

NZIMF RENEW SUPPORT FOR MASSEY BUSINESS SCHOOL AWARDS

The New Zealand Institute of Management Foundation has renewed its support for the Massey Business School with a \$150,000 pledge to support postgraduate students with two \$15,000 scholarships a year for the next five years.

The scholarships have proved invaluable to many students in the past, with some saying they were the difference that enabled them to complete their qualification.

Steve Taylor, of Upper Hutt, is a current recipient after being awarded the scholarship last year. He says it has been a “massive assistance” financially and “fantastic” in terms of networking as well.

The father of three is a former professional musician who played double bass with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra for more than a decade. He left five years ago after his eldest son, now 14, suffered a brain tumour, treatment for which is ongoing. An Upper Hutt City Council member, Mr Taylor enrolled in an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) last year and hopes to complete it next year.

The other current recipient is Sisa Talataina. A full-time employee in the ACC claim management team, the mother of one lives in Manurewa, Auckland. Ms Talataina supports her parents and her father has severe Alzheimer’s. She says the scholarship has made a huge difference by allowing her to pursue her educational goal and has greatly reduced the financial burden on her family, giving her peace of mind. It has also been a driving force that keeps her going “in this challenging yet very rewarding journey”.

She says the Executive MBA she started at Massey this year has been transformational and has taken her outside her comfort zone. Her studies have provided her with new personal skills, confidence and self-awareness. “It has helped me reflect on who I am and where I want to be and opened the idea of opportunities in roles and industries I never thought would be of interest to me. Being a recipient of this scholarship is a true blessing, privilege and a real honour.”



Executive MBA student Sisa Talataina (right) recipient of the NZIMF scholarship with NZIMF Trustee Jill Clark (left)



Executive MBA student Steve Taylor (right) recipient of the NZIMF scholarship with Pro Vice-Chancellor of Massey Business School Professor Stephen Kelly (left)

UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Tēnā koutou,

It is with a mix of trepidation and relief that we enter the last quarter of 2020. The country is back in alert level one, donations to the Foundation are steady, and the share market appears to have recovered bringing a boost to the Foundation’s investments. But the risk of COVID19 lingers and threatens to disrupt our activities on an almost daily basis.

Despite this, the Foundation has fared relatively well over the last four months. After a sharp drop in the investment portfolio in March, Foundation investments bounced back strongly in April and the recovery has continued so that the Foundation’s assets tipped the \$50 million mark for the first time on record at the end of August. This is a real milestone for the Foundation which, eleven years ago, had just \$10 million in its pooled investment fund.

Growth in the Foundation’s endowment is in no small part thanks to the many donations made to the University. In the last quarter we have been grateful to have received several significant gifts including one from alumni Bryce and Ann Carmine to support Prof David Hayman’s COVID research project. While his work has been largely funded by the Carmine’s gift, a further \$100,000 is required to allow Prof Hayman to complete the project which might help us better predict outbreaks of viruses in the future. Watch-out for the appeal landing in your mailbox in early November!

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scholarships for postgraduate students in the Business School for a further five years. You can read about all of these donations on the pages of this newsletter.

The end of the year will see the Foundation’s Annual Alumni Appeal operating from a makeshift call centre in Tiritea House. Every year the team at the Foundation looks forward to the appeal which brings us in contact with some 90,000 alumni and friends of Massey. Student callers generally enjoy the discussions they have with alumni and many return for multiple years to take part in the appeal. This year the appeal will focus on finding additional funding for Prof David Hayman’s COVID research project. While his work has been largely funded by the Carmine’s gift, a further \$100,000 is required to allow Prof Hayman to complete the project which might help us better predict outbreaks of viruses in the future. Watch-out for the appeal landing in your mailbox in early November!

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Ngā manaakitanga
Mitch and the Foundation team

MORE STAFF SIGN-UP IN DIRECT-FROM-SALARY GIVING APPEAL



Direct-from-salary giving enables staff to donate directly from their fortnightly pay to a fund of their choice. Staff giving can help transform as student’s life through scholarship,

make possible a special project at Massey, or support research that may lead to important scientific breakthroughs.

The University matches all donations made, meaning every dollar from staff members is doubled and the match-funding is also allocated to the fund selected by the staff member. Massey University Foundation annual giving and communications manager [Claire Cacho](#) says more staff members signed up to direct-from-salary giving during a recent six-week appeal, for which she is enormously grateful. For more information you may contact Ms Cacho or sign-up online www.massey.ac.nz/dsg

PRIZE ESTABLISHED IN THE NAME OF COMMUNITY NURSE



Jodee Redmond

The family of the late Jodee Redmond is to fund an annual award for first-year students in

the College of Health’s School of Nursing who demonstrate generosity of spirit, empathy to patients, honesty and a positive influence over other students.

