

DINNER DANCE 2017



On a balmy 25 degree evening, the alumni relations team hosted the annual Dinner Dance for alumni, staff and friends. Held on the oval on the Manawatū campus, the event raised \$7000 for the Refectory restoration project. A fabulous night was had by all with singers Elvis Presley and Austin Powers keeping the crowd dancing until midnight. Thank you to everyone who came along – we hope you had as much fun as we did!



RACHEL EDEN – 2016 MASSEY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

"Receiving the Massey University Undergraduate Scholarship was a great help towards covering additional costs during my third year in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science programme. The practical nature of my degree means there are several costs associated with it in addition to the course fees, such as travel and accommodation at placements, specialist equipment and appropriate wet weather gear for rural practice."

The scholarship was immensely helpful in allowing me to meet these extra expenses so I could concentrate on learning and maintaining my high grades.

Thank you to the Massey alumni who contribute to the scholarship fund in order to make this scholarship possible. I'm looking forward to completing my degree in 2018 and starting my career as a veterinarian at a mixed practice clinic."



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 8

Thank you to our donors Auckland

NOVEMBER 21

Thank you to our donors Wellington

DECEMBER 7

Thank you to our donors Palmerston North

NOVEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 8

Alumni phone appeal

KIA ORA TATOU

The end of last year was a turbulent one with both Brexit and Trump impacting on the Foundation's invested fund. Despite this turbulence we were pleased that, even after gifting the University \$1.44 million for the build of Wildbase, the Foundation's assets ended the year at a healthy \$27 million and that we had a final return of 4.6% after fees to each fund in the invested pool. Most of these funds are for research or scholarship.

As our fundraising capacity has increased and our investments grow, the Foundation has added strength to its governance team in the form of alumni Linda Jenkinson and Wayne McIlwraith. Both Linda and Wayne have been on the board of the Foundation's fundraising vehicle in the USA - *Friends of Massey USA* - for some years. Their addition to the Foundation board will bring synergy between the two entities and will increase the Foundation's international outreach. For more on the Foundation board and *Friends of Massey USA* see www.massey.ac.nz/foundation

The first half of 2017 has certainly been busy in the Foundation with an increased number of gifts and bequests received, most of them going to scholarship or research. We were especially grateful to receive the largest donation ever made to the University. The anonymous \$3.4 million gift will support postgraduate students at the University. The addition of this gift means the Foundation has achieved a record \$5 million in fundraising already this year and our capital has now gone well over the \$32 million mark.

We are grateful to all of our contributors, many of whom chose to remain anonymous. It's pleasing to welcome so many new donors to the Foundation this year, many of whom donated for the first time during our alumni appeal in December.

Wishing you all the best for the colder months ahead, stay warm and look after each other. As always, thank you for your support of Massey.

Mitch Murdoch, Director Development and Alumni Relations

\$3.4 MILLION GIFT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

A \$3.4 million gift to the Massey University Foundation from an anonymous donor is the largest single donation ever made to the Foundation and the largest to the University in its 90 year history.

The gift will exist in perpetuity and the income from the fund will be used for postgraduate scholarships. Massey Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas says she is in equal part amazed at the size of the gift and humbled by the generosity of the donor, who insisted on complete anonymity.

"All I can say is thank you so much and please accept my assurance every cent will always be used for the benefit of students."

The money will be invested in perpetuity in the Foundation's endowment fund, currently worth about \$32 million, meaning only the proceeds of the investments are ever spent. "Postgraduate students often don't qualify for Government allowances and many then struggle with the demands of working to support themselves while studying," Professor Thomas says. "For them the financial support of a scholarship allows them to reach their potential and is sometimes the difference between being able to study or not."

"Massey University enrolls about 32,500 students each year from more than 130 countries at its campuses in Auckland, Manawatū and Wellington as well as New Zealand's largest university distance education programme, which has students throughout the world."



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2016 ALUMNI APPEAL

Late last year the Foundation reached out to 84,000 Massey alumni via post, email and phone during our annual alumni appeal to raise money for the Refectory restoration and for student scholarships.

The phone aspect of the appeal was run as a four-week pilot programme. It proved successful resulting in 855 new donors to the Foundation and helped us raise more than \$100,000, making this our most successful alumni appeal ever.

A very dedicated team of 27 Massey students were employed to work in our make-shift call centre in Tiritea House on the Manawatū campus, where they called alumni throughout the world. The feedback we had from the student callers was that they thoroughly enjoyed working for the phone appeal and having the opportunity to chat to alumni who had some great stories to share about their time at Massey.

