

VETENT DONATION BOOSTS WORKING DOG CENTRE

Veterinary group VetEnt has made a significant donation to Massey's Working Dog Centre. The gift will support research into disease, injury and illness of working dogs.

Massey University's Working Dog Centre was established in 2008 and is unique in New Zealand. It seeks to improve the health and working life of New Zealand working and service dogs by undertaking cutting-edge scientific investigations. Centre director Andrew Worth says many valuable working dogs are lost to industry through diseases and work-specific injuries: "There are thousands of working dogs in New Zealand from police dogs, guide dogs for the blind, search and rescue dogs and of course farm dogs. They often suffer specific injury and illness due to the nature of their work and very little research has been published on these animals – often these very valuable dogs have a premature retirement or may be euthanized due to their illness or injury - that is where the Working Dog Centre at Massey comes in.

The Working Dog Centre funds research to investigate and potentially solve some of the many ailments of working and service dogs. Recent examples of our work includes lumbosacral disease in Police dogs, gastric bloat in farm dogs and elbow dysplasia in Labradors. We are very grateful to have the support of VetEnt, their donation will allow us to undertake more studies to prevent and treat illness and injuries which significantly impact on the health and happiness of working dogs in New Zealand."

Massey alumnus and CEO of VetEnt, John Harrison, says: "Many of our patients are working dogs and they are crucial to the farming industry which supports us. We value the work that is done at Massey into treating and preventing illness in these animals and are only too happy to support the work of Andrew and his colleagues through the Massey Foundation and look forward to a long relationship with the Centre."

VetEnt is one of New Zealand's leading veterinary practices with 25 clinics around New Zealand. It promotes the successful economic development of New Zealand's farming industries through the provision of quality veterinary service, knowledge and products.



Clive Palmer

RESTORATION OF TIRITEA HOUSE: CLASS OF 59-65

2014 was a significant year for Massey University, celebrating its 50th anniversary since receiving full university status in 1964. Clive Palmer (MAgrSc(1962) DipEd(1972), Alumni and Past President of the Students Association, and Public Relations Officer of Massey University from 1961-1973, sought support from the Classes of 59-65 to help restore Tiritea House, former residence of the Vice Chancellors, in the second stage of its refurbishment, restoring another ground floor room into a working study and office space for visiting alumni.

The first stage of the refurbishment has been made possible by donations from the 1958 degree class intake who raised \$83,000 to restore the formal lounge (pictured above), which was opened in March 2014.

Clive enlisted the support of Class Ambassadors to assist him in this campaign. The Foundation wishes to thank Clive, and his Ambassadors - Nick Tripe, John Telford, Ken Milne, Roger Ball, Garth Cumberland, Stuart Chambers, Ian Trass, David Routley, John Millett, Rupert Ryan, Bob Hargreaves, and Roger Maxwell for their support in this appeal. The fund currently stands at \$7,500. Clive and his group have a target of \$40,000.

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KIA ORA TĀTOU

A huge thanks to Foundation donors and supporters for making 2014 the best year the Foundation has ever had! Records fell on all fronts with gifts to the Foundation reaching \$3.2 million dollars for various projects and funds including the Centenary History Project, Wildbase, the Tiritea House appeal and for the establishment of several new sub trusts. This money came from gifts from 586 different individuals and businesses – up from 386 in 2013!

The Foundation's endowment investment pool (money gifted to the Foundation to hold in perpetuity, and from which the income is used to fund scholarships, research and other specific purposes) reached \$22

million by year end and returned another \$1.81 million to give the Foundation total returns of just over \$5 million – a significant contribution!

Perhaps more exciting, the Foundation managed to give away a record \$1 million to the University to support students and staff through grants, research and scholarship.

While 2015 has really only just started we hope you can help us to make this another great year for the Foundation. The work we do does make a difference to staff and students and, with your help, our reach and impact is growing!

Mitch Murdoch, Foundation Director



MITCH MURDOCH



A WARM WELCOME TO MICHELLE BERRIMAN

Michelle Berriman joined the Foundation team in September 2014. Originally from Scotland, Michelle is based in the Foundation's Wellington office and will work on a range of projects including direct from salary giving, Centenary History and Wildbase. Michelle previously worked for Capital Vision. Sadly Suzanne Silva left the Foundation to join Fostering Kids – a charity close to her heart and closer to her home! We wish Suzanne and Foster Kids all the best.

FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL ALUMNI APPEAL REACHES NEW RECORD

The Foundation's 2014 annual alumni appeal resulted in 327 individual donations to receive a total of \$31,000 – a new record for the Foundation. The Foundation would like to thank its generous alumni for their support and is looking forward to an even better appeal this year!