Jodee-Anne Genevieve Redmond Wager was a much-respected community nurse in Auckland, working throughout the North Shore and up to Orewa for more than 30 years. Her husband, Paul Wager, says she had a close connection with many Massey nursing students from the Auckland campus over the years. “She adopted many of the trainees from Massey who were placed in her practise over time. She would often have students come over for coffee or dinner and I met many

of them over the years. She always took the students under her wing.”

Mrs Redmond Wager passed away in a car accident in July last year at age 56. Mr Wager says his wife was always very firm about her views on not having a funeral and he wanted to find some way for family and others who knew her to acknowledge her life and career. “She touched many, many people in the community.”

The award will be available to students at any campus and, where possible, will be presented by a member of the Redmond Wager family.

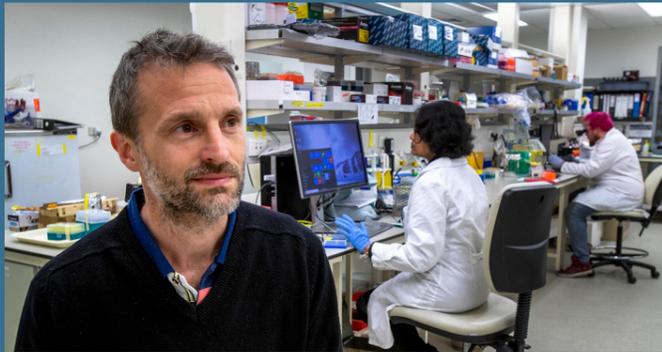
2020 DIARY DATES

ANNUAL ALUMNI APPEAL
4th November – 30th November

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION EVENT DATES

2nd Dec 2020 – Tiritea House, Palmerston North
3rd Dec 2020 – Intercontinental Hotel, Wellington
9th Dec 2020 – KPMG offices, Viaduct Harbour, Auckland

GENEROUS GIFT SUPPORTS COVID-19 RESEARCH AT MASSEY



David Hayman - Professor of Infections Disease Ecology at Massey University.

Sydney couple Bryce and Anne Carmine have donated \$360,000 to Massey University to be spent supporting the work of world-renowned infectious disease ecology specialist Professor David Hayman in better understanding the emergence of Covid-19.

The gift, in three annual instalments of \$120,000, starting this year, has been made through the Friends of Massey USA incorporated society, a branch of the University's charitable arm, the Massey University Foundation.

The Carmines have had a lifelong interest in medical research, and in Massey, both are graduates, as were both of their fathers.

Mrs Carmine (née Percival) has a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physiology (1973) and worked in clinical drug research and government registration for the pharmaceuticals multinational Merck and Company. She was later a medical writer and editor for ADIS Press, and upon moving to the United States, specialised in pharmacology, gaining a master's degree from Butler University in Indianapolis.

Mr Carmine, Bachelor of Science majoring in Biochemistry (1974), also joined the pharmaceutical industry and eventually became Executive Vice-President of Eli Lilly & Co and President of the global Biomedicine business unit for Lilly. He is currently Chairman and Chief Executive of Australian biotechnology firm HaemaLogiX and a board director for Kazia Therapeutics.

Through their Carmine Percival Foundation they seek to support both educational projects that have the potential to impact learning opportunities for children and young adults and medical research projects that may reduce the disease impact for individuals or influence the medical policy and practises within communities. Not only is Professor Hayman's project aligned with these goals, but he also has the training and international reputation to undertake such a project and receive recognition for globally significant research.

Professor Hayman uses multi-disciplinary approaches to understanding infectious diseases' emergence and transmission in humans and animals. The purpose of his research is to understand where and why viruses are likely to emerge and thereby help to prevent future outbreaks.

A veterinary science graduate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, his PhD is from Cambridge University. He has previously warned of the risk of the emergence of viral disease like Ebola and Covid-19, and was among a group of New Zealand scientists who recently warned of the risk of Covid-19 spreading between humans and animals, pointing to the difficulty that would add to any possibility of eliminating the virus. He is co-director of Massey's Molecular Epidemiology and Public Health Laboratory and director of the Infectious Disease Research Centre, both multi-disciplinary groups. He is also a current Te Apārangi Royal Society Rutherford Discovery Fellow, and a member of numerous committees and editorial boards including the United States National Academy of Sciences *Ad Hoc* committee.

Professor Hayman says he was "delighted and somewhat taken aback by the generosity of Bryce and Anne. The funding means I can develop some really important and exciting work, as well as support early career researchers through the generous donation."

It will enable him to employ two postdoctoral fellows. "Postdoctoral researchers are already well-developed researchers with PhDs and, without teaching and administration responsibilities, are able to focus on research. Together, this means that we can really spend time working on the science, to get the best results possible.

"The specific work builds on previous work I have done on how forest fragmentation is increasing Ebola virus outbreak risk in Africa, but initially to be applied to Covid. In just a few months Covid has emerged and impacted the entire world, but it all started when someone was infected with a virus from an animal, just like Ebola virus, SARS, and HIV/AIDS before it. These viruses all have wildlife as the original, natural reservoirs. With collaborators, I have done some preliminary analyses that suggest some parts of China were at risk for such events because people and livestock have encroached into wildlife habitats, increasing the likelihood of these events. The aim of this project is to further develop and support this analysis with a goal to identify high risk areas, both for emergence and then spread through human movement. Initially we will focus on Covid, but because some of these processes are general, we hope then to apply them to other areas to identify hotspots that might be at risk for disease emergence and what might be done to reduce the future risk."