Foundation director Mitch Murdoch was impressed with the students' enthusiasm and professionalism.

"The energy from the students over those four weeks was infectious and they were so excited every time they spoke to an alumnus or received a gift. We couldn't have asked for a better group of student callers for our first phone appeal."

Feedback from alumni has also been positive.

"They really enjoyed hearing from a young student and being able to reminisce about their time at Massey. It was great for the students to see how passionate and proud our alumni are."

Thank you to everyone who picked up the phone and spoke to one of our student callers, sharing your stories and advice, and inspiring the next generation of Massey students.

If you haven't already, take a look at the students' Thank You video at massey.ac.nz/2016appeal



"I loved talking to the alumni. I enjoyed hearing about stuff that had happened on campus in the past, from food fights and pranks to falling in love and finding their future spouse."

Something else I enjoyed about the job was seeing the number of people who wanted to help students like myself by donating.

Thank you to everyone I spoke to and to all the fantastic alumni who donated"

Laura Brand - 2016 student caller
Studying a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry



Our student callers celebrating an appeal milestone



Student callers in the makeshift call centre in Tiritea House



Pictured from left: Wildbase donors Vicki Stewart, Hugh Blair, Alana Blair, Rob Jager, Craig Shepherd and David Stewart with Foundation chairman Russ Ballard.

NEW WILDBASE HOSPITAL OPENS

Massey University's new Wildbase Hospital was officially opened on January 27 at a ceremony on the University's Manawatū campus. Thanks to the generous support of many organisations, companies and individuals, the Massey Foundation raised the \$1.44 million needed for the new hospital build which is 10 times larger than the previous space.

Shell New Zealand chairman Rob Jager officially opened the new building at a ceremony attended by Massey's new Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas, Veterinary Teaching Hospital staff and the many supporters of Wildbase.

The custom-built 250 square metre hospital space includes an intensive care unit, wards, a surgical suite, quarantine rooms, treatment spaces, and a display ward in front of the building where people will be able to view wildlife through viewing portals. Pride of place is a sterile surgical room with overhead cameras so veterinary students can observe the surgeries through live video-link.

Shell New Zealand, a Gold Conservation Partner, has sponsored Wildbase for 13 years. Chairman Rob Jager says Shell is greatly impressed by the treatment and care provided at Wildbase and what has been achieved. "This is important work, it's lifesaving work and if our great-great-grandchildren in generations to come are to enjoy New Zealand wildlife, as we have all had the privilege of doing, this work is critical," Mr Jager says.

Although the building work is now complete, Wildbase hospital continues to rely on the support of donors through the Massey University Foundation for wildlife research and scholarship. If you would like to discuss a donation please contact Kylie Gibbard - k.gibbard@massey.ac.nz



Massey Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas (centre) with Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Peter Chrisp, Pengbo Jiang, Mavis Mullins and Ross McEwan

RECOGNISING OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

A Dannevirke farmer and agri-business leader, a top Wellington civil servant and the head of a major British bank are among former Massey University students whose contributions were recognised by the University at the Defining Excellence Awards in March.

The University's most prestigious alumni award, the Sir Geoffrey Peren Medal, named after Massey's founding Principal, was presented to Ross McEwan, chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Mr McEwan graduated with a Bachelor of Business Studies in 1979.

Mr McEwan returned to New Zealand to receive the award at a function in Auckland, describing the award as "an absolute honour" and his time at Massey University as probably the best years of his life.

Other distinguished alumni who were also recognised and presented with a Massey medal during the award ceremony include:

Mavis Mullins (MBA 1996), director of Paewai Mullins Shearing, was presented the Distinguished Alumni Service Award for her work in agri-business.

Pengbo Jiang (Master of Management 2016), senior consultant at Global Immigration in Wellington, received the Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

Peter Chrisp (Master of Arts 1986), chief executive at New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT TRAVEL

Plant pathologist, philanthropist and Massey University alumnus Dr Garry Latch has donated \$400,000 to the Massey Foundation to establish a scholarship. The Garrick Latch postgraduate scholarship aims to assist and encourage New Zealand postgraduate scholars in the field of plant pathology to travel overseas to collaborate with universities and to broaden and enrich both their minds and their research.