Hon Maggie Barry and CEO Shell NZ, Rob Jager help feed a yellow-eyed penguin in the current Wildbase Hospital facility

WILDBASE UPDATE

New Zealand's leading wildlife health centre has celebrated reaching its \$1.44 million target to build a new facility with a ground-breaking ceremony.

The occasion was marked by a tree planting ceremony attended by notable guests, including Chief Executive of Shell NZ Rob Jager, the Minister of Conservation the Honourable Maggie Barry, Lady Raewyn Henry, Craig Shepherd, Julie Summat and Vicki and David Stewart, as well as local children from Tiritea School and many donors and friends of Wildbase.

Wildlife specialist Associate Professor Brett Gartrell says construction can not start soon enough. "The

expansion of the Hospital will allow us to increase patient numbers, and improve treatment. Without the care it provides, many of our unique patients would not survive for re-release back into their native habitat where they contribute to the survival of their species. I would once again like to thank our ambassadors and donors, without them, none of this would be possible."

The expanded hospital is due to be completed in April 2016 and will be ten times bigger than the current facility, allowing the team to treat more animals to a better standard. Fundraising continues for operational costs, scholarships and research.





Team members Jenny Nixey, Hayley Squance, Ngaio Beausoleil, Rachael Stratton, Richard Kuipers von Lande and Fred Pauwels.

ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM SEEKS SUPPORT

The Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VERT) is part of Massey's Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences and comprises specially trained vets, vet technologists and vet nurses with expertise in technical rescue and emergency treatment of companion animals and livestock.

Initially trained by world leading search and rescue expert Steve Glassey, who runs Rescue 3 Pacific, the team mobilises to save production and companion animals in the face of disaster. It is the first team of its kind in Australasia.

The team was deployed to Christchurch in the wake of the February 2011 earthquake and has responded to emergencies such as horse float accidents, overturned cattle trucks, and trapped dogs, cattle, sheep and cats.

The Massey team's point of difference is its ability to provide veterinary treatment to animals in the field including in remote locations.

Team leader, Hayley Squance, says natural disasters

in New Zealand and throughout the world have highlighted the need for animal care in crisis situations. "Many owners have risked and lost their lives for their animals and thousands more have felt long-term emotional and financial impacts of animal loss," Ms Squance says.

The team is associated with World Animal Protection disaster management division and may be deployed internationally if required. Ms Squance says the team has worked and trained with territorial authorities, the veterinary association, civil defence, police force, the SPCA, fire service and USAR and others to develop a co-ordinated response to emergencies or disasters involving animals. The team also provides advice, education and research support nationally and internationally.

The VERT is run on a volunteer basis and relies on donations and sponsorship.

If you are interested in supporting VERT contact Mitch Murdoch at the Massey University Foundation on 021 423 668 or m.a.murdoch@massey.ac.nz

JOHN BERTRAM HOPKINS BEQUEST

John Bertram Hopkins, a veterinarian from Guelph, Canada, who had resided in Nelson until his death last year, had done post-graduate studies at Colorado State University and the Oklahoma State University and also worked as a veterinary pathologist for the University of Guelph, among others.

Although he did not study at Massey University, he requested in his Will that a sum of money be left to Massey University to establish a scholarship to the memory of his parents "Rose C and William G Hopkins" to support postgraduate students in the field of veterinary science, with priority for students in veterinary pathology.



Eric Ojala 1916-2002

ERIC OJALA SUB TRUST ESTABLISHED

The legacy of a distinguished agricultural researcher and economist is being continued with an \$837,202 donation for agricultural research and scholarships at Massey University.

Venture Trust, set up in 1986 by the late Dr Eric Ojala, has been disestablished, with the remaining funds gifted to the registered charity the Massey University Foundation, which will invest it in perpetuity and distribute money annually from the proceeds.

Dr Ojala completed a Master of Agricultural Science at Massey in 1941 and was also the students' association president. After military service in the South Pacific, he worked as an agricultural officer in the Solomon Islands, gained a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Auckland University in 1945 and a PhD in international agricultural economics from Oxford University in 1948. He spent three years as a rural economist in the Department of Agriculture in New Zealand, held senior positions at the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation in Asia and Italy, retiring as the organisation's deputy director-general in 1976, after which he set up the Centre for Agricultural Policy Studies at Massey in Manawatu.

The university awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Science in 1977 and a Sir Geoffrey Peren Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1988. He was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order in 1986. He died in 2002.

Professor Emeritus Allan Rae, a foundation trustee on Venture Trust, worked with Dr Ojala in the Centre of Agricultural Policy Studies. Professor Rae says Dr Ojala had "deep commitment to the development of agriculture. Dr Ojala donated generously to the Venture Trust over the remainder of his life and this new sub trust will pursue the same objectives he first established."

