UQ.

Margaret Wought Memorial Bursary
$17,106.08
In November 2019, Alumni Friends gifted $8,253.04 to UQ to maintain the Margaret Wought Memorial Bursary, to support the professional development of a University Library staff member. In 2020, an additional $600 was transferred to the Fund by Alumni Friends. First awarded to Ruth Foxlee in 2001, the Bursary has honoured the 1997 Alumni Friends bequest of Margaret Wought – the first Dentistry Librarian at UQ. Over Margaret’s 32 years working at UQ’s Library, she remained passionate about the value of staff development, serving as a member of the Library’s Staff Development Committee for several years. UQ Library will continue to match the annual Award from this Fund, first established by Alumni Friends in 2004, ensuring Margaret’s interest in Library staff development continues by presenting a $10,000 Award to the successful recipient until the Fund is exhausted ($500pa to be drawn from this Fund).

Richard Spenser Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Endowment
$134,733.86
In 2019-20, Alumni Friends donated $67,336.83 to establish the Richard Spenser Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Endowment to support UQ Engineering (Civil Design) students who are facing financial hardship. This new Scholarship replaces the prize first established by Alumni Friends in 2004 (and awarded until 2019, when the 2019 prize recipient, Emily Kelly, was honoured at the “Civil Engineering Thank You and Awards Dinner”. With this endowment, recipients will continue to receive a minimum annual scholarship of $5,500, and the Scholarship will continue to honour the memory of Richard Spenser Hopkins – a Civil Engineer and Past President of Alumni Friends from 1974-80.

Alumni Friends Veterinary Science Scholarship Endowment
$100,000.00
The Alumni Friends Veterinary Prize Endowment was originally established through a gift to mark the closure of the Alumni Friends Veterinary Science Alumni SIG, and to maintain a prize first established in 1986 (and almost continuously awarded between 1995 and 2019). In 2020, Alumni Friends agreed to re-purpose the existing Alumni Friends Veterinary Science Prize Endowment (the original gift to UQ of $32,000, was presented in November, 2019), and added a further donation of $18,000 which will be retrospectively matched by UQ (bringing the total donation to $50,000, attracting a UQ match amount to $50,000). The establishment of the Alumni Friends Veterinary Science Scholarship Endowment will support undergraduate students in financial need studying Veterinary Science, and is due to commence supporting students in 2021.

Alumni Friends Higher Degree Research (HDR) Dentistry Scholarship Endowment
$250,000.00
This new perpetual Alumni Friends HDR Dentistry Scholarship Endowment marks the closure of the Dentistry SIG, whose support for UQ Dentistry over almost 20 years has exceeded a remarkable $250,000. The Dentistry SIG, established in 1999, has continually fostered mutually beneficial relations among Dentistry students, graduates and the School of Dentistry at UQ. The establishment of this new Scholarship results from the fundraising support of the SIG Caretaker Committee (Drs Chris Muir, Marcus Tod and John O’Hare, and with the support of Dr Stephen Papas OAM). The endowed donation of $25,000 will continue the legacy of the Dentistry SIG by supporting a special annual Higher Degree Research Scholarship towards the Provision of Oral Health Care for those Suffering Long-term Hardship.

The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC Sports Scholarship
$100,000.00
Looking back across the history of Alumni Friends, the largest cumulative amount donated to provide UQ student Scholarships has been in support of students who combine UQ study with elite-level sports (the equivalent of over half-a-million dollars from 1989-2020). In 2020, Alumni Friends donated funds to establish The Wensley Sports Scholarship, named in honour of The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC, The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC served, with great distinction, as Patron of the Incorporated Society from 2008 to 2020. The endowed donation of $25,000 will continue the legacy of The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC Sports Scholarship - The Wensley Scholarship - by providing a UQ match amount to $50,000). The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC Sports Scholarship replaces the prize first established by Alumni Friends in 2004 (and awarded until 2019, when the 2019 prize recipient, Emily Kelly, was honoured at the “Civil Engineering Thank You and Awards Dinner”. With this endowment, recipients will continue to receive a minimum annual scholarship of $5,500, and the Scholarship will continue to honour the memory of Richard Spenser Hopkins – a Civil Engineer and Past President of Alumni Friends from 1974-80.
Alumni Friends Giving Summary

1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020

New gifts to UQ (not matched)

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Golden Jubilee Awards
During 2017-18, the Alumni Friends Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary) Program delivered a range of exciting initiatives including: honouring four exceptional foundation members, completing the 50 Stories Project (with over 60 stories published on a special website); celebrating with a Gala Lunch, as well as a range of events and exhibitions that reached across UQ and presented 50 Bursaries to recognise exceptional UQ students (including undergraduate students from every UQ School). Maintaining the remarkable achievements of Alumni Friends’ Golden Jubilee Program, the following Awards, established in 2018 as part of 50 Bursaries Program, continue to be associated with Alumni Friends’ legacy:

Adjudged Professor Joan Lawrence AM Prize
Following a donation by Adjudged Professor Joan Lawrence AM, the prize, awarded to Madaline Forbes in 2019, honoured the student with the highest GPA at the completion of program requirements within the School of Public Health. Alumni Friends gift of $20,000 maintains the prize for a further two years, following the original donations by Adjudged Professor Joan Lawrence AM to Alumni Friends.