Mr and Mrs Carmine say the project is "incredibly relevant for this moment in time during a global pandemic". They hope their contribution to science could result in a greater appreciation of the risk factors that lead to cross-infection of humans from farm animals and wildlife. "Such an understanding may inform how we can live safely within our ecosystems."

They are currently supporting ongoing work of another Massey public health researcher, Associate Professor Evelyn Sattlegger, with a \$221,000 gift. Her work aims to identify and develop drugs that can starve cancer cells of nutrients that help them grow.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP CARVES PATHWAY TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN SCULPTURE



The late Collin Post

A new scholarship for sculpture worth up to \$25,000 a year has been established at Massey University to support students in Whiti o Rehua School of Art, in the College of Creative Arts.

The Collin Post Memorial Scholarship is in memory of Mr Post, a strong supporter of arts and culture in Wellington who believed in making the city a better place to live and visit through the development of appropriate and aesthetic public art sculptures. He died aged 80 in September last year. His family say he had an unwavering belief in the value of education, so it is fitting that the scholarship in his name provides a pathway for students and emerging artists to develop their creative practice in sculpture.

The Post Family Trust has pledged \$150,000 to fund the scholarship for the next six years. It will provide a student with \$10,000 living costs and up to \$15,000 for fees. More information on scholarship and how to apply is on the Massey [scholarships website](#).

Born in England, Mr Post came to Wellington with his family at age 10, attended Kelburn Normal School and Wanganui Collegiate, then worked as a sharebroker, investment manager and in management roles for Hamilton, Buckleton and Nathan, T&G Mutual, National Mutual Finance and NZI Bank. He later took over and successfully grew a family manufacturing business.

His son, Charlie, said his father always invested time and money into charitable works. He was financial adviser to the Salvation Army from 1979-2002 and on the HE Fairy Trust from 1980-2004. He supported numerous charities in Wellington, from the Life Flight Trust and Wellington Free Ambulance, to Special Needs Children's Parties, Autism NZ and the Crippled Children Society (now CCS Disability Action). He was also a major benefactor of the Wellington Sculpture Trust, Te Papa and the National Portrait Gallery.

"Dad and I both felt that art – and in particular sculptural art – can really lift a city," Charlie Post said. "It's mostly thought-provoking,

sometimes beautiful and sometimes challenging, but always on display and accessible free of charge. Many of the photos I have from trips around the world are in front of or involving sculptural art. Dad was the same – his photo albums are full of statues and monuments and sculptural works."

He said the Collin Post Memorial Scholarship would enable a growth pathway for students of sculptural art in the form of an enduring scholarship in sculptural art for students of Fine Arts or Māori Visual Arts degrees at Massey. "Alongside this, I have also worked with the Wellington Sculpture Trust to establish the Collin Post Sculpture Award, also known as the 4 Plinths Project. This is a two-yearly sponsorship of a revolving art installation outside Te Papa – on the 4 plinths."

The aim was twofold – to support students developing their craft and then provide an avenue for those same students and other domestic and international sculptural artists to have their work selected for semi-permanent public display.

Raul Ortega Ayala, a senior lecturer and associate head of the Whiti o Rehua School of Art, said the scholarship could not have come at a better time for the discipline of sculpture, support for which had been declining in secondary schools.

Massey had taken steps to re-energise the discipline and draw renewed interest in the subject including re-vamping some workshops and re-writing a 100-level course dedicated to the subject.

"Students with a strong interest in sculpture will have money towards supporting their living costs and art materials and their tuition paid for an entire year," Mr Ortega Ayala said. "The grant also considers having each year a curator of an art space or art gallery in the Wellington region in the selection panel to open up opportunities for the work of the successful grantee to be shown in different venues. We are very thankful to the Post family."



A recent sculpture created by CoCA student Lily Custance

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION SUPPORT FOR WILDBASE WELCOMED

Massey's Wildbase Hospital has received a \$126,929 pledge in funding from the Government as part of the COVID19 response.

It is one of 28 wildlife institutions nationally to receive support from the Wildlife Institutions Relief Fund (WIRF), an initiative, and part of the Department of Conservation in recognition of the impact the pandemic has had on conservation facilities.

DOC director-general Lou Sanson said last month that without the support, wildlife under the care of eco-sanctuaries, zoos, wildlife parks and wildlife rehabilitation facilities would be at risk. "These institutions also play

a vital community education role, facilitating encounters with native species and wildlife experts, and providing a hub for community conservation activities," Mr Sanson said.

In addition, the Wildbase Hospital received a further \$10,000 in funding from the Kiwis Trust, known