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About Us

Our mission is to invest in outstanding Australians from all fields of endeavour who demonstrate remarkable qualities of leadership and have the ability to deliver outcomes and inspire others for the benefit of Australia.

The General Sir John Monash Foundation was established in 2001 with an initial contribution from the Australian Federal Government together with further contributions from corporate and private sponsors and donors.

Its purpose is to raise funds for, and to administer, Australia’s own postgraduate scholarships – the John Monash Scholarships – to foster leadership, expertise and international networks, as well as build Australia’s capabilities for the future. The John Monash Scholarships are amongst the most important postgraduate scholarships currently available in Australia.



Bust of General Sir John Monash at the Sir John Monash Centre in Villers-Bretonneux

The John Monash Scholars

To date, the General Sir John Monash Foundation has awarded 165 Scholarships. These John Monash Scholars come from a diverse range of disciplines, possess a distinct capacity for leadership and are aiming to make an impact in vital ways for the benefit of Australian society. John Monash Scholars are outstanding in their chosen fields and are already demonstrating their value by contributing to Australia’s future as scientists, academics, business people, entrepreneurs, lawyers and in vital areas of domestic and global policy.

An excerpt from the speech of 2006 John Monash Scholar Dr Bridget Vincent at the Spirit of Australia Commemorative Service at Parliament House in Melbourne on 11 August 2017.

Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery once said: ‘I would name Sir John Monash as the best General on the Western Front in Europe.’ So far, so familiar. But then he also said that Monash ‘possessed real creative originality.’ Monash wasn’t a brilliant strategist who also happened to like literature and philosophy and music. Rather, it’s a distinct possibility that his decisions as a strategist couldn’t have happened without the training he received in other areas. You even see this in his language. He described military strategy in musical terms: he once wrote, for instance, that ‘a perfected modern battle plan is like nothing so much as a score for an orchestral composition.’ One of Monash’s own comments about the future of engineering is particularly relevant here. He predicted that ‘The great engineers of the future will not sit in offices and draw plans for others to work to – they will post themselves at the head of the actual industrial operations.’ Here he was predicting that the engineers of the future wouldn’t be divided into two groups – managers and scientists – but rather, that engineering training would have to equip thinkers to do both. What can we take away from this interdisciplinary mind? As students, what might it mean for you to bear in mind the example of John Monash?

When I was a school student, I received some very powerful advice from a senior scientist. This inspiring scientist described careers as having on the one hand, doors you want to pass through, and, on the other hand, the keys that you need to open them. In some careers, it’s very clear that the door you want to pass through requires specific keys. For example, if you want to be a dentist, in order to pass through this door, you definitely need the following keys: Year 12 science subjects, a degree in dentistry, and a big exam at the end. You probably also need a steady hand and a good line in Dad jokes, but these are not official requirements. Once you’ve collected these keys, you can pass through the door and become a dentist. But what about if you know what you love to study and think about, but you don’t know what you want to do? Or you want to do a whole lot of different things? Like John Monash? Well, the advice the scientist gave us was this: as you go through your life, just keep collecting your keys – these might be a degree in anthropology, and some work experience at the planetarium, a short course in drama, some volunteer work with the Red Cross. If you collect the keys – if you collect these different skills and experiences based on what inspires you and what you’re good at, and where you feel you can make a difference – then in the end, you might end up making your own door.

So let’s keep the echo of Monash’s voice in our ears – a voice that reminds us that we need both battle plans and orchestras, that we need strategists and we need composers, and most of all, we need them to work together.

Bridget completed her PhD in Literature at Cambridge University, UK studying writers as agents for social and political change. After teaching at Cambridge she came back for a postdoctoral fellowship at Melbourne University, where she founded the Australian Youth Humanities Forum, a humanities counterpart to the National Youth Science Forum, designed to further public dialogue about the humanities. Bridget is now a Lecturer at the University of Nottingham, and spends some months each year in Australia, most recently as a National Library of Australia Fellow. In 2016 she was shortlisted for the AHRC/BBC New Generation Thinkers program, and in 2017 received a British Academy Rising Star Award.

Message from the Chairman

This Annual Report spans a significant time of reflection and recognition with 2018 being the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Hamel, a decisive Monash-led military victory which turned the tide of WWI.



It is a time of remembrance for all Australians, honouring those tens of thousands of men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. It is also a time we particularly recognise General Sir John Monash, who played such a pivotal role as a great leader, soldier and strategist, not only in the War but in repatriating the troops and helping Australia in the immediate post-war years.

In this 100th anniversary year it is fitting that through these Scholarships we acknowledge the contribution of General Monash as a significant influence in shaping the future of the nation.

The Foundation was well represented at the celebration of the opening of the new John Monash Centre in Villers-Bretonneux and at the ceremony of ANZAC Day in France. Two Directors, Jan McCahey and Lee Liberman attended. I joined them on a tour of WWI Western Battlefields as well as visiting the John Monash Centre. The experience was deeply moving. The special regard held for Australia in the villages of that region even to this day is profoundly touching. John Monash is a hero not only in Australia but in France.

During the first half of this Financial Year we celebrated the award of John Monash Scholarships to eighteen inspiring new Scholars who illustrate the multifaceted skills that so appropriately reflect the many facets of John Monash. The 2018 cohort of Scholars will be tackling the challenges of developing innovations in sustainable energy, uncovering the complexities of treating neurological genetic disorders, assessing policy in the areas of economics, health care, urban management and development, education, social justice and equality, improving fair access to law and reflecting Australian culture through poetry. With the support of the Pratt Foundation and in collaboration with the American Australian Association, we also awarded a Special Commemorative Defence Scholarship to an Australian Defence Army member whose doctorate will be focused on the topical issue of cyber security. This is just a brief summary and you can read more about our amazing 2018 Scholars in the following pages.

Our community of 165 scholars is flourishing and we are pleased to see the growth in cohesion and mentorship across the years. This was highlighted with 39 of our Scholars from 2005 to 2018 gathering in New York at our annual symposium. It was inspiring to be part of their discussions as they explored how they might consider the challenges of our time and collaborate further with each other. The Scholars came from studies and work across the UK, Europe, the US, Canada and Australia. We were delighted to see so many of them and look forward to planning the next Global Symposium in Melbourne in 2019.

Our Scholar Advisory Committee has been established and will play an important role in supporting the ongoing collaboration and connection across the Scholar community. As the number of John Monash Scholars grows, the development of structures around our Alumni engagement becomes increasingly important. We are very grateful to the generous group of Alumni Ambassadors, a new level of donors, whose contribution will fund this vital program of activities to engage alumni in a range of projects including Symposia and other less formal events. The aim is to create an alumni organisation which ultimately will not only provide a mentoring and network grouping but also engage scholars in assisting the Foundation as it grows. Alumni are also involved on all our selection panels and as reviewers which helps us to provide over the years a consistent judgement on leadership potential and suitability as a John Monash Scholar. Thank you to the many Scholars who have engaged with us this year and helped us with scholar engagement and leadership.

We continue to steward our finances responsibly. The collective support from our Chairman's Circle Members continues to grow and will enable the support of an additional scholar in this category in 2019. Thank you to the many generous individuals and corporations who continue to support us.

Our funding focus for the year ahead will continue to be growing our endowment and bequest program to ensure our long term sustainability.

This year we sadly lost two wonderful supporters, Mrs Susan Wakil AO and Dr Frank Wolf OAM. May their memories live on through our wonderful scholars whom they have supported.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements of John Monash Scholars in the following pages with many publishing books and winning awards as well as completing post graduate degrees at the highest level. We have welcomed 57 Scholars who have returned to Australia and follow closely the progress of those still studying and gaining valuable experience overseas.

I would like to thank my fellow directors and our CEO, Annemarie Rolls and her management team for their dedication to our mission and trust that you, our supporters will continue to find our Scholars inspiring

Ms Jillian Segal AM
Chairman

The Year in Review

As our Scholars progress in their careers and the research and outcomes of their study comes to fruition, opportunities for collaboration and thought leadership become increasingly abundant.



The induction workshops were generously and wisely designed and delivered by Scholar Advisory Committee (SAC) members, Dr Amy McLennan and Dr Katherine Daniell. Amy also led the instructive sessions along with Laura Grant in Melbourne prior to the Presentation Ceremony in February. Another great example of SAC, Alumni and Staff collaboration is the Global Symposium, held in New York in March 2018 (see pages 15–16). We are planning the next great gathering of scholarly minds in Melbourne in 2019.

Foundation HQ

In late 2017 we secured a further 5-year lease for our offices in Bennelong House in the Melbourne CBD, encouraging us to settle deeply into our intimate space where we have enjoyed hosting scholars and supporters.

2005 Scholar Andrew Hudson's visit to Melbourne from New York in October 2017, inspired an informal gathering of scholars, directors, supporters and friends of the Foundation. Andrew is Executive Director of Crisis Action in New York. This visit was particularly meaningful as it demonstrated the rich and unusual connections that form between Monash scholars. Amongst the scholars who attended Andrew's presentation was 2010 Scholar Laura Grant, who has returned to Melbourne after working overseas for many years, most recently with the UN peacekeeping mission in Timbuktu, Mali. Laura and Andrew had been connected by the Foundation when Laura was awarded her scholarship because of their shared focus on humanitarian work and human rights. Over the past seven years Andrew has been a mentor for Laura, providing career advice and connecting her with people around the world, although the two had never met face to face until this informal gathering at our headquarters.

It was an occasion that symbolised what is so special about the Foundation community and the unique dynamic between John Monash Scholars, regardless of where they are in the world.

In June 2018 we enjoyed hosting a group of our greatly valued volunteers who support us by applying their expertise and time to review applications and sit on interview panels. The calibre and commitment of our volunteers cannot be over-estimated, they play a vital role in ensuring we identify our future Scholars and maintain a rigorous selection process.

As I reflect on an eventful and inspiring year I am filled with gratitude for the goodwill and generosity of our supporters and volunteers, the wise counsel and dedication of our Chairman Jillian Segal and Board of Directors, hard work and good company of the team and endless inspiration from our Scholars. We look forward to sharing the year ahead with you and please remember, you are always welcome to stop by HQ and say hello.

Ms Annemarie Rolls
Chief Executive Officer

This has been an important year for us at the Foundation as we have commemorated, honoured and celebrated the memory of General Sir John Monash most particularly as the great military leader and Australian hero, whose thoughtful and strategic leadership had such an impact on the course of World War One and a new approach to warfare. In such a range of settings, including sober ceremonies at the Shrine of Remembrance, lively presentations and discussion at our Global Symposium, or personal story telling, there always seems to be a new detail or anecdote illustrating again and again how much we can learn from John Monash, the man, the leader, engineer, innovator and friend. I am regularly reminded how fortunate we are that the Foundation was formed to honour his name and how relevant his multi-dimensional life resonates with the rich diversity of our Scholars. The stories and accounts in the following pages will give you a glimpse into the inspiring world of the Foundation.

Alumni Community Strategy

In the last Annual Report we noted the work being done to develop a structure and agenda to enhance the connectivity across the growing community of John Monash Scholars, improve communication and develop a calendar of formal and informal events. We have made great progress with this endeavour and have established a Scholar Advisory Committee (SAC) with regional representatives around the world.

A new category of supporters, the Alumni Ambassadors, is playing a fundamental role in the progress of this strategy and will secure a robust future for the Alumni Community. The Foundation is committed to ensuring we have a solid platform from which our Scholars can be supported, promoted and connected. We are very grateful to the Alumni Ambassadors whose generous support enables us to do this.

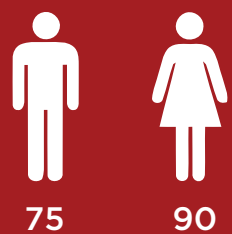
Milestones and Events

We have been proud and honoured to celebrate the life membership of two remarkable Australian leaders, women who have over many years blazed their own trails and continue to guide and inspire in their own unique way. We celebrated the conferment of life membership on Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO and Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO with separate celebratory occasions in Brisbane and Sydney.

The annual John Monash Oration on the 28th of August 2017, sponsored and hosted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, was a timely and stimulating discussion with Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Finkel AO and 2004 Scholar Lara Olsen, offering insightful points on the need for strong leadership, reminiscent of John Monash himself, to pave the way for the future.

We are always striving to develop and improve our systems and processes, including the induction of new scholars. The 2018 cohort of eighteen Scholars was the first to have an 'in residence' experience in Sydney around the Announcement Ceremony at St Pauls College (University of Sydney). The inaugural Alumni Dinner held in the formal dining room was a great success with new Scholars connecting with Alumni across many years.