A sub-trust of the foundation has been created in Dr Ojala's name. Its inaugural chair is Massey's agrifood business director, Professor Claire Massey. It will support scholarships and research and projects that develop New Zealand land-based sciences, agricultural policy, strategy, trade, economics, farm management, food technology, production and innovation at Massey.

Professor Massey describes Dr Ojala's work as visionary. "He set up Venture Trust to contribute to a better understanding of New Zealand trade in agriculture and food products," she says, "and this objective remains as relevant now as it was when Dr Ojala established it."

Foundation director Mitch Murdoch says the investment should return around \$50,000 annually to be distributed and that amount would grow over time with careful management.

MASSEY MEDAL FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY LEADER ROGER MORRIS

The Foundation would like to offer its congratulations to world-renowned epidemiologist Professor Emeritus Roger Morris, who was recognised with a Massey Medal in late 2014. Professor Morris established the Morris Sub Trust as part of the Massey University Foundation in 2004. He seeded the trust with \$400,000 of research money which has now grown to \$615,000. The trust funds projects in epidemiology and is currently funding a PhD student Masako Wada who is completing her thesis on the economics of FMD (foot and mouth disease) control strategies. In 2014 the Morris Sub Trust also funded Dr Lily Wang, a paediatrician and epidemiologist, to work at Massey on the World Bank 'One Health' project.

Retired from Massey since 2008, but still active around the world, he has been at the forefront of efforts to control outbreaks such as bird-flu virus and mad cow disease.

Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science head Professor Paul Kenyon says Professor Morris is one of the world's preminent veterinary epidemiologists. "Given that we are a nation which relies heavily on the export of animals and animal products, Roger's work is crucial and we have been fortunate to have him working with us at Massey."

Professor Morris graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with Honours from the University of Sydney in 1966 and worked at the University of Melbourne and the University of Minnesota. In 1986, he was appointed Professor of Animal Health at Massey, where he established the globally recognised EpiCentre, a research, consultancy and training centre in epidemiology, biosecurity, food safety and animal health based at Manawatu.

His international reputation was a key factor in Massey winning a \$15 million contract from the World Bank and European Union to develop and teach a "One Health" master's degree programme for health professionals across South Asia, in response to the outbreak of H5N1 avian influenza.

He has undertaken hundreds of international consultancies for world governments and major health organisations such as the World Health Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. He was an adviser to the British government during outbreaks of Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), foot-and-mouth and avian influenza (bird flu).

In 2003, he was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to veterinary science. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand, the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Epidemiology and the American College of Epidemiology. He has supervised more than 200 doctoral and master's students and written more than 200 scientific papers.

He is currently consulting for the World Bank on avian influenza projects in Bhutan, China, India, Laos and Mongolia.



Professor Emeritus Roger Morris

WORLD WAR ONE HISTORY PROJECT MOVES CLOSER TO COMPLETION

Fundraising for the Centenary History Project, a project to record the complete history of New Zealand's involvement in World War One in a series of 13 books, draws closer to completion with 11 of the books now in production or completed.

Work to fund the medical volume has just begun and the Foundation has gratefully received gifts from the New Zealand Veterinary Association - including the Equine and Sheep and Beef divisions, as well as Acurity Health, Canterbury Equine Clinic, Medical Assurance Society, PNCC Library, and the Royal NZ Medical Core.

Project manager, Professor Glyn Harper says the Medical Volume is crucial to the series of books: "The story of our doctors, dentists, vets, nurses and medics has never been told and it is a remarkable story of courage and of invention.

"The First World became New Zealand's biggest health challenge. New Zealand medical and veterinary personnel had to deal with horrific injuries caused by high velocity bullets, artillery fire and chemical weapons. In addition, at this time infectious diseases were a constant and grave threat. In the midst of this, the devastating 1918 influenza pandemic occurred affecting both troops overseas and New Zealanders at home."

Currently no book tells the collective story of how our troops and the animals that supported them were supported, and cared for. This volume will explore the coming of age of New Zealand Health services and details such significant figures as Henry Pickerill and Harold Gillies who set about rebuilding faces and burnt casualties and in doing so became the fathers of plastic surgery. It provides an opportunity to tell the story of their efforts to deliver the best of healthcare under the most difficult of circumstances.

The Foundation is also continuing to fundraise for a volume which recounts the history of our battle with the Ottoman Turks - some \$25,000 is required to complete this volume.

Donations to the Ottoman Turks and the Medical Volumes are welcome. Please contact Michelle Berriman on 04 801 5799 ext 63064.

