

NEW FUND SUPPORTS ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE RESEARCH

Long-time supporter of research at Massey University, the Wairarapa Veterinary Association, has made the decision to wind up its charity and has generously donated the majority of its capital to the Massey University Foundation.

Development Manager Kylie Gibbard says that the Foundation is thrilled to be entrusted to continue the association's legacy.

"The \$560,000 donation has been used to establish the Wairarapa Veterinary Association Research Endowment Fund, which will support research at Massey's School of Veterinary Science. It's really exciting that this endowment will exist in perpetuity, meaning income from this fund will expand animal health research for many, many years to come."

Income from the fund will work to expand the body of knowledge in animal and veterinary science, including zoonoses, in agriculturally relevant species.

The Wairarapa Veterinary Association started life as a cooperative veterinary club as part of the wider promotion of similar clubs throughout New Zealand. The club provided a means of achieving the rapid increase of professional veterinary services required by the post-war livestock farming boom. As access to privately operated veterinary clinical practices became easier, the club became a charitable organisation supporting veterinary and farming related local and national projects.

The Wairarapa Veterinary Association research grants will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the work carried out at the Massey University School of Veterinary Science, and in turn, improving the health and welfare of agricultural based animals in New Zealand.

If you would like to donate to a research fund at Massey University, please contact Kylie Gibbard at k.gibbard@massey.ac.nz.



EQUINE TRUST MAKES RECORD RESEARCH FUND AVAILABLE



The Equine Trust (a sub trust of the Massey University Foundation) has focused on improving the health and wellbeing of the New Zealand's \$2 billion Equine Industry through research and discovery that improves the performance, soundness, and well-being of horses. With an initial endowment of \$5 million invested with the Foundation in 2006 when the trust was created, the fund has now grown to over \$7.5 million. Each year income from this significant fund is made available for equine research and education in New Zealand. This year a record \$478,000 has been made available for research projects.

The Trust has a specialist committee which administers funding, chaired by Professor Wayne McIlwraith, a Massey alumnus, Foundation board member and a recognized world leader in the field of equine orthopaedic surgery and research.

Dr McIlwraith says: "The committee that manages applications to this fund has been delighted by the way the Foundation has invested the core money and made it grow. The performance of the fund last year was exceptional and it has meant that we have a really healthy research pool to give to quality research applications this year.

"Research being done by the Equine Trust supports New Zealand's equine industry and allows it to make improvements which ultimately make the industry healthier, more sustainable and more profitable."

2018 applications are now open (closing date 3 October) to learn more about the fund or to make an application visit <https://equinetrust.co.nz/>

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2017 was a stand-out year for the Foundation, with not only a record number of donors and donations, but an exceptional performance from the investment fund.

All of this means that this year, the Foundation will give away a record amount in scholarships and research, something that should make us all very happy and proud.

What is perhaps most evident from last year's performance is that as the Foundation grows and develops so too does the impact and significance of its work.

While universities are generally faring better than polytechnics (80% of which face losses over the next five years according to the NZ Herald), economic stability still remains key to Massey's academic freedom and its success as an educational institution. Thanks to its many donors, the Foundation is helping to support research and discovery at Massey that might otherwise have gone unfunded and which will have an impact beyond the boundaries of this University and its alumni.

I remain proud of the work we are undertaking in the Foundation and very grateful to our many donors who also believe in the power of education, research and discover to change lives and the world we live in for the better.

Ngā mihi

Mitch Murdoch,
Director Development
and Alumni Relations



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to our donors function

Auckland Thursday 8 November
(Grand Millennium, Auckland 5.30 – 7.30pm)

Thank you to our donors function

Wellington Thursday 15 November
(Intercontinental, Wellington 5.30 – 7.30pm)

Thank you to our donors function

Palmerston North Tuesday 4 December
(Tiritea House, Massey University, Palmerston North 3.30 – 5.30pm)

International alumni networking events

London Thursday 13 September
(New Zealand House, 5.30 – 8.00pm)

New York City Saturday 18 September
(Cornell Club, 5.30 – 7.30pm)

San Francisco Thursday 20 September
(Bluxome Street Winery, 6.30 – 8.00pm)

For more information and to register – head to
<https://alumnionline.massey.ac.nz/events>

CONNECTING NEW MASSEY STUDENTS WITH ADVICE FROM ALUMNI

For new students at Massey University, joining our global alumni family can feel like a lifetime away. The Foundation and Alumni Relations team wanted to change this, and set about making it happen using something no student can be without – advice and a deck of cards.

Decks of playing cards, which were custom designed to feature advice from real Massey alumni, were distributed to first year students in an effort to connect them to Massey's past students and growing alumni family. This initiative was recently awarded Bronze by the international Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for the innovative way they connected students with words of wisdom from alumni.

Development Executive Kelly Weaver says that the idea stemmed from advice collected from alumni during the 2016 alumni appeal.

"It was a novel way to inspire students and connect them with our growing community of Massey alumni. Featuring the real names and graduating year of the quoted alumni reinforced the concept that this was real advice from one generation of Massey students to the next, making the advice more meaningful."

The decks were given to over 4000 students during O Week as a part of their "Welcome to Massey" packs.

"Playing cards can be used again and again, rather than just glanced at once and then thrown out. We wanted to create meaningful connections between our current and past students, and celebrate our alumni with wise advice for those following in their footsteps. The students loved them, and our featured alumni were so pleased to have a platform to inspire future Massey alumni."