165 John Monash Scholars



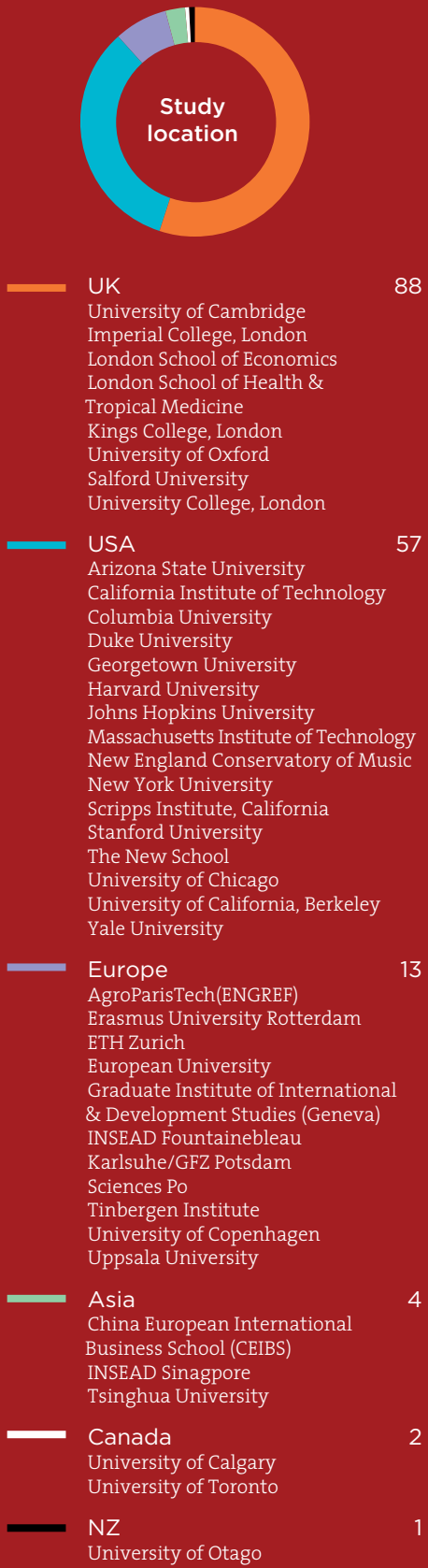
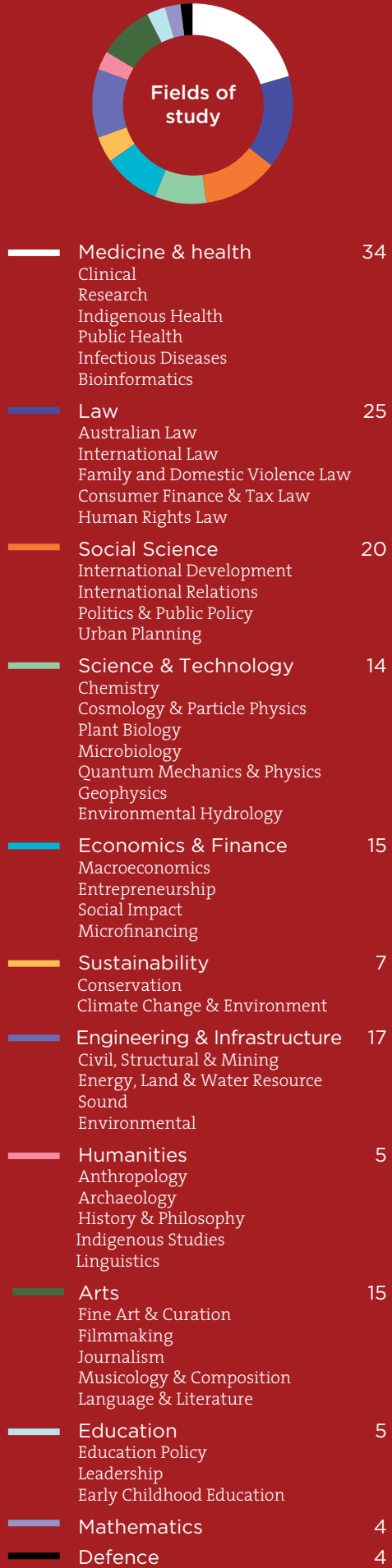
165
Scholarships awarded

376
Total scholars years

2.28
Average years of
Scholarships awarded

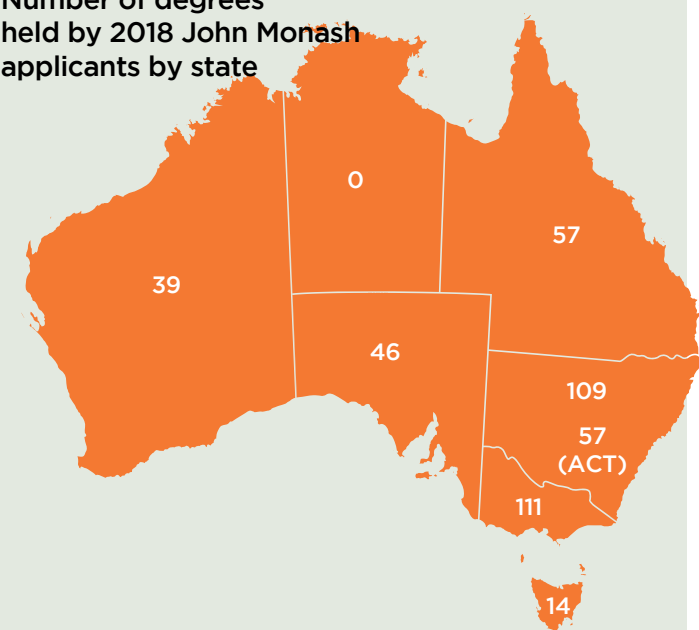
57
Scholars returned
to Australia

Scholars by state	
ACT	20
NSW	42
NT	2
Qld	21
SA	18
Tas	5
Vic	42
WA	15



2018 Scholarship Selection Process

Number of degrees held by 2018 John Monash applicants by state



University	Degrees held by 2018 John Monash applicants	State
Australian National University	56	ACT
University of Canberra	1	ACT
Australian Catholic University	3	NSW
Charles Sturt University	2	NSW
Macquarie University	5	NSW
University of New England	3	NSW
University of Newcastle	2	NSW
University of New South Wales	28	NSW
University of Sydney	53	NSW
University of Technology Sydney	6	NSW
University of Western Sydney	5	NSW
University of Wollongong	2	NSW
Bond University	3	QLD
Griffith University	7	QLD
Queensland University of Technology	8	QLD
University of Queensland	39	QLD
Flinders University	7	SA
University of Adelaide	36	SA
University of South Australia	3	SA
University of Tasmania	14	TAS
Deakin University	2	VIC
LaTrobe University	2	VIC
Monash University	44	VIC
RMIT	9	VIC
Swinburne University of Technology	2	VIC
University of Melbourne	52	VIC
Curtin University	7	WA
Edith Cowan University	1	WA
Murdoch University	3	WA
University of Notre Dame	2	WA
University of Western Australia	26	WA



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Scholars selected for 2018

165 John Monash Scholars

The 2018 Scholarship Selection Process



2018 Presentation Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne
From left: Ms Emma Dale, Ms Brighid Sammon, Ms Sonia Loudon, Ms Nicola Bilton, Ms Amy Dennison, Mr Ahmad Shah Idil, Ms Jillian Segal AM, Ms Heather Muir, Ms Amy Burton, Mr Ryan Carters, Mr Louis Klee, Mr William Witheridge, Ms Marianne Haines, Mr Jordan English, Mr James Campbell, Mr Felix Donovan, Dr Kevin Tan, Mr Steven Ettema, Major Nathan Johnson

“Every year I leave the panel and think, the future is in great hands”

Professor Lisa Foa (Tasmania State Interview Panel Chair)

The selection of John Monash Scholars is core to our purpose. It is a rigorous process supported by a framework of governance that ensures each applicant has a fair and positive experience throughout the application journey.

Marketing the Scholarship in order to reach the widest pool of potential applicants includes presentations to universities around the country and information distribution to industry bodies, Government organisations and more broadly across the Foundation's social media platforms and website. Preparation for selection is extensive and commences many months prior to the day that the application goes live.

On May 1st, 2017 the applications for the 2018 John Monash Scholarships officially opened. Three months of further information distribution and a myriad of enquiries from prospective applicants follows this date as hundreds of applicants work on their Scholarship applications online. In 2017, at the close of applications on the 1st of August, 291 applicants had pressed 'submit'.

The online review process is the first stage of the Foundation's threefold selection process. It is made possible by the tireless efforts of a team of nearly 60 volunteer application reviewers who thoroughly assess the applications and assist in the shortlisting of candidates for interview. Following the conclusion of the review stage, 100 of the candidates were invited to the first round of interviews which take place in every Australia State and Territory plus one panel by Skype for candidates overseas.

The first round of interviews is the central focus of the Foundation's calendar from August 30th through to early October. In 2017, the final State panel was held in Victoria on the 3rd of October and after this stage of selection, of the 100 candidates interviewed, 40 candidates were invited to the final national round of interviews. The national panels were held simultaneously in Melbourne and Sydney on the 16th and 17th of October, graciously hosted by Allens Law firm in both cities.

The State and National interviews would not be possible each year without the volunteered expertise of our Panel Chairs, Panellists and Secretariats, all of whom give their time to the John Monash Scholarship Selection process amid already hectic schedules. Achieving our core vision of investing in outstanding future leaders of Australia would not be possible without every one of our volunteers. In 2017, the time and efforts dedicated to the John Monash Scholarship process saw the selection of 18 incredibly inspiring Australians, all with a clear goal and vision for the best possible Australia. It is a lengthy and involved process to reach the end result, but all involved in the selection of our Scholars share an understanding of the rewards. The Foundation prides itself on the feedback from applicants that regardless of the outcome, they find going through the process a valuable opportunity for self-reflection and development.

2018 John Monash Scholars



NICOLA BILTON
BHP John Monash Scholar
PhD in Quantum Physics,
Imperial College London

Nicola has a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Laser Physics and Technology from the University of Adelaide and was awarded the University Medal. At Imperial College she will work on the development of a cutting-edge quantum accelerometer, a component of next generation navigational systems. She intends to return to her current employer, Defence Science and Technology Group to use quantum sensing technologies in next generation technology.



AMY BURTON
Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholar
Master of Laws, Georgetown University

Amy has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours and Bachelor of Laws with Honours from Monash University. She has worked for Salvos Legal Humanitarian and was awarded the 2017 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year at the Women in Law Awards. At Georgetown University she will research the growing use of social enterprise law firms to improve access to justice for individuals who are not eligible for legal aid but cannot afford a private lawyer. Amy then plans to develop and launch a similar program in Australia, which she hopes will also increase employment opportunities for graduate lawyers who aspire to work in humanitarian law.



JAMES CAMPBELL
Victorian John Monash Scholar
Master of Laws in Public Interest and Social Justice, University of California, Berkeley

James holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from Monash University, and was awarded the University Medal and the Supreme Court Prize. He was a lawyer at King & Wood Mallesons, where he was a member of the firm's Human Rights Law Group. James has a passionate commitment to community development, law reform and policy advocacy for the most vulnerable and least visible members of the Australian community. He has worked and volunteered as a crisis intervention and community support worker in family violence and community law. At Berkeley University James will specialise in public interest and social justice law. He will examine how the Australian community legal sector can harness new technologies to provide access to justice for Australians most in need. James has significant leadership experience as Convenor and Chairperson of the LGBTIQ youth organisation, Minus18.



RYAN CARTERS
Roth/Segal John Monash Harvard Scholar
Master of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Ryan was an award-winning professional cricketer who left the sport to focus on his Economics degree at the University of Sydney and leadership of the charity he founded, Batting for Change. This charity supports opportunities in higher education for young women living in poverty in developing, cricket-playing nations. Ryan hopes postgraduate study will give him the skills and experience to consolidate a career in policy and public service. He intends to address inequality, including economic growth and gender equity. He is particularly committed to addressing critical issues of domestic violence, the gender pay gap, the paucity of women in leadership and inadequate childcare.



EMMA DALE
Chairman's Circle John Monash Scholar
DPhil in Zoology, University of Oxford

Emma has a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Conservation with Honours and a University Medal from Griffith University. After working with endangered Red Pandas in Nepal, Emma founded the Red Panda Trust, a conservation venture. She then worked as an ecologist for the Zoological Society of London in Mongolia for fourteen months. At Oxford she will study the behavioural ecology of carnivores with a focus on conservation and preservation. Emma plans to return to Australia to lead research initiatives to protect Australia's carnivores, including the Tasmanian Devil and Spotted-tail Quolls. These native Australian animals play a vital role in Australia's food chains and their extinction would unbalance supporting populations with serious implications for Australian ecology.



AMY DENNISON
Woodside John Monash Scholar
Master of Laws, University of California, Berkeley

Amy has a Bachelor of Engineering with first class Honours, a University Medal and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales. She has a Master of Laws with a University Medal from the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee, UK. Amy was Director of Legislation and Policy in the Northern Territory Government and a visiting lecturer at Charles Darwin University Law School. She will specialise in energy and environmental policy to contribute to the development and implementation of policy and regulation in the Northern Territory.



FELIX DONOVAN
Roden Cutler NSW John Monash Scholar
Master of Public Policy, University of Oxford

Felix has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours and the University Medal in Government from the University of Sydney. While at the University of Sydney, Felix coordinated the academic assistance program at Matraville High School, debated for the university in the finals of international competitions and edited all three student publications. He worked in the NSW State Department of Education as the Manager of Data and Insight, developing evidence-based early childhood education policy and designing rigorous evaluations of government initiatives. His study at Oxford will enable him to lead education policy in the future.