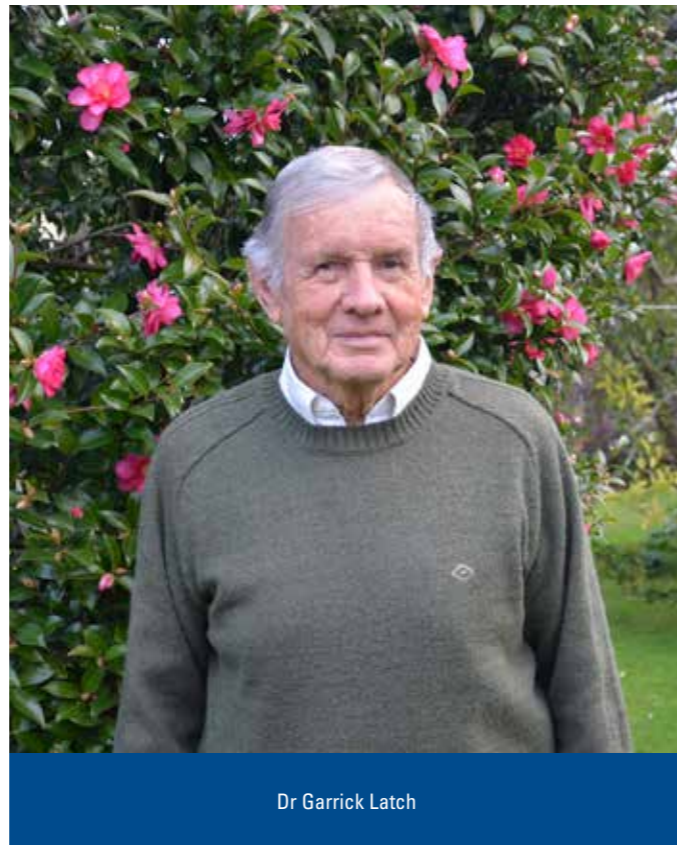
Having received a travel scholarship himself, Dr Latch says his desire to create this scholarship came about from his personal experience abroad and the impact his overseas study had to his own career.

"Throughout my career I found that the contacts I made while a student in the USA and sabbaticals overseas, together with participation at conferences, greatly assisted me with my research. This is why I believe it important that students should have the opportunity to have overseas experiences as soon as possible."

Dr Latch completed a Master of Agricultural Science at Massey in 1958, after which he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship that led to a PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Wisconsin. Returning to New Zealand in late 1960 Dr Latch joined the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and established a sub-station of the Plant Disease Division in Palmerston North. It was here that he assisted plant breeders to develop disease resistance in grasses and legumes and also used pathogenic fungus for biological control of pasture insects.

Dr Latch has had an extensive international career working on a variety of successful research projects including helping to find a strain of fungus to control the coconut rhinoceros beetle in Tonga and Samoa. He was also responsible for finding a strain of fungus that prevents insect infestations of ryegrass while not causing staggers in animals eating the grass.

The scholarship, which will have a value of approximately \$15,000 per year, will be awarded to a Massey student enrolled full-time in a PhD in either plant pathology, molecular plant pathology or a closely related field of study.



Dr Garrick Latch

BEQUEST FUNDS SMALL DOG RESEARCH

A generous bequest from a devoted dog lover has helped the Massey Foundation establish a new fund dedicated to the research of small dog health and well-being.

Aileen Claridge was known to have as many as six small dogs staying with her after she retired to the Kapiti Coast. In addition to her own griffon dogs, Aileen would frequently provide a home for "visitors", looking after orphaned dogs and pets of friends who went away. The love and companionship she had with these dogs, and her belief that more research could be done to improve the health and wellbeing of small dog breeds, motivated Aileen to leave a gift in her Will to the Massey Veterinary School.

Up to \$10,000 will be available each year through the fund to support research that expands the body of knowledge around the health and wellbeing of small dog breeds.

Aileen always had a natural curiosity and was a believer in lifelong learning. She was a professional librarian. After graduating from university she was employed in the Country Library Service in Wellington. For several years she drove the book van around the South Island, bringing a mobile library to small rural towns and settlements. During the 1960s she was head of circulation in the Massey University Library.

After retiring from the National Library in 1984 Aileen moved to the Kapiti Coast, where she had "Miss Clarridge's", a quality childrenswear and linen shop in Waikanae. At this time her passion for griffon dogs began.

Aileen's legacy, in the form of the Aileen Claridge Small Dog Research Fund, will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of New Zealand's popular small dog breeds.

If you would like to donate to the research fund, or discuss leaving a gift in your Will, please contact Kylie Gibbard at k.gibbard@massey.ac.nz



Aileen Claridge with her beloved griffon dogs