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MASSEY STAFF SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Since 2014, Massey University staff have been able to donate to causes that matter to them through the Foundation’s direct from salary giving programme. The donations from staff are eligible for an instant tax refund, and are matched by the University dollar for dollar.

Each of the five Massey colleges, and the Office of Maori & Pasifika, have named Development Funds within the Foundation for staff to donate into.

One of these funds, the Massey Business School (MBS) Development Fund, has been generously supported by Massey Business School staff who recognised the need to support students in financial hardship. This led to the creation of the Massey Business School Promising Student Assistance Bursary which has been awarded to 19 students in the last two years.

The impact of these staff-funded bursaries is best described by the student recipients themselves – showing how a little bit every fortnight can make a big difference.

“The money you contributed has helped me in many ways to ease the financial pressure of working on my PhD [researching the representation of autism in Vietnamese online news media] and caring for a child on my own in a foreign country. My 12 year old son [who is on the autism spectrum] has been welcomed here at a New Zealand school, and I so much appreciate what it takes to make an inclusive society for everyone. I have been able to send him to school holiday program because of the extra resources I’ve got from MBS’ work and bursary. Thanks to that, I have more time to work on my thesis and my son has more chance to socialise with other kids during his school holidays.”

- Khanh Nguyen



BURSARY RECIPIENT KHANH NGUYEN

“For me, being awarded one of the Promising Student Assistance Bursaries this year has meant that I haven’t had to worry about looking for part time work while I get to grips with my first year away from home attending university, trying to focus on my studies, and continue with my sporting interests.

It has also meant there is not so much pressure on my Mum to help me out with financial assistance as I know as a sole parent, she finds it challenging at times to make ends meet.”

- Sam Leitch

“When I got an email that I have this opportunity, you have no idea how emotional I was when hearing this wonderful news. These days the cost of living is so expensive and having an 18 month old son to look after is very hard. We can’t afford to send him to a day care, therefore one of us must stay home and look after him. I just recently migrate from the islands and had this long wish to complete my degree ages ago but due to not being able to afford the international fees. Therefore, when I finally got my residence last year and while I stay home as a full-time mother, my husband and I were thinking maybe I should try to complete my degree at the same time.

We believed that having better education will have better future. My husband is the only one working and since I am not eligible for a student loan as I need to be holding a residence class visa for at least 3 years to qualify. So, my husband said, just enrol even though we are struggling but we can find other way to help with the fees. Because the most important thing is for me to do my studies. Then, we found your scholarship and applied for it.

Being awarded this scholarship means you have taken most of the burden off our shoulder. I am so grateful for all of you.”

- Lisipesi Henwood



BURSARY RECIPIENT
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\$700,000 GIFT BOOSTS REFECTORY FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for the Refectory building received a boost earlier this year with confirmation that the Lottery environment and heritage fund has awarded the project a \$700,000 grant.

As one of the three original Massey Agricultural College buildings on the Manawātū campus, the Refectory holds a special place in the heart and history of Massey University. The Foundation is leading the appeal to restore the Refectory to its former glory, something that Director Mitch Murdoch says has really resonated with both funders and alumni.

“The Foundation is delighted to receive this substantial grant from Lottery to help us preserve and restore this historic building which means so much to staff, alumni and the local community.”

As well as receiving donations from funding bodies, the project has received over 1,400 donations from individuals, mainly all alumni.

“We’ve had really positive feedback from Massey alumni which I believe shows how important the Refectory is to them. Now in the final stages of fundraising we have created the Refectory Garden – a tranquil space to be enjoyed by all – and we are asking alumni and local businesses to make final contributions. To have a permanent presence in the garden, alumni can purchase a brick, a paver or a bench seat and have their name or the name of a loved one memorialised.”

Foundation Director Mitch Murdoch says that the Refectory will also be home to select special pieces of memorabilia donated by alumni.

“We’re looking for anything from photos and jackets, to ties, film, hats and stories. If you have original memorabilia please email alumni@massey.ac.nz or post to the Foundation and Alumni Office.”

If you’d like to contribute to the Refectory Garden project by purchasing a brick, paver or bench seat, please contact Natalie at N.Manos@massey.ac.nz.



PICTURED (L-R) PATIENCE IZARD (NÉE HOLMES) AND ELPETH GRAY LOUNGE ON THE LAWN IN FRONT OF REFECTORY C. 1950

CHARITABLE TRUST LAUNCHED IN UNITED KINGDOM

After the success of our Friends of the USA charitable trust, and with 1200 alumni living in the United Kingdom, the Foundation is pleased to announce that a charitable Trust has been established in the UK.

Foundation Director Mitch Murdoch says that the trust gives UK-based alumni the opportunity to give without being penalised.

“Like many New Zealand universities, our alumni end up all over the world. We’re very fortunate to have alumni that are very invested in the future of Massey University and we’re so pleased

that we’ve managed to create a vehicle to assist those alumni that want to give to support research and scholarship at Massey.”

Trustees of the UK trust are alumni Preston Wilson (B. Tech 1991) and Tim Kerr (BBS 1992), along with Foundation director, Mitch Murdoch.

In the United Kingdom, a gift duty applies that can be reclaimed by charitable trust donors, which means that each donation is worth approximately 25% more.

To learn more, please contact Mitch Murdoch at m.a.murdoch@massey.ac.nz