JORDAN ENGLISH
Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholar
Bachelor of Civil Laws, University of Oxford

Jordan has a Bachelor of Laws with first class Honours and the University Medal in Law and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland. He was an Associate to Justice Edelman of the High Court of Australia. He has professional experience in anti-corruption and anti-money laundering laws, and is interested in studying the laws that govern the relationships between individuals. As an Indigenous Australian, Jordan is committed to increasing Indigenous representation in the law by being a role model for other Indigenous Australians and positively influencing the perspectives of non-Indigenous Australians.



STEVEN ETTEMA
Woodside John Monash Scholar
DPhil in Engineering Science,
University of Oxford

Steven has a Bachelor of Civil Engineering with first class Honours from the University of Queensland. He worked as a numerical modeler and coastal engineer at BMT Group (an engineering science and technology consultancy) providing engineering, scientific and data collection services on a range of projects. Work undertaken by Steven has included modeling a wide variety of coastal and estuarine systems to better understand and improve environmental outcomes. One such case has involved the development of numerical models for how turtle hatchlings interact with the environment. Steven's research at the University of Oxford will focus on improvements to tidal and wind turbine efficiency through system and resource-scale modelling and optimization. Steven aims to inform energy policy and further develop renewable energy technologies in Australia.



MARIANNE HAINES
Origin Foundation John Monash Scholar
PhD Geoscience, University of Calgary

Marianne has a Bachelor of Biological Science majoring in Microbiology and Biochemistry with first class Honours from La Trobe University. At the University of Calgary, she will specialise in energy bioengineering and photobioreactor systems. Her focus will be on developing biotechnology that harnesses and engineers micro-organisms such as bacteria, fungi, and algae to develop a new source of sustainable energy. Marianne plans to work at the intersection of industry and academia.



MAJOR NATHAN JOHNSON
Pratt Foundation Commemorative Defence
John Monash Scholar
PhD Electronic and Cyber Warfare,
Arizona State University

Nathan is a military officer with a Bachelor of Science from the University of New South Wales and Master of Science in Military Electrical Systems Engineering from Cranfield University, UK. Nathan served in Special Operations Command in Afghanistan, lead multinational United Nations forces in South Sudan and provided technical support to the Australian Defence Force's counter-terrorism unit in Sydney. He was a Project Manager for Army Headquarters in Canberra, leading a project to procure new Electronic Warfare technology for the Army. Nathan will research cyber security as part of his PhD and anticipates a future leading the development of cyber and electronic technology for the Army.



LOUIS KLEE
Australian Cultural John Monash Scholar
PhD Literature, University of Cambridge

Louis has a Bachelor of Philosophy with Honours from the Australian National University, a Master of Fine Art in Writing for Performance from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Philosophy from Cambridge University. He is an established playwright, poet and critic. In 2017, he received the Peter Porter Prize for one of his poems, was awarded the Anne Edgeworth Young Writer's Fellowship in 2016 and won the Palgrave Macmillan Essay Prize. His writing has appeared in The Australian Book Review, Meanjin, Overland, Best Australian Poems 2017, Currency Press and Award Winning Australian Writing 2017, amongst other publications. He has campaigned on environmental, social and political issues. On completion of his postgraduate study, Louis will contribute to Australian Cultural life through an academic career, public writing and criticism.



SONIA LOUDON
Helen and Michael Gannon
John Monash Scholar
Master of Education Policy and
Management, Harvard University

Sonia has a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Science from the Australian National University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching from the University of Melbourne. She was a Leading Teacher and Head of Science in a multi-campus secondary school in Epping, Victoria. She founded Boundless, a social enterprise that provides outer suburban and regional students with access to professional work experience placements. Her studies will help her develop a model for effective education in disadvantaged communities. Sonia's goal is to reverse the widening inequality and segregation in the Australian school system.



HEATHER MUIR
Anzac Centenary John Monash Scholar
PhD in Scientific Computing,
University of Cambridge

Heather has a Bachelor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering with Honours from the University of Queensland and graduated as Valedictorian. She has worked in engineering consulting, STEM education research and completed an MPhil in computational physics at the University of Cambridge. She will undertake her PhD at the Cambridge Centre for Scientific Computing, which is developing world leading computational methods across the sciences, with a focus on collaboration between industry and research. Heather is committed to developing science teaching in Australia. In 2014 she founded an extracurricular STEM program 'Accelerate' and recently delivered a seminar on her research paper into gender factors in the physical sciences at The Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers State Conference. Heather completed her university studies as part of UQ's Elite Athlete Program. At Cambridge, Heather competes for the University Athletics team and plays in the AFL football club.



BRIGHID SAMMON
Susan and Isaac Wakil John Monash Scholar
Master of Science (Urban Management
& Development), Erasmus University
Rotterdam

Brighid has a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning with Honours from RMIT University. She was a Senior Urban Planner at Hansen Partnership and was the 2017 Australian Young Planner of the Year. Brighid was involved in the development of Nightingale Housing, a design-led social enterprise that aims to create an alternative housing model for owner-occupiers that prioritises sustainability and affordability principles. Brighid's research will focus on effective, equitable, proactive and innovative housing. She hopes to impact the way Australians approach planning and design to contribute to a sustainable housing sector.



AHMAD SHAH IDIL
Australian Universities'
John Monash Scholar
PhD in Medical Physics and Biomedical
Engineering, University College London

Ahmad has a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Linguistics from the University of New South Wales. He is currently a biomedical engineer with University College London, where he is designing the world's first optogenetic cortical implant for the treatment of focal epilepsy. Prior to this, he worked as an implant design engineer with Bionic Vision Australia, the \$50 million Australian research consortium developing a bionic eye. Through his PhD research, Ahmad will continue to develop neural implant technologies to treat neurodegenerative conditions. He is passionate about the potential of high-tech manufacturing in Australia, particularly in the biomedical space. He hopes to one day run his own medical device company alongside his academic career.



DR KEVIN TAN
Susan and Isaac Wakil John Monash Scholar
Master of Business Administration and
Innovation in Healthcare, Copenhagen
Business School

Kevin completed his medical degree and holds an MBBS (Hons)/BMedSc from the University of Melbourne. He was also recently awarded a Master of Public Health through the University of Sydney, and spent a semester at Lund University, Sweden. He worked as an advanced trainee and Chief Radiation Oncology Registrar at the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, the largest cancer hospital in Australia. During his training, Kevin developed an interest in cancer survivorship. While over 1 million Australians are living with or beyond their cancer diagnosis, many survivors continue to face unmet needs. These include elderly patients and long-term survivors of childhood malignancies. At Copenhagen, Kevin will combine his medical knowledge with skills in economics, policy, innovation and design to tackle this public health challenge.




WILLIAM WITHERIDGE
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
John Monash Scholar
PhD Economics, New York University

William holds a Bachelor of Economics with First Class Honours, a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Economics from the Australian National University. He worked for the OECD Chief Economist conducting research on global economic challenges and policy recommendations for the G20. He was previously an economic policy adviser in the Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, including for Australia's G20 Presidency in 2014. He will undertake a PhD in Economics with a special interest in macroeconomic policy. William is passionate about improving Australian economic policy particularly through taxation reform and he aims to be a senior economic adviser to Government

Where are they now?

After completing their studies John Monash Scholars are encouraged and typically spend 2–5 years working overseas to refine their skills and expand international networks. We then work with them to identify opportunities in Australia and support them to reconnect with networks at home.

 Scholars who have returned to Australia

 Scholars studying, supported by GSJMF

 Scholars currently overseas

2004

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Scientific & Performance Analyst at Suncorp Group
NSW Australia

Dr Aimée Heuzenroeder
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London, UK

Dr Danielle Malek Roosa
Senior Legal Counsel
World Bank
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Dr Jacqueline Mowbray
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Sydney Centre for International Law
NSW, Australia

Lara Olsen
Regional Manager, Business Development
Tesla Energy
VIC Australia

Dr Katherine Rock (nee Allen)
Patent Attorney, Innofy
Intellectual Property, IP Strategist & In-House Counsel,
The Solutions Collective
MBA, University of Cambridge
Cambridge, UK

2005

Dr Matthew Baker
Postdoctoral Researcher, EMBL
Node for Single Molecule Science
University of New South Wales
NSW Australia

Dr Katherine Daniell
Senior Lecturer, Fenner School
of Environment in Society
Australia National University
ACT Australia

Dr Ben Etherington
Research Lecturer in
Post-Colonial Literature
University of Western Sydney
NSW Australia

Andrew Hudson
Executive Director
Crisis Action
New York, USA

Dr Sarah Milne
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College of Asia & the Pacific
Australian National University
ACT Australia

Dr Olivia Oliver-Thorne
Senior Water Engineer
Tonkin Consulting
Adelaide, SA Australia

Dr Cathy Vaughan
Senior Lecturer, Melbourne
Scholar of Population and
Global Health
University of Melbourne
VIC Australia

2006

Dr Hsien Chan
Consultant Dermatologist
Sydney Skin
NSW, Australia

Dr Mark Dawson
Consultant Haematologist
and Head, Cancer Epigenetics
Laboratory
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
VIC Australia

Dr Kate Manne
Assistant Professor in Philosophy
Cornell University
New York, USA

Dr Justin Moore
Associate Professor of
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Harvard Medical School &
Boston University
Brookline, Massachusetts, USA

Dr Aruna Sathanapally
Barrister & Legal Advisor
Parliamentary Joint Committee
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NSW, Australia

Dr Sally Thompson
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Mathematical Sciences
University of New South Wales
Canberra
ACT, Australia

Dr Bridget Vincent
Assistant Professor in Modern
& Contemporary Poetry
University of Nottingham
Nottingham, UK

2007

Dr Jeremy Bell
Lecturer in Philosophy &
History
Campion College Sydney
NSW Australia

David Clarke
Founder & Director
InLife Independent Living
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Dr Rosie Dawkins
Vitreo-retinal Surgeon
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VIC Australia

Dr Kirsty Kuo (Newton)
Consultant Engineer
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Dr Gemma Sharp
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Research Fellow
Monash Alfred Psychiatry
Research Centre
VIC Australia

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Dr Joseph (Joe) Suttie
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Clinical Training & Lecturer,
University of Western Sydney
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2008

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Child & Youth Mental Health
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Hospital and Health Service,
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Centre for International
Refugee Law
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Forensic Disaster Analyst &
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Management & Risk Reduction
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Cord Injury Research
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Veterinary Science at the
University of Sydney
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Dr Shaun Yow
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2010

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Associate Lecturer
University of New South Wales
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Frontier Economics
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2014

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2018 Global Symposium in New York

Global Leadership – In commemoration of the Battle of Hamel

New York, 15-16 March 2018



John Monash Scholars' Global Symposia bring scholars and supporters together with the aim to build relationships, share networks, spark debates and catalyse new and innovative collaborations, as we continue to develop Australia's future leaders.

The 2018 Global Symposium in New York was the first held in the USA, appropriately located in the centenary year of the Battle of Hamel, a noted moment in Australian leadership on the world stage and the first time a non-American had led American troops. The Symposium drew inspiration

from General Sir John Monash's actions, and the themes of leadership and mateship were woven throughout the three days of the event.

The event, a collaboration of the Foundation and the American Australian Association (AAA), was a true celebration and commemoration of the unique mateship between Australia and the US, cemented 100 years ago on the battlefields of France. The 39 John Monash Scholars in attendance from around the world were joined by 17 AAA Scholars who bonded over

social events and through the stimulating day of workshops; discussing, debating and exploring the Challenges and Future of Leadership.

Following is a diary of the Symposia and associated events, written by 2017 John Monash Scholar Bridget Hickey who graduated in May from Columbia University with a Master of Journalism.

Day 1: Family catch-ups and a tour of the UN



Vafa Ghazavi and Consul General Alistair Waldron



2017 Scholars Miranda Gronow,
Dr Martin Seneviratne, Dr Ida Whiteman

The weekend began warmly, with the aptly-titled "JMS family reunion." Scholars from across North America, Europe, and China flooded into The Eugene, an apartment complex in the Hudson Yards district which enjoys extraordinary views down the river. Take away the business casual and New York skyline, and the morning felt more like a cheery family breakfast: complete with awkward slideshow. In a mighty effort of international Scholar wrangling, Alexandra Coelli and her partner Brendan put together a video compilation to introduce everyone in attendance to each other. It was a wonderful way to learn about the work of other Scholars, even as we squirmed to see ourselves on screen.

In the afternoon, the group made its way across town for a guided tour of the UN Headquarters, which was led by Australian consular staff. I was in the thick of journalism studies at Columbia University, and broke away to conduct a couple of interviews from the glamorous location of a nearby Dunkin' Donuts. But fellow Scholar Ben Mylius, who is also at Columbia, told me, "the tour was a great opportunity to learn some more about the wheelings

and dealings that go into international diplomacy, in the spaces themselves – including the Security Council Chamber (where we snapped a quick and scholarly photo for posterity!)."

That evening, we reconvened for a reception at the Australian Consulate, along with Scholars from the American Australian Association. It was a privilege to hear from Monash Scholar Andrew Hudson and AAA Scholar Sarah Morris. Andrew spoke about his work as the Executive Director of Crisis Action, an international organisation that works to protect civilians from armed conflict, while Sarah, who is based at Cornell University, discussed her research on the dynamics of aircraft wingtip vortices. The discussion was facilitated by American journalist Lara Setrakian, the CEO of News Deeply, a publication that has made its mark providing in-depth coverage of the war in Syria and the Ebola epidemic. I'm confident it was the only event in New York that night where audiences had the pleasure of learning about wingtip engineering and conflict resolution over the same glass of wine!

Day 2: Leadership and lessons from General Sir John Monash



Christine Stasi, Executive General Manager,
Business & Private Banking, Institutional Banking
& Markets for Commonwealth Bank of Australia



2008 Scholar Dr Johnathon Ehsani, currently Leon
S. Roberston Faculty Development Chair in Injury
Prevention at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School
of Public Health

On the second day of the Symposium, we met – a little bleary eyed but enthusiastic – at the Commonwealth Bank offices on the eastern side of midtown Manhattan. Scholar Advisory Committee chair Amy McLennan did a stellar job leading the troops into battle for the day. Given that the Symposium fell on the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Hamel, she put together a detailed and thoughtful program of activities that drew inspiration from General Sir John Monash's own approach to battle, and wove in questions about mateship and leadership.

I arrived slightly late after another morning of interviews, and was promptly thrown into a small-group discussion on leadership with scholars Michael Grebla and Tom Williams. It's not often a musical composer, an entrepreneur in China, and a journalist are asked to sit down and think about what makes a great leader together. This was a theme that carried throughout the afternoon. Doctors sat with philosophers, lawyers with engineers, CEOs with anthropologists, and we were all given the time to reflect. In the midst of a hectic study schedule or in the early stages of a career – combined for many scholars with busy family lives – it can be hard to find the space to consider these questions at length. This was a real gift of the Symposium. After a quick break for lunch – I swapped notes over sandwiches with AAA scholar Emma Cillekens on the New York journalism hustle – we reconvened for activities built around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. This was an opportunity to find commonalities amongst our fields and a reminder we are all working together in pursuit of a greater goal.

The afternoon finished with a celebratory reception hosted by the Commonwealth Bank Australia, before we headed to an event space in the East Village for pizza and beer. With official events out of the way, people continued the conversations they'd started earlier in a more casual setting. I overheard snatches of chat that I'm sure will become the seeds of something bigger: scholars Sarah Lux Lee (with her young daughter Ella) and Hannah Barber, discussing the importance of early childhood education and women in the workplace. Sarah is the founder of Mindr, which hosts talks and workshops where babies are welcome and has partnered with UN Women and the World Food Programme, and Hannah has just finished a Master of Education in human development and psychology at Harvard. I spent much of the evening discussing international corruption and money laundering with scholar Vafa Ghazavi, a former Australian diplomat now studying a PhD in Public Policy at Oxford. And I went home with a book recommendation – The Despot's Guide to Wealth Management by Australian academic Jason Sharman, who is based at Cambridge University (Vafa is right: it's a must-read for diplomats, law enforcement and journalists).



2014 Scholar May Samali, currently Senior Associate
at Urban Innovation Fund

Day 3: Farewells and thoughts for the future



2017 Scholars Bridget Hickey and Dr Garang Dut



2013 Scholar Jillian Kilby

Sunday was a time to say farewell. NYC-based Ben Mylius organized an elaborate scavenger hunt, sending intrepid groups of scholars across the island in search of local treasures. I missed the fun due to schoolwork, but caught up with the group later for a shared picnic lunch in Bryant Park – complete with green bagels for Saint Patrick's Day and an unexpected St Paddy's Day parade. As some scholars headed for planes and trains, others trekked uptown for a trip to the Met Cloisters museum for a gander at world-class medieval art. Scholar Garang Dut, who has been studying at Harvard, came with me for a tour of Columbia University (I convinced him to buy a rival Columbia shirt).

Why are these symposia important? We live in an increasingly siloed world, where universities are structured by discipline, workplaces by function, and academic conferences by sub-sub-sub-discipline (sometimes with so many subs it's amusing). As the extraordinary depth of human knowledge has increased, so too has our desire to organise, to categorise, and to specialise. Leonardo Da Vinci was recognised equally as a scientist and as a painter. These days are gone; it's hard to imagine any one mind in 2018 could be

a theoretical physicist, a surgeon, and an archeologist – just some of the fields we had at the Symposium. But in separating disciplines so assiduously, we also lose the opportunity to make new connections and think in patterns that are not pre-established. Creativity and innovation are what happens between the cracks!

The Monash Symposium was a rare chance to spend the weekend talking through ideas with people who come from radically different fields, but who share a commitment to leadership and a vision for contributing to Australia. The Monash family provides more than just financial support. It's an extraordinary platform for scholars to connect, to support one another, and to nerd out with a group of people who are just as thrilled by big picture thinking and the potential to give back. I'm excited to see the collaborations that I know will emerge from this event – whether they take shape in 3 years, 5 years, or 20 years time. The relationships and knowledge shared at this Symposium will be lifelong.

A huge thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Events and Activities

Announcement of the 2018 John Monash Scholars

30th November 2017, Sydney Opera House

This event was the celebration of our 18 proud John Monash Scholars for 2018



2018 Roden Cutler NSW John Monash
Scholar Mr Felix Donovan and The Honourable
Gladys Berejikian

The announcement of the 2018 John Monash Scholars was held on 30th November 2017 at the Sydney Opera House. This event was a celebration of our 18 proud Scholars for 2018, chosen through the intensive Scholarship selection process that ran from August to October of 2017.

The ceremony helped welcome the first steps of each member of the 2018 cohort in their journey as a John Monash Scholar. The night was opened with a cocktail reception in the presence of the NSW Premier, The Hon Gladys Berejikian, and distinguished guests made up of Australian business leaders, philanthropists and members of the tertiary education sector.

The 2018 Scholars were each introduced with a gift by a representative of their scholarship supporter with the assistance of 2005 John Monash Scholar Dr Ben Etherington, who read the citations

for each new Scholar for the 150 friends, supporters and selection volunteers. 2009 John Monash Scholar Dr Amy McLennan provided the vote of thanks at the close of the momentous occasion.

Chairman Jillian Segal AM noted that the 2018 Scholars, as with John Monash Scholars of years past, were an exceptional group. "It was not only what the John Monash Scholars have achieved, but the enormous potential that lies ahead, that makes them so exciting." During the event The Foundation awarded Life Membership to long-time supporter The Honourable Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, thanking her for her extraordinary efforts and involvement with the Foundation.

2018 John Monash Scholarship Presentation Ceremony

23 February 2018, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

The 2018 John Monash Scholarship Presentation Ceremony was held on 23rd February 2018 at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. In an event that was attended by over 150 guests including Foundation Supporters, friends, Alumni and family members, the 2018 John Monash Scholars were presented with their certificates by the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC. The event is one of the highlights that marks the beginning of the journey ahead for the new cohort of Scholars and the last time they will formally be together as a group before departing for their studies abroad.

The Shrine of Remembrance was also host to the *Morning Star* which was displayed during the Presentation Ceremony. The tapestry pays respects to the 46,000 Australian soldiers who died on the Western Front. The work involved 5 weavers and over 4000 hours of weaving. It was left hanging in the Shrine especially for the Presentation Ceremony before being moved to its new home at the Sir John Monash Centre in Villers-Bretonneux, France.



The day before the ceremony the new Scholars participated in an induction workshop where they benefitted from sessions that covered topics including 'Self-care and Resilience', with 2011 Scholar Laura Grant and 'Leadership and John Monash', with Ken Crompton, life member and

inaugural CEO of the Foundation. Induction sessions provide practical information, allow for philosophical discussion and facilitate the bonding of the group. The workshop concluded with an elegant dinner generously hosted by La Trobe University.

2017 John Monash Oration

28th August 2017, Sydney

The 2017 John Monash Oration was proudly supported by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

The annual John Monash Oration is always a highlight of the year. The 2017 Oration featured a keynote speech by Australia’s Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO while 2004 John Monash Scholar Lara Olsen gave a response on the theme of ‘Leadership in Science: How it impacts jobs of the future, innovation and energy security in Australia’. The Oration took place at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia’s Colonial Theatre in Sydney and was attended by well over 100 Australian business leaders, senior academics and Foundation supporters. Kelly Bayer Rosmarin, Group Executive for Institutional Banking & Markets for the Commonwealth Bank, served as the night’s host.

Dr Finkel is Australia’s Chief Scientist and recently led the Expert Panel that conducted an Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market. In his keynote speech, Dr Finkel echoed General Sir John Monash’s words, to “equip yourself for life, not solely for your own benefit but for the benefit of the whole community”. Through his reflection on Monash’s message, he proposed three core values to the present and future leaders of Australian society:



Scholar Lara Olsen (2004), Dr Alan Finkel AO (Australia’s Chief Scientist) and Kelly Bayer Rosmarin (Group Executive for Institutional Banking & Markets, Commonwealth Bank of Australia)

Aspiration, Encouragement and Education. Ending his speech, Dr Finkel encouraged the public to ‘live up to his expectations’ and learn from General Sir John Monash’s teachings.

Lara Olsen has worked in many areas of the renewable energy sector before becoming Regional Manager, Business Development for Tesla Energy Asia Pacific. As a John Monash Scholar Lara completed an MBA from INSEAD. In her thoughtful response to Dr Finkel’s speech, Lara reflected on John Monash’s legacy, his humbling belief that he was always a student, his courage to never give up in the face of adversity and

his leadership. Lara explained her admiration for the strong community of distinguished John Monash Scholars both past and present. ‘We’re a richer country for what these Scholars can contribute’, Lara said in relation to the values that the Foundation and John Monash Scholars hold.

The Foundation has continued to be able to present these engaging and thought-provoking events with the support of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This was the 6th Oration held in celebration of the close partnership between the Foundation and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Other Events in Australia



Scholars Andrew Hudson (2005) and Laura Grant (2011)

Spirit of Australia Commemorative Service, Melbourne 11 August 2017

The Spirit of Australia Foundation hosted the annual General Sir John Monash Commemorative service at Parliament House in Melbourne. The Service is held annually and reflects on the life and career of General Sir John Monash as a military leader and civilian. 2006 John Monash Scholar Dr Bridget Vincent provided a speech reflecting on the impact Monash had on her life and career. It was Monash’s ‘real creative originality’ that provided the true lasting impact for all Australians.

Talk by Andrew Hudson with Foundation Friends 26th October 2017

Scholar Andrew Hudson (2005) dropped by the General Sir John Monash Foundation office. With some Foundation friends, Scholars and Supporters in attendance, Andrew gave a talk about his work as Executive Director of Crisis Action and the life-changing opportunities the scholarship has provided.

2018 John Monash Scholars Dinner 22 February 2018

The 2018 John Monash Scholars Dinner was hosted by La Trobe University and is an annual tradition where the newly selected cohort of John Monash Scholars are welcomed and celebrated prior to the Presentation Ceremony on the following day. A welcome on behalf of the Board and past John Monash Scholars was provided by Foundation Chairman Jillian Segal AM and 2013 Scholar Huw Pohlner, respectively. A thank you on behalf of the 2018 Scholars was provided by 2018 Scholar Marianne Haines.

Scholars Catchup in Canberra 3 May 2018

A small drinks event for Scholars in Canberra was hosted by the Foundation’s CEO Annemarie Rolls. The night was attended by the busy Scholars who regularly stay connected to the Foundation today in numerous ways such as volunteering and providing support to new Scholars.

Western Australia Supporters and Scholars Get Together 31 May 2018

The Western Australia Supporters and Scholars Get Together was an opportunity for the Foundation to thank the valued supporters of the Foundation that make our Scholarship selection possible in Western Australia; our selection panelists. Also in attendance were local John Monash Scholars. The Foundation’s supporters provide important skills and knowledge as part of the Scholarship process.

Melbourne Selection Volunteers and Scholars Get Together 14 June 2018

The Melbourne based Scholarship Selection Volunteers and Scholars Get Together was held at the Foundation office. It was a busy night that was attended by locally-based volunteer application Reviewers, State Panellists and National Panellists. Some 2018 John Monash Scholars Dr Kevin Tan, Brighid Sammon, Sonia Loudon and Ryan Carters were able to attend and meet with some past Scholars as well as some of the Selection Volunteers that were involved in their Scholarship selection.

Awards & Achievements by John Monash Scholars

- Ryan Carters (2018)** Harvard University Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship 2018-2019
- Louis Klee (2018)** UNESCO City of Literature Program Residency in Krakow AND The Neilma Sidney Literary Travel Fund
- Dr Ida Whiteman (2017)** Blavatnik School of Government Public Service Scholarship
- Michael Grebla (2016)** Dean’s Honours for Master of Music in Composition from the New England Conservatory
- Dr Bridget Vincent (2006)** 2018 British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award
- Lauren Ward (2015)** 2018 Leslie H Paddle Scholarship from the Institute of Engineering and Technology
- Jillian Kilby (2013)** 2018 NSW-ACT AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award
- Andrew Frampton (2016)** Merton College Graduate Prize Scholarship
- Mark Dawson (2006)** Induction as Fellow of the Melbourne Academy of Health and Medical Sciences AND National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia Metcalf Prize
- Sarah Lux-Lee (2014)** Third prize in JCA Jumpstart Competition for Mindr
- Jorgan English (2018)** Roberta Sykes Scholarship



Lauren Ward



Andrew Frampton

Overseas Activities



From left: Gemma Wareham, Simon Gattorna, Brett Parkinson (2017 Scholar) Rebecca Patterson, Ahmad Shah-Idil (2018 Scholar), Vafa Ghazavi (2017 Scholar) and James Wall

UK John Monash Scholars Michaelmas Term Get Together 12th October 2017

The UK based John Monash Scholars held a Dinner at Vincent’s Club in Oxford attended by about 25 Scholars.