The Libbie Wilson Prize
Awarded to Erik Lindsay in 2019, the student with the highest GPA for the first 24 units of the Master of Conservation Biology or the Master of Conservation Science; the prize was established by UQ alumnus Elizabeth Wilson.

The Dr Konrad Hirschfeld CBE Bursary (School of Clinical Medicine)
Awarded to Hollis Stephens in 2019 for the highest combined results in Clinical Practice 1 and 2, this prize honours the valuable contribution to teaching and Medicine made by Queensland thoracic surgeon, Dr Konrad Hirschfeld CBE. UQ acknowledges the generosity of Emeritus Professor Dr Mary Mahoney AO in establishing this prize.

The O’Brien Family Prize for Wind and Brass
Established to recognise outstanding wind and brass students with the support of the O’Brien family - longstanding supporters of music in Brisbane and in particular through the support of Mrs Juliet O’Brien, Alumni Friends’ Honorary Secretary and Benefactions Chair, 2014-20. In 2019 this prize was awarded to Jessica Walther.

UQ Sports Achievement Scholarships
Since 1999, Alumni Friends’ partnership with UQ Sport has enabled exceptional athletes to balance their studies with the demands of elite-level sport. Through this partnership, UQ has seen its student-athletes excel at the highest international levels, including at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. All sporting Scholarship holders receive a range of tutoring and sporting benefits, which the $24,000.00 donated by Alumni Friends in 2019, supported for 2019 and 2020 sporting scholars - $12,000 per annum.

RD Milns Antiquities Museum
The RD Milns Antiquities Museum is now the foremost collection of classical Mediterranean antiquities in Queensland. A highly accessible teaching museum for both the general public and university-level students and researchers, the Museum has grown from a small collection of artefacts to a catalogue of several thousands. In 2007 the Antiquities Museum was renamed after the late Emeritus Professor Bob Milns AM, retired professor of Classics and Ancient History at UQ and a great supporter and benefactor of the Museum throughout his long career. The Museum has benefitted from the long-standing support of Friends of Antiquity, and the celebration of the first thirty years of this special interest group was marked by a donation of $20,000 to purchase an artefact to add to the Museum collection.

Additional Donations in 2020, on the closure of the Incorporated Association

Friends of Antiquity - Classics and Antiquities Fund
Seed-funding of $8,000.00 to establish a new Fund, open for future donations, where disbursements will be made with the approval of the Friends of Antiquity Committee.

The Alumni Friends Fund
Seed-funding of $221,473.14 to establish a new Fund, open for future donations, where disbursements will be made with the approval of the Alumni Friends Leadership Board.

School of Music Orchestra
One of the earliest donations made by Alumni Friends to UQ was in connection with the study of Music. Over the first fifty-plus years of the Association, the equivalent of $500,000 was donated in support of the study of Music at the University. Over the last fifteen years, this included annual donations in support of UQ School of Music concerts held at the prestigious QPAC Centre. In 2019, Alumni Friends donated funds to support three future concerts, in recognition of this long program of support and connection, and on the closure of specific music-related funds, including the CJ Nash Fund, managed by Alumni Friends until 2020.

UQ Racing
Over a period of more than 20 years, Alumni Friends supported many project-based programs of activity mainly undertaken by UQ Engineering students—including support of the UQ Solar Team and also activity undertaken by the Formula Student Racing Team (FESA) and UQ Racing. Funds enabled students to attend inter-university competitions and to compete against their peers in the development of cars and other projects. Through involvement in such projects, students gain practical engineering design and manufacturing experience as well as the opportunity to develop skills in project management, teamwork, networking, and financial and resource management. This relationship was further celebrated in 2019, with the support of the UQ Racing team.

History of Physiotherapy Education at The University of Queensland 1938-2038 Project
Following the closure of the Physiotherapy SIG in 2018, Alumni Friends supported the proposal to support a long-standing program of documenting and communicating the History of Physiotherapy Education at UQ. The Head of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences within the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences is administering the donation, and it has been agreed that any funds not expanded by 2038 (the centenary of the study of Physiotherapy at UQ) will be added to the Ailsa Munro Physiotherapy Students Scholarship Fund. The Caretaker Committee of the Physiotherapy SIG agreed that this is a fitting way in which to use the funds donated and raised by colleagues in the Physiotherapy SIG over many years.

Closure of Existing Funds held by Alumni Friends (transfer to relevant UQ-managed Funds):
- Fryer Library $66794
- Fryer Library Collection Teaching Space $1,300.00
- UQ Art Museum - Collection $1,068.88; UQ Art Museum - Greatest Need $150.00
- UQ Red Lions AFC Donation $16,123.53
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