New York John Monash Scholars Christmas Get Together 16th December 2018

The New York based John Monash Scholars held their annual Christmas Get Together, reuniting many of the older John Monash Scholars based in New York and introducing the new ones into the community.

UK John Monash Scholars Hilary Term Get Together 16th February 2018

UK based John Monash Scholars held a Dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, London, attended by 30 Scholars.

UK John Monash Scholars CBA Casual Drinks 1st May 2018

Six UK based Scholars joined Simon Gattorna, General Manager, Institutional Banking & Markets from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia along with other members of CBA International in a thoughtful night of drinks and learning about each scholar’s achievements and their area of research.

ANZAC Day in New York 25th April 2018

2018 Scholar Nathan Johnson represented the Foundation at the AAA and Australia Consulate ANZAC Dawn Ceremony in New York. This special event was held at the Vietnam Veterans Plaza.

UK John Monash Scholars Trinity Term Get Together 12th May 2018

A lovely spring Punting Picnic was held in Cambridge attended by 20 John Monash Scholars and their families.

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HIV slayer

Dr Genevieve Martin

During her undergraduate medical degree, 2014 Scholar Genevieve Martin worked with Professor Suzanne Crowe AM, an HIV expert at the Alfred Hospital, on the impact of HIV infection on age-related changes in the immune system in women. As a medical student and doctor, she also worked closely with people living with HIV.

These experiences taught Martin that despite the astounding progress that has been made in developing therapies for HIV, the infection remains incurable, with ongoing impacts upon the life and health of people living with the virus.

“I was inspired to conduct research towards HIV cure strategies for my doctoral research because of the exciting immunological research in this field and the potential to make a real-world impact.”



In addition to her John Monash Scholarship, Genevieve's DPhil research at Oxford University was awarded a Clarendon Scholarship and the Nuffield Department of Medicine (NDM) Prize. She has also just received a Highly Commended in the NDM Graduate Student Prizes in recognition of her research to date.

“My work aims to characterise aspects of T-cell immunity in individuals who commence antiretroviral therapy (ART) early during HIV infection,” Genevieve explains. “My findings have implications for how we measure the success of HIV curative interventions and demonstrate the influence of immunologic events prior to starting ART on the progress of the infection.”

Earlier in the year, Genevieve helped advocate for her work as part of a project, the CHERUB HIV Garden, led by her DPhil supervisor Professor John Frater and other members of a UK-wide collaborative conducting research towards an HIV cure.

Launched at the Chelsea Flower Show, the aim of the CHERUB (Collaborative HIV Eradication of Reservoirs: UK BRC) HIV Garden was to stimulate discussion around HIV stigma and therapies.

You can watch the Oxford Sparks interview at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/GenevieveMartin>

Genevieve has also presented her work at several national and international conferences over the course of her studies. In July she will present some of the findings from her DPhil Research at the AIDS 2018 conference in Amsterdam.

Pledge to rural Australia

Jillian Kilby



2013 Scholar Jillian Kilby believes in Sir John Monash's philosophy: “Equip yourself for life, not for your own benefit but for the benefit of the entire community”. Having quoted these words in her application six years ago, Jillian still practices them today.

In April this year, Jillian was awarded the 2018 NSW-ACT AgriFutures Rural Women's Award in recognition of her commitment to creating more commercially successful startups in regional communities.

Having completed her scholarship studies at Stanford University and built a client-base for her business, Infrastructure Collaborative, in California, Jillian says her desire to contribute to regional Australia brought her home.

Currently Dubbo-based, she says her main pitch to the Rural Women's Award was a plan to run workshops to develop a clearer picture of the resources future founders in regional NSW might need to launch their own businesses.

Even before winning her \$10,000 bursary, she had set in motion the Regional Startups Insight Study, to consult with as many potential founders as possible. A key focus was women who are considering creating new businesses but need support to take their idea from concept to reality.

A farmers' daughter from Coonamble and a trained civil engineer, Jillian started the Infrastructure Collaborative on a 50,000-acre property west of Walgett. Her mission is to create a thriving regional Australia with a strong foundation of infrastructure.

Using a unique blend of design thinking and bridge-building between government and the private sector, she works with clients across Australia and the USA, to shift projects from the planning shelves to being shovel ready.

She continues to be extremely grateful for the support offered to her by the John Monash family.

“It is really daunting to move home after studying abroad, however having men and women championing my pathway with introductions to mentors in the industry, roles on boards and a nomination for an award, was pivotal,” she says.

“I want to be intentional about giving back, so I wonder, what can I do to help start a movement to attract entrepreneurial Monash Scholars back to Australia?” Perhaps part of the answer lies in Jillian's conviction that building start-up communities in the regions is key. She is also launching and facilitating an initiative in Dubbo called The Exchange, a community for start-ups to come together.

Master of Catastrophe

Dr James Daniell

2008 John Monash Scholar James Daniell has been collecting earthquake, volcano and other natural disaster data and statistics since he was a kid.



James' scholarship allowed him to undertake a PhD at the Geophysical Institute of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in Germany, where he produced a new methodology for rapid global earthquake loss estimation. This delivers an accurate estimation of economic and social losses within hours of an event. His CATDAT loss database for natural disasters is the world's largest.

James' methodology really came into its own during the catastrophic Caribbean Hurricane season of 2017, which resulted in nearly US\$300 billion of damage.

The loss estimates, which combine long-term economic analysis with demographics, previous hurricane data, building typologies, and wind and flood modelling, were incredibly useful to governments, NGOs and media outlets trying to grasp the scale of the disaster.

However, James says the achievement he is most proud of is the GRADE (global rapid post-disaster damage estimation) loss estimate approach that he developed with colleagues at the World Bank.

Launched in May 2018, GRADE utilises methodologies and modelling from James's doctorate. The World Bank has used it for numerous major disasters over the last three years.

James says the GRADE approach will enable quicker funding for post-disaster recovery and reconstruction, as well as allow governments and other agencies to make faster decisions about how to allocate aid and resources.

While he enjoys combining academia, government and commercial projects, James also works within the NGO sector. His Hotel Resilient initiative has involved collaborating with governments through his startup company, Risklayer, to develop global risk modelling for hotels, as well as 'Hotel Resilient Standards'.

Last year James was named the Early Career Scientist of Europe for Natural Hazards at the European Geosciences Union. He has undertaken numerous keynote speaking engagements, including the World Reconstruction Conference in Brussels and Infrarisk in Lisbon and has been interviewed by the BBC and Al Jazeera News about the impact of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

“Being able to choose the best institution globally for my PhD to develop my idea for rapid natural peril loss models has been invaluable,” James says.

“Being a John Monash Scholar has given me the opportunity to learn from other scholars, and often using ideas or tools from different fields of study that allow me to adapt or think about problems in a different way.”

Life-changing journey

Marianne Haines

For 2018 Origin Foundation John Monash Scholar Marianne Haines, the opportunity to pursue her PhD at the University of Calgary has been life-changing.

Marianne, who is researching the use of photosynthetic bacteria (common name algae!) to generate bio-fuel, says she now has a few roles in the Energy Bioengineering (EBG) lab and her team is “spectacular”. Understanding which conditions are favourable for optimal productivity is one of her first investigative areas.

Marianne is currently in the process of designing and building a reactor to test her hypotheses. She hopes to use these results to inform a larger scale operation.

“I have also been heavily involved in the construction of our new outdoor pilot plant. This will help us move from friendly and predictable laboratory conditions to those which fluctuate and are more realistic,” she says.



“Once we have the plant operational, we can troubleshoot the system. Over the next three years, we'll run a series of experiments and determine with greater accuracy the likelihood and cost of commercialisation.”

Even before Marianne officially commenced her student tenure, she contributed to a primary

school outreach program called Fixing the Atmosphere, a four-week initiative involving eight local schools.

“Our team visited each school once per week, and in a series of presentations and hands-on activities, we taught the students about the carbon cycle, photosynthesis, micro-organisms and what we do here at the University of Calgary (UofC)”.

In addition, she and a colleague put on a puppet show at the Calgary Zoo as part of a Soapbox Science event (Women scientists publicly sharing their research atop a wooden box) that depicted the algae-to-fuel conversion process. Highlighting the rewards of science has always been important to Marianne, who was involved in presenting programs targeted at lower socioeconomic high schools in Victoria prior to receiving her scholarship.

“Too often, young Australians aren't even aware of what a 'scientist' does. It's just such a broad term that puts us all in one basket. One of the most rewarding experiences I've had was lecturing to an audience of around sixty young women and being inundated with questions until well past the bell.”

Marianne is also currently mentoring five undergraduate summer students. “This means daily meetings and task delegation,” she says. “It's great because I can get five times as much done!”

While she was a personal trainer back in Melbourne and even ran her own boot-camp, the focus for Marianne is now her PhD, although she lets slip that she might be training for an IronWoman triathlon competition...

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Music of Life

Michael Grebla



Michael Grebla (far left) with the string quartet who premiered Sfidare

Michael Grebla, 2016 Zelman Cowen John Monash Scholar, had an indirect journey to music composition. During a particularly challenging semester as an undergraduate, he lost the ability to sing for a couple of months which led him to serious contemplation about his love of music and engineering. At the time, Michael was studying science and engineering, partly to please his mum.

“I realised while I had an interest in science, I didn’t have a passion for it. I did have a passion for engineering but not as much as for music,” he says.

While a career in singing wasn’t the answer, Michael had an enormous curiosity for composing. The artists who impacted him the most were all composers, including Beethoven, Bach and Phillip Glass. He subsequently switched to a combined Music and Engineering degree.

Having completed his Bachelor of Music and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Western Australia, Michael went on to complete a Master of Music Composition at the New England Conservatory, supported by his John Monash Scholarship.

Michael graduated in May 2018 with Academic Honours, having had the chance to compose for orchestra, learn from some remarkable teachers and make some lasting friendships along the way. In January 2018 he participated in the Australian Youth Orchestra’s National Music Camp in Adelaide where he was one of four composers chosen to write and premiere a work.

Michael also attended the Zodiac Music Academy & Festival in the French Alps, winning the Composition Award for Most Outstanding New Work. The two-week festival and training program offers daily classes with a mentor plus rehearsals of each composer’s work. Michael’s mentor was renowned composer and Berklee College Professor of Music, Andrew List.

“I had the opportunity to work closely with the quartet performing my work and met a number of people who expressed interest in either playing my piece in their home cities or just working on a new composition together,” Michael says.

His winning string quartet, titled *Sfidare*, reflects his Romanian-Italian heritage. It means “defy” in Italian and “defiance” in Romanian. The composer note says the work is a “tribute to those who challenge and defy to declare their place in the world”.

Michael says gaining a foothold in America has been extremely important for him at this stage of his life, and this achievement is due to his John Monash Scholarship. “Breaking into the US without a degree from a good school can make it very difficult,” he says. Next on the agenda is moving to New York City to be a freelance composer for a year. He is also hoping to record and have his quartet performed in America and Australia.

TED Talks for Parenting

Sarah Lux-Lee



Before her 2014 John Monash Scholarship, Sarah Lux-Lee was working for the Australian government as a public policy advisor. She wanted to broaden her knowledge and networks overseas – and ultimately, her overall perspective.

Lux-Lee says her Master of Public Administration at Columbia University in New York was incredible. “I not only learned from thought leaders and world leaders, but also had the opportunity to implement what I was learning through internships at the World Health Organization and UN Women.

“I got to move the literature forward through research with Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz, and since graduating, the networks and experiences I gained as a Monash scholar continue to drive me every day.” Lux-Lee’s social venture Mindr, dubbed the ‘TED Talks of Parenting’ by Time Out Magazine, runs talks, workshops, classes and events led by global experts, where crying babies are welcome. Speakers include Nobel laureates, United Nations leaders, representatives from Fortune 500s, leading universities as well as innovative non-profits and startups.

“So many new parents find that once they have a baby, their avenues for intellectual and professional development narrow considerably,” Sarah says. “You can’t take a baby to a conference, and childcare continues to be astronomically expensive in both Australia and the US.”

“At Mindr, we’re transforming the experience of new parenthood into a time of learning, growth and deep interconnection, and we’re helping organisations to recognise and harness the intellectual capital of new parents throughout all stages of the work-life cycle.”

In April 2017, Mindr was awarded third place in the Columbia Venture Competition’s Startup Challenge, winning \$10,000 which Sarah is putting towards building an enterprise platform to help organisations better serve their parent workforce.

Mindr was also featured in the New Yorker for its work with anti-nuclear activist Beatrice Fihn, a mother of two, who accepted the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons).

In March this year, Mindr partnered with the United Nations to co-host the World’s Biggest Mama Meetup, a global campaign that brought together mothers in more than 60 cities around the world on International Women’s Day. “The flagship event that day took place at the United Nations Headquarters – the first time, to our knowledge, that babies were allowed, en masse, at the UN – and included an address by Under-Secretary-General Izumi Nakamitsu,” Sarah says.

In terms of next steps, Mindr is working to get employers on board with its mission.

“We want to help employers support employees who are going through the transitions into and beyond new parenthood.”

Batting for Change

Ryan Carters



2018 Roth/Segal Harvard John Monash Scholar Ryan Carters gave up the limelight of a career in professional cricket to study for a Master in Public Policy at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

“Sport is fantastic in many ways,” Ryan says, “but what’s more important is achieving a more equal playing field across our society. I wanted to educate myself to contribute to that mission.”

In 2017-18, the charitable initiative he founded, Batting for Change, raised over \$250,000. This enabled the organisation to support scholarships for over 300 women living in poverty in India and Sri Lanka, and to assist the development of teachers’ colleges in Nepal and Tanzania.

“In 2018-19 we are excited about expanding our fundraising efforts through the Corporate Cricket Challenge, our Batting for Change Cup Pre-Match Party, and our Batting for Change XI wandering cricket team,” Ryan says.

During his two-year program at Harvard, Ryan will take a range of courses in economics, political science, policy analysis and management, in addition to applied policy work. He hopes that this study will equip him for a career in the public service addressing economic inequality and gender inequality

“Australia has made substantial progress in gender equality in recent decades, but there is still a long way to go,” he says.

“I take inspiration from the many wonderful, strong women in my life. They should not be subject to high rates of sexual assault and domestic violence, lower pay for the same work and significantly worse financial prospects in retirement.

“I hope to address some of these issues in my career, alongside female leaders lighting the way. Working in public policy is a chance to help strengthen systems that support all Australians as we strive for inclusive prosperity.”

Ryan has also won the Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship, which will be valuable support for his growing family with a new baby due in the first semester of his Harvard studies. Knox Fellows are selected using a rigorous and competitive process based on future leadership promise, strength of character, balanced judgement and devotion to democratic ideals.

On the topic of leadership Ryan says he doesn’t think there is any one type of good leader.

“Some lead by thinking in ways that others haven’t. Some lead by bringing a team together or mobilising action, some lead in the spotlight and others lead in a quiet way that empowers others,” he says.

“I aspire to be the type of leader that earns and extends trust, seeks many views and helps others become better, more confident versions of themselves.”

A Voice for Refugees

Catherine Stubberfield

2010 John Monash Scholar Catherine Stubberfield has been at the forefront of discussion around offshore processing and Australia’s treatment of refugees as an External Relations Officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

“In the past year in particular, we’ve done a lot of work on reporting and explaining the immense ongoing harm to refugees and asylum-seekers under Australia’s current ‘offshore processing’ system,” Catherine says.

“The myriad negative impacts of that approach have been mostly hidden from public view, but people need to know the realities to make their own informed decisions about the policy. Being able to put facts on the public record and contribute to broader understanding in a way that is apolitical and humanising has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my work.”



Catherine, who completed her Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation at the European Inter-University Centre in 2011, says the understanding of international human rights that she gained as a result of her John Monash Scholarship helped cement her UNHCR career.

Since graduating, she has worked for UNHCR in Thailand and Sudan, before beginning at its Regional Representation in Canberra in 2015. She says in recent years, understanding the nuances of International Law, European Law and Australian domestic law has been increasingly relevant.

“Travelling to Manus Island and Nauru is one of the most challenging, but also important, aspects of my role with UNHCR Canberra.”

Around 40 refugee children under the age of five have never known any permanent home outside of ‘offshore processing’ facilities. Over 50 more transferred by Australia to Nauru have spent more than half their lives in punishing conditions and in limbo.

While 1200 refugees are expected to be settled in the US under the bilateral agreement reached between the governments of Australia and the United States, far too many will be left behind, and are in increasingly desperate need.

“Striving for solutions for all remains a central focus of our work,” Catherine says. “Greater understanding of the real human cost of the current approach is still very much needed.”

Despite this, Catherine is proud of Australia’s positive history of welcoming refugees, and the fact that it boasts some of the best settlement services in the world.

“There is so much to be celebrated here,” she says. “I feel very lucky that I can contribute so directly to this area. I hope that changes to Australia’s current refugee policy will allow my role to focus more on the positive side, and to bringing an international perspective back into what is, ultimately, a global humanitarian challenge.”

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Body pride activist

Dr Gemma Sharp

2007 John Monash Scholar Gemma Sharp completed her MSc in breast cancer research at Cambridge University.



“During my time at Cambridge, I started to notice that I was more interested in the behaviour of the people around me than the cancer cells in my tissue culture flasks,” Gemma recalls.

“I wanted to talk with the patients who were actually being affected by breast cancer, not just their kindly donated tumour specimens.”

This led to Gemma returned to Australia to study psychology after completing her MSc.

“I originally continued research in the cancer field, investigating the effectiveness of an appearance-based intervention to reduce sun-tanning behaviours, and thus risk of skin cancer,” she says. “However, the body image concern element of the project really captured my attention and I have been based predominantly in this field for the last six years.”

Gemma’s seventh university degree (and hopefully, she adds, the last for a little while), a PhD in Clinical Psychology at South Australia’s Flinders University, investigated the psychological predictors and outcomes of labiaplasty, the most common form of female genital cosmetic surgery. It involves the surgical reduction of the labia minora. “According to the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, labiaplasty is the world’s fastest growing cosmetic procedure, and that is why I chose to focus on this topic,” Gemma says.

“I think we can be quite dismissive of people who have cosmetic procedures as superficial and vacuous, but who among us is entirely satisfied with how we look?”

Gemma quickly learned through her research that genital appearance concerns are actually very common in girls and women, and anyone can be affected. “In general, young girls are hardly socialised or encouraged to ask questions or explore their genitalia. Instead, we tend to use euphemisms like ‘down there’ or avoid talking about genitals altogether. This can create a sense of shame and embarrassment, which sometimes develops into genital appearance concerns in later life.”

Gemma’s mission has become to break down societal taboos around women’s labia, a perfectly normal body part. She is very grateful for support from the ABC, which named her one of its Top 5 Under 40 Scientists in 2017, as well as the opportunity to give a TEDx talk the same year. Most recently, she was awarded an Early Career Fellowship at Monash University through the NHMRC (2018-2021).

“I’m going to keep chipping away at this issue throughout my fellowship and beyond, in both my research and clinical practice, with the aim that one day, we will appreciate, and have open conversations about, the brilliance of the human body’s design.”

Champion of the seas

Dr Victoria Cox

Throwing yourself into cold water with the jellyfish is not something that comes naturally to most, but 2017 Sir John Monash Scholar Victoria Cox views it as a chance to excel and inspire others to take up open water swimming.

Victoria started the endurance sport on a dare, when in 2011 some friends challenged her to try the Rottneest Channel Swim, an annual event held near Perth, Western Australia.

Already an accomplished swimmer, Victoria held state swimming records for breast stroke and had competed at a national level in trials for the 2004 Olympic and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The 20km swim from Rottneest Island to Perth was the start of something big. Victoria went on to become one of just seven people, and the first Australian, to successfully complete the three largest open water swims in the world in one season.



Victoria Cox swimming around Manhattan past the UN

Known as the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming, this feat of endurance required her to swim 46km around Manhattan island in New York less than a month after completing a 34km swim across the English Channel, and two months after crossing 33km from Catalina Island to mainland Los Angeles.

Victoria, who in 2018 will complete her combined MSc in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation/MBA at Oxford University in the UK, is committed to improving indigenous healthcare delivery in Australia.

She says her studies at Oxford are providing her with a greater understanding of how to develop and implement evidence-based healthcare programs.

‘There are huge discrepancies in health between urban and rural and remote Australia, and there is so much we can do to improve that situation,’ she says.

‘I believe it’s important to be able to treat diseases in a broader community, and not just treat the person in front of me.’

As 2018 Open Water Captain for the Varsity Channel Relay, Victoria guided a team of six swimmers from Oxford to swim across the English Channel in a competition against Cambridge in June.

She will soon travel to Cork, Ireland for the annual invitation-only Cork Distance Week, the hardest open water swimming camp in the world, “a fantastic opportunity”.

Where law meets art

Shevaun Wright

2017 John Monash Scholar Shevaun Wright has a unique approach to art. Informed by her indigenous heritage and legal background, Shevaun’s work is achieving considerable acclaim.

Currently based in the US, Shevaun’s work, *The Rape Contract* was featured in a 2017 group exhibition at the Samuel Freeman Gallery in Los Angeles. Titled *PARATEXTUAL*, the exhibition aimed to analyse the aesthetic, political, ideological and social manipulations at play in our everyday lives.



The Rape Contract was created in response to Shevaun’s experience of assisting a close friend to negotiate the Australian legal system as a victim of rape.

The work is presented as a contract for “Victim Services”, but below the surface, it also contains notes, personal writings, psychiatric and police reports penned in invisible ink.

At the end of 2017, Shevaun was also included in a major exhibition at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Arts (ACCA) titled, *Unfinished Business: Perspectives on art and feminism*.

Between May and July 2017, Shevaun featured in the Campbelltown Arts Centre group exhibition, *looking at me through you*, which explored the diverse cultural issues affecting Sydney’s greater western region, using comprehensive statistics from Deloitte.

Shevaun converted data from Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) into a string of vinyl lettering stuck to the floors of several rooms throughout the gallery.

Informed by her work in personal injury law, Shevaun wanted to “equate the under-investment of relatively disadvantaged suburbs with bodily injuries,” telling SBS news that she conceived of the work “as a thread through the show, bringing the works together”.

In June 2018, Shevaun also held a solo exhibition titled *Apologies* at Melbourne’s Mars Gallery.

The exhibition drew its title from a costs appeal by Andrew Bolt and The Herald and Weekly Times against Pat Eatock in her successful application for a declaration that they had breached section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Despite losing their case, Bolt and the Herald sought legal costs against Eatock on the basis that she had failed to secure a better judgment than their offer to compromise: their apology.

Etching parts of the judgment and apology onto either sides of successively receding perspex pages, the work asks viewers to consider the framework of colonial histories in which the judgment, the law and apology exists.

As 2018 also marks the 10th anniversary of former Prime Minister Rudd’s apology to the Stolen Generations. The works in the exhibition are a call to think about the notion of costs; not only in monetary terms, but intergenerational trauma.

Shevaun’s John Monash Scholarship is supporting her to complete a Master of Fine Art at the Mary Kelly Interdisciplinary Studio, UCLA. In 2017, she also became a BRiC Fellow of the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity in Canada and received an Australia Council Individual Development Grant.

The Logic of Misogyny

Dr Kate Manne

What is misogyny? And how is it prone to be misunderstood? These questions and many others are addressed in 2006 John Monash Scholar, Dr Kate Manne’s new book, *Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).

“My book is an exploration of misogyny in public life and politics,” Kate says. “It argues that misogyny should not be understood primarily in terms of the hatred or hostility some men feel toward all or most women.”

“Rather, it’s primarily about controlling, policing, punishing, and exiling the ‘bad’ women who challenge male dominance. And it’s compatible with rewarding ‘the good ones’ and singling out other women to serve as warnings to those who are out of order.”

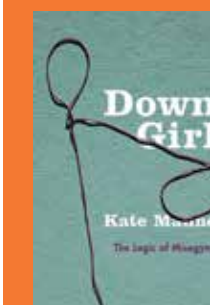


Down Girl has been receiving accolades from critics around the world, including being named Book of the Year 2017 by Cordelia Fine for *The Big Issue*, included among the Dozen Most Memorable Books of 2017 by *The Washington Post*, and named Best Book of 2017 by Skye C. Cleary for The Reading Lists.

Kate continues to be invited to speak about her book, the nature of misogyny, and her concept of “himpathy,” with engagements planned well into 2020.

Kate is an assistant professor of the Sage School of Philosophy at Cornell University. Prior to her appointment there, Kate was a junior fellow at Harvard Society of Fellows. Her John Monash Scholarship saw her graduating with a PhD in philosophy from MIT.

Scholar Publications



Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny
by Kate Manne
(2006 John Monash Scholar)
Published 2017
Oxford University Press



Literary Primitivism
by Ben Etherington
(2005 John Monash Scholar)
Published 2017
Stanford University Press

Celebrating the Centenary

This financial year falls into a period of great significance for the nation and particularly the General Sir John Monash Foundation, with 2018 being the centenary of the Battles of Beersheba, Hamel, Amiens and ultimately the end of WWI. The legacy of General Sir John Monash is vast and multifaceted but poignantly encapsulated in his role as the commanding general of the Battle of Hamel, which also guided the success of Amiens through its effective design and tactics. The Foundation has in its own way acknowledged and engaged with the commemoration of this key time in our history in a variety of ways, including attendance at events around the world, creation of a commemorative scholarship, AFL games in France and our Global Symposium.

Opening of the new John Monash Centre and ANZAC Day in Villers-Bretonneux

The Director's travel diary



Jan McCahey, Jillian Segal and Lee Liberman lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium

Board directors Lee Liberman and Jan McCahey travelled from Melbourne and London respectively with their husbands, Professor Leslie Reti and David McCahey, to attend the opening of the John Monash Centre in Villers-Bretonneux on the 25th April.

"The museum named in honour of General Sir John Monash is compact, with large screens displaying multiple images from the Western Front of WWI: The Troops, Munitions, Medical Support Corps, Doctors, Nurses and Hospitals on the frontline as well as behind, and images of much needed recreation just behind the lines.

The museum is one of experience, the full size photographs and film clips enabling the viewer to inhabit the world in front of them, engendering a feeling of immersion in the experience" Lee says.

"The immediacy of the images encourages the audience to have a relationship with the content unlike anything I have experienced before".

Walking through row upon row of graves in the cold predawn on 26th April for the ANZAC Day Service, Lee describes how hard it was to reconcile the peace and incredible beauty of the hills above Villers-Bretonneux with the unimaginable horror of 100 years ago.

It was a bright moment at the close of the ceremony, as the rain began to bucket down, when 2018 Scholar William Witheridge was able to find Lee and Jan despite the umbrellas and hoods. William, currently living in Paris where he works for the OECD, seized the opportunity to attend the Centenary Anzac Dawn Service and visit the newly opened Sir John Monash Centre. He described the Dawn Service "as a solemn tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Australians and Allies who fought in the First World War and since. The significance of the Battle there was emphasised by the Prime Ministers of Australia and France and Prince Charles attending along with thousands of Australian and French people. A really, really special experience".

The following day, Foundation Chairman Jillian Segal and her husband John joined her Board colleagues to set off on a tour of the battlefields across France and Belgium.

Jillian reflects, "it was a very special experience to visit the WWI French Battlefields in the company of two fellow directors and our spouses. One can read about the particular horrors of WWI but nothing compares to actually seeing the flat terrain and appreciating visually the conditions our troops were faced with. Understanding the different battles fought and visiting the John Monash Centre highlighted for us all the very special qualities John Monash brought to the field – leadership matters".

Jan describes how the journey "became a very confronting experience... so many war graves in otherwise peaceful surroundings. Perhaps the most chilling was one of the first we came across, in West Flanders – a sea of black crosses for over 44,000 soldiers. And words a family had chosen to inscribe on the gravestone of their young son... 'a young life lost... for what?' – continue to stay with me." In contrast she explains it is "uplifting too – all of the war graves sites maintained to a meticulous standard showing such respect for the sacrifices made by so many young men and their families. And the Australian contribution is so well known, respected and talked about by members of local communities."



100th Anniversary Special Commemorative Scholarship



Her Excellency The Honourable Linda Dessau AC (Governor General of Victoria) awarding the 2018 Pratt Foundation Commemorative Defence American Australian Association (AAA) John Monash Scholarship to Major Nathan Johnson

On 4 July 1918, Lieutenant General John Monash mounted his first attack as Commander of the Australian Corps in the Battle of Hamel, alongside the US Army infantry. The resulting strategic victory established Australia's honourable reputation in battle and changed the face of modern warfare.

The Battle of Hamel was also the first instance of an Australian leading American troops abroad. It signifies a pivotal moment in mateship, camaraderie and the development of the Australian-American relationship.

One hundred years later, to commemorate this momentous occasion in Australia's joint history with the US, two special scholarships were created in collaboration with the American Australian Association (AAA). The John Monash Commemorative Scholarship for an Australian Defence Veteran to study in the US and the AAA Commemorative Scholarship to support an American Defence Veteran to undertake study in Australia.

A great honour

The 2018 Pratt Foundation Commemorative Defence American Australian Association (AAA) John Monash Scholarship was awarded to Major Nathan Johnson. The second and third years of his 3 year degree have been made possible through the generous support of UNSW and Arizona State University.

For Nathan, receiving a scholarship in commemoration of the Battle of Hamel is a great honour. As a military officer, he has served in Special Operations Command in Afghanistan, lead multinational United Nations forces in South Sudan and provided technical support to the Australian Defence Force's counter-terrorism unit.

"The story of the Battle of Hamel is gospel in the army," Nathan says. "General Monash and his diggers' achievements are the foundations of the ANZAC spirit and many military traditions.

General Monash's tactics at the Battle of Hamel were the epitome of intelligence and commitment to learning. No detail escaped his attention, such that victory was almost pre-determined.

The impact that Monash left on the army and the nation is legendary."

New York Symposium

On 15-16 March 2018, Nathan was one of 39 John Monash Scholars from around the world who joined with AAA Scholars and other Foundation friends to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Hamel at the John Monash Scholars' Global Symposium in New York.

Speaking at the symposium as the recipient of the 100th Anniversary Special Commemorative Scholarship made it an especially significant moment for Nathan. His presentation drew a parallel between the principles of leadership that John Monash exemplified at the Battle of Hamel and the lessons still taught and practised in the military today.

"The way that Australian Defence Force (ADF) training establishments such as the Royal Military College, Duntroon and the Australian Defence Force Academy train and develop leaders is based on many of the principles established by General Monash," Nathan says.

"War has modernised, and the environment is far more dynamic today, but the fundamentals of leadership, such as professionalism, having a robust and diverse education, the ability to think critically and using initiative, are all still the essential qualities."

John Monash legacy

To receive a scholarship commemorating the contribution of the John Monash name is a great privilege for any Australian, but there is an additional personal connection that Nathan shares being an army officer.

“Not only do I have a responsibility to the legacy of Monash, but also to the Australian Defence Force, the Australian Army and the people of Australia. My mission and responsibility is to be a leader in my academic pursuits and to build on Australia’s proud reputation in the US.”

Nathan says winning the John Monash scholarship has been the highlight of his life to date. “I am getting married in March 2019, so that statement is true at the time of publication,” he quips.

“There is no doubt in my mind that the scholarship has changed my life and career immeasurably and I can’t be more thankful to everyone at the Foundation for the opportunity.”

As a project manager for Army Headquarters in Canberra, Nathan is leading the procurement of new electronic warfare technology for the army. He has chosen to research cyber security as part of his PhD at Arizona State University.

Cyber security expertise

“I want to understand how the essential communications we use in the army, such as radios and voice communication, can potentially create vulnerabilities and opportunities for cyberattacks,” Nathan says. “It’s not only important to understand this, but also to analyse impacts, so that we can still fight battles in the event of a cyberattack.”

I know I can be of great benefit to the army if I become an electronic and cyber warfare expert with an understanding of how to design, test and build robust systems in the future.”

When Nathan got promoted to the rank of Major, one of his Commanding Officers told him that he is “now old enough and wise enough to start identifying weaknesses in the organisation and working out how to solve them”.

“Those words have stayed with me and became the basis for my application to the Foundation,” Nathan shares.

“Receiving the John Monash and Chief of the Australian Army scholarships is evidence that communications integrity (both radio and cyber security) is of the highest importance to our military leaders.”

In his brother’s footsteps

Nathan was inspired to pursue a military career by his brother, who joined the Army in 1993. Determined to follow in his brother’s footsteps, Nathan began training as an Army Officer at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra in 2001.

“I joined the Royal Australian Corp of Signals, which is responsible for providing communications services to the Army and also has a counter communications regiment known as Electronic Warfare,” Nathan relates.

Nathan’s first job as an officer was commanding an electronic warfare troop and he was later deployed on operations. He has spent the majority of his career working in electronic warfare which also provided the opportunity to complete his Master’s Degree in Military Electronic System Engineering at Cranfield University in Shrivenham, UK.

Nathan has started his studies at Arizona State University and says it’s going to be “full on”. “That said, the university has been extremely welcoming and supportive of the research I want to conduct, which is really encouraging,” he says.

“I hope to have the opportunity to teach the next generation of officers and soldiers within the ADF about this key domain of warfare and pass on this knowledge that the army, the Foundation and Australia has entrusted me with.”

Petty Officer Emily Leonard AAA-John Monash Commemorative Defence Scholar



Petty Officer Emily Leonard, Amb. John Berry (Retd.) (President, American Australian Association), and Major Nathan Johnson

Emily is the special commemorative year Defence Scholar and part of the collaboration between the Foundation and the AAA that symbolises the ongoing spirit of ‘mateship’ between Australia and the US. She arrived in late June to commence a Master of Public Policy and Management at the University of Melbourne, through which she aspires to improve U.S. veteran healthcare policy and implementation.

Emily is a U.S. Navy veteran with six years of experience and training as a nuclear reactor operator and electronics technician focused on safety operations, technologies, and administration. She served onboard the U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN 70) aircraft carrier, during which she was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Emily is a qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and

Golden Shellback Sailor, and a Good Conduct Award Recipient with Honorable Discharge (2014). She has also received two Personal Excellence Awards from Commanding Officers, the Global War Against Terror (GWAT) ribbon and the Battle ‘E’ ribbon. Emily also studied at the University of California San Diego, earning a BA in Philosophy with a minor in Bioethics.

“I am honoured to be selected for a scholarship which places such a high value on leadership and recognises the strength of the special relationship between the United States and Australia. Through service, I have found my place and I am grateful for this educational opportunity so that I may also continue to serve in the public sphere to the best of my ability”, says Emily.

Oxbridge John Monash Scholars fly the flag for women’s AFL in France

ANZAC Day Footy Dr Genevieve Martin



Genevieve Martin is fifth from right

On April 25th 1918, the town of Villers-Bretonneux was successfully defended in a battle that is considered by many to have played a critical role in the outcome of World War I. One hundred years later, I travelled to Villers-Bretonneux to take part in commemorative events. Having moved overseas as a young Australian, I reflect on the young age at which many of my relatives left Australia to serve their country – and how difficult that must have been for them and their families. To be able to attend the Dawn Service in Villers-Bretonneux and play in the ANZAC Day match was a very special way to remember their contributions.

The ANZAC Cup is an Australian Rules Football match played on the afternoon of ANZAC Day in Villers-Bretonneux between the ‘Australian Spirit’ and French teams. I played in this special match – and to bolster the French numbers I pulled on the blue, red and white kit and played against my Australian teammates. The match started out

close, but the Australian team pulled away with a clear lead to defeat the French women 74 to 21. Having never played in Australia, I began playing AFL shortly after arriving in the UK to start my studies as a John Monash Scholar – when the Oxford women’s team was in its infancy. Sport has a special ability to bring communities together and for me the AFL community in Oxford has been an important part of my time here. The ANZAC Cup is a special way of commemorating those who have served, whilst continuing to maintain the connection between Australia and France today.

The three days spent in Villers-Bretonneux was an incredible experience. I stayed with a local family and was blown away by the welcome and hospitality we received from the people of Villers-Bretonneux. As a John Monash Scholar, it was very special to be able to attend the opening of the John Monash Centre and to learn a little bit more about Monash’s contribution.

100 year Commemorative Australian Football match in Peronne Heather Muir



On the 7th of July, the small town of Peronne in the north of France held a commemorative weekend of events to celebrate 100 years since the liberation of the towns in the region at the end of WWI, paying tribute to the thousands of Australian soldiers who lost their lives so far from home. The event was centred around an

exhibition AFL match played between two teams of Australian footballers, selected from across Europe.

I was very honoured to be the women’s representative for the event, supporting the men’s teams for the match and running a clinic for the local girls and boys in the town. Both the clinic and the match were taken to in great spirit, with numerous locals participating and spectating. The town even organised parachutists to land on the pitch with Australian and French flags moments before the first bounce.

With women’s AFL really booming across Australia at present, it’s been wonderful to spread the enthusiasm overseas, getting so many keen young girls involved in the clinic, with the help of some of the Cambridge women’s players. This is the first year Cambridge University has formed a women’s team, and earlier this year saw the first ever Oxford vs Cambridge women’s varsity AFL match, played alongside the 98th annual men’s match.

A Special Memento

Bruce Moran, a long standing Member and financial supporter of the Foundation, came to HQ bearing a charming gift. In the early 1920’s a group of John Monash’s friends, formed a special ‘Klub’ to enable their great friend to be their guest on the restricted premises of the Melbourne Club of which they were members. The King of Klubs held regular dinners and a regular attendee was Bruce Moran’s father Paddy. He had saved a menu from one of these dinners. It remains in pristine condition and now framed, it sits on Monash’s old desk at the Foundation’s office. The menu for the evening is an intriguing glimpse into the culinary fashions of the time and the list of dinner guests suggests it would have been a lively evening.



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*Halyer Rayner resigned during the Financial
Year as Manager of Finance and Operations
for the Foundation on 28 February 2018.

Scholars Advisory Committee

The Scholars Advisory Committee was
established this Financial Year chaired by
Dr Mark Schembri and inaugural chair
Dr Amy McLennan.

Life Members Honoured

Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO



John Allpass, Hon. Annabelle Bennett AO SC Chancellor, Bond University, Dame Quentin Bryce AD, CVO,
Margaret White AO (Chair of the Queensland Selection Panel), the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC,
Philip Bacon AM, Jillian Segal AM (Chairman), Tim Fairfax AC, Chancellor QUT

On the 26th September 2017, the Governor
of Queensland, His Excellency the
Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, graciously
hosted a small, elegant lunch to celebrate
the conferment of Life Membership of the
General Sir John Monash Foundation on
Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO.

Dame Quentin was a Patron of the
Foundation from 2003 – 2008 while
Governor of Queensland and following this
became Patron-in-Chief as the Governor

General of Australia, from 2009 until
2013, presiding over five Presentation
Ceremonies, presenting awards to over 40
Scholars. Dame Quentin’s gift of warmly
engaging with each individual ensured
that all the Scholars felt very special to
receive their awards from her in person.



Professor, Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO accepts her
Life Membership, Sydney Opera House

The Announcement Ceremony at
the Opera House in Sydney in November
2017 was the perfect setting for the
conferment of Life Membership on
Professor, Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO.

“Dame Marie played a key role in the
development of the Foundation and is
our longest-serving Patron, from the
Foundation’s establishment through to 2014.
As Patron and beyond, she has supported
the John Monash Scholars, attended many
key Foundation events, given moving
speeches about General Monash, made key
introductions and hosted events to welcome
and encourage new sponsors, supporters
and Scholars.

We acknowledge the passing of Sir Nicholas
Shehadie AC OBE (11 February 2018). As
Professor Dame Marie Bashir’s husband,
Sir Nicholas warmly supported the
Foundation alongside his wife over many
years. He will be remembered fondly.

Foundation Members

The General Sir John Monash Foundation membership includes the individuals who supported the Foundation during its establishment period and current and past board members. The Foundation is grateful for the support and guidance that these individuals have provided and continue to provide to both the organisation and the John Monash Scholars.

Vale

It is with great sadness that the Foundation notes the passing of two friends and supporters.



Susan Wakil AO (28 May 2018)

Susan has left a vast legacy as a thoughtful and expansive philanthropist, with a special commitment to education, nursing, health and the arts. Susan and her husband Isaac, through their Foundation have supported to date five John Monash Scholars, who will all continue to keep her memory and legacy alive for generations to come.



Dr Frank Wolf OAM (18 April 2018)

As Chairman Circle Members, Frank and his wife Karen have contributed to the support of the annual award of the Chairman's Circle Scholarship. Frank will be remembered as a great example for our Scholars of the many paths a career can take. He held an overseas doctorate, became an industry leader in Australia and was a great and very generous supporter of education.

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- Professor Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO
- Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO
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Foundation Volunteers play an important role in the selection of the John Monash Scholars. The Foundation is grateful for their support and generosity as First Reviewers as well as State, Territory and National Selection Panel Members. The Foundation would not be able to conduct its selection process without the generously donated time of the following individuals:

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- Mr Nick Woodhams

*John Monash Scholar

Financial Highlights

This financial year, the Foundation has again received substantial donations to fund Scholarships, and to add to our endowment. This continues the upward growth and consistent financial performance of the Foundation as it works to fulfil its long-term goal of establishing a \$100m endowment fund, which will enable it to weather cyclical investment returns and to continue providing Scholarships in perpetuity to outstanding Scholars.

This year we welcomed new donors and members to the Chairman’s Circle, which has grown to twenty-six members; to the Australian Universities Consortium, which now has nineteen member universities; and a new category of donors, the Alumni Ambassadors, which has five donors. The Lee Liberman Foundation continued its support as a major donor of the Scholar Symposium held in New York in March 2018.

The Foundation awarded eighteen 2018 John Monash Scholarships for 2018, providing 37 scholarship years – a commitment of \$2.59 million.

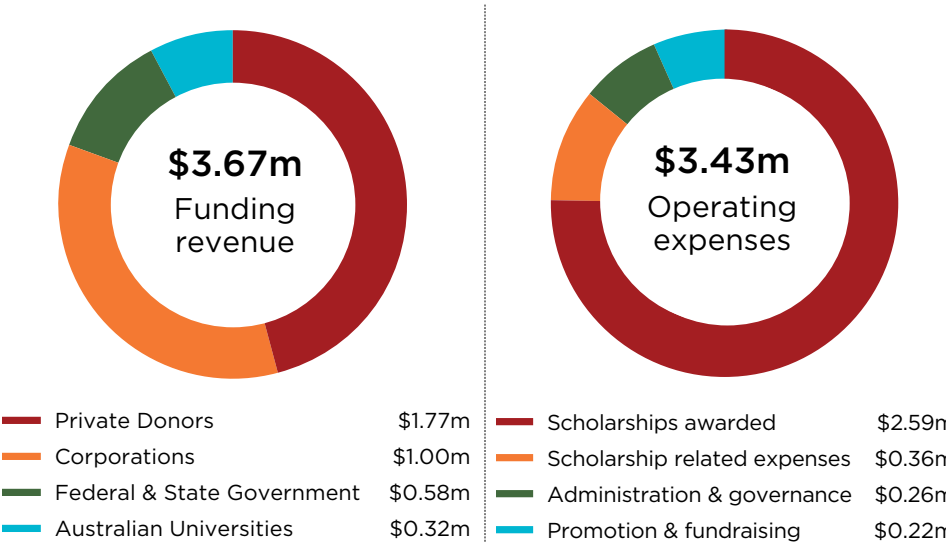
The Foundation continues to adopt a conservative investment strategy focused on protection of capital and minimising large variations in portfolio returns.

The Audited Financial Report can be viewed online at www.johnmonash.com.

Statement of Surplus or Deficit and Comprehensive Income

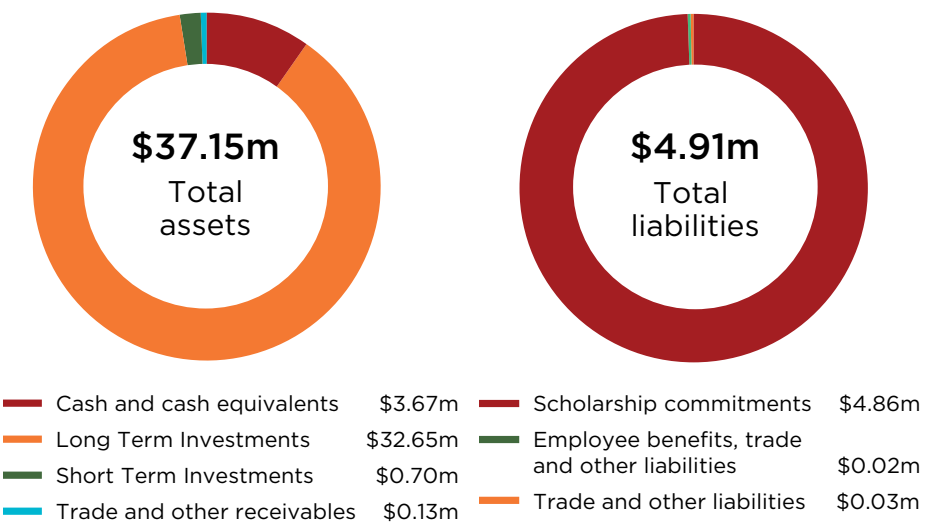
	2018 \$ mil	2017 \$ mil	2016 \$ mil
Funding revenue	3.67	4.31	6.73
Operating expenses	(3.43)	(3.68)	(2.63)
Results from operations	0.24	0.63	4.10
Finance income	1.34	1.99	0.59
Surplus for year	1.58	2.62	4.69
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income*	1.58	2.62	4.69
Transferred to endowment reserve	(1.75)	(1.75)	(4.50)

*Amounts transferred from comprehensive income to be retained in our endowment fund for the provision of future scholarships



Statement of Financial Position

	2018 \$ mil	2017 \$ mil	2016 \$ mil
Current assets	4.50	8.04	6.93
Non-current assets	32.65	26.85	24.23
Total assets	37.15	34.89	31.16
Current liabilities	2.62	1.90	1.72
Non-current liabilities	2.29	2.32	1.39
Total liabilities	4.91	4.22	3.11
Net assets	32.24	30.67	28.05
Equity	32.24	30.67	28.05



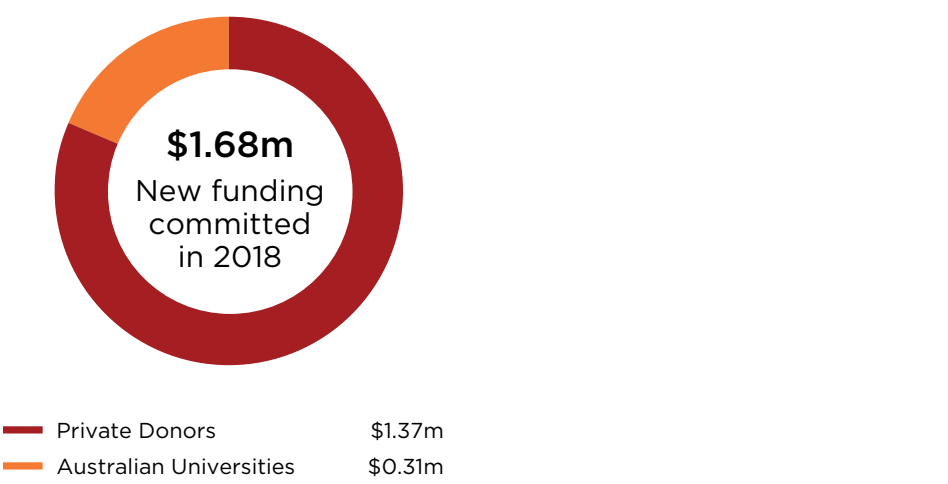
Efficiency & Effectiveness

The Foundation continues to operate in an efficient and effective manner with office operations supporting the growth in the number of Scholarships awarded and of Alumni.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Numbers of Scholarships awarded per year	10	15	14	17	20	18
Total number of Scholars (cumulative)	81	96	110	127	147	165
Scholarships awarded (\$ mil, cumulative)	9.9	11.5	13.6	15.6	18.5	21.1
Number of full time equivalent staff	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.8

New Funding Committed in 2018

In 2018 the Foundation received \$1.68m in new funding commitments, of which \$0.5m was received during the Financial year (in accordance with accounting standards, revenue is recognised, upon receipt of the funds pledged), from the sectors identified.



Thank You

Major Benefactors, Supporters of Perpetual Scholarships

Donations made to the Foundation's endowment fund supporting scholarships awarded every year in perpetuity.

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The Honourable Tim Fischer AC, has generously committed to the Foundation, half of the net proceeds from the publication of his book “Maestro John Monash: Australia's Greatest Citizen General”, as a salute to the positive legacy of General Sir John Monash.

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The General Sir John Monash Foundation sincerely thanks those individuals who have advised us that their Wills include bequests to the Foundation.

“As Australians we should honour our great leaders. Monash contributed so much to this country-his name is embedded in our history and our future. By supporting a perpetual John Monash Scholarship we can help to develop our future leaders who will carry his name as part of their heritage and their values”

John Roth



Ryan Carters is congratulated on his scholarship by John Roth

“In Australia we actually need a lot of leadership and we need to challenge our young people and need to give them the opportunity to be challenged. I think that's very important. We believe it is through education people can grow and develop, and education opens up so many more opportunities in life. Meeting our Scholar it becomes real, that this is what we've been able to do and she can actually use this gift. It is a gift that goes around in a circle — we're fortunate enough to have it: we give it and she gives it back, so we think it's a wonderful connection”.

Helen Gannon

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Sculpture of General Sir John Monash



Jillian Segal AM and General Sir John Monash's great-grandson Michael Bennett at the ceremony unveiling the John Monash Sculpture

The image on the cover of this Annual Report is the recently unveiled sculpture of General Sir John Monash at the War Memorial in Canberra. Leading sculptor Charles Robb was commissioned to create a likeness of General Sir John Monash for the Australian War Memorial to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Hamel.

During the 93-minute battle that cemented his reputation as a visionary, Monash led the victorious Allied troops against the Germans.

He meticulously planned every detail, using a combined arms approach that brought together artillery, infantry, tanks and aircraft in what has been described as the first modern battle.

The bronze sculpture, which required just over half a tonne of clay, commemorates Monash's legacy as an outstanding General during the First World War, but also aims to highlight his distinct character and his dedication to civic duty after the war.

Working in collaboration with award-winning poet Sarah Holland-Batt, Robb surrounded himself with images of Monash to help him create a likeness that signified his vision and leadership.

The sculpture depicts Monash as the stable axis of a world in flux, a pivotal driver of Australia's war efforts, and a powerful witness to the tremendous events of the early twentieth century.

Monash wears a civilian suit and his Returned and Services League badge, while carrying a book. "This is a reference to his literary dimension," Robb said. "But it could be a field notebook, it could be a diary, or it could be a book of poetry. It's got that open-ended reference to the different intellectual spirit that he really brought to the various tasks that he applied himself to, including the war."

Fittingly, the sculpture stands in the war memorial's sculpture garden, a more peaceful context separated from the 'horror and inefficiency' of war that Monash despised. However, it is also a reminder that there are values and truths by which we live that are worth fighting for.

The sculpture was dedicated by Lieutenant General Angus Campbell AO DSC, Chief of Army, in a public ceremony on 4 July 2018. A dedication prayer was also offered by Rabbi Ralph Genende, Chief Rabbi of the Defence Force.

Monash joins stretcher bearer John Simpson Kirkpatrick and Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop as heroes honoured by a sculpture at the Canberra monument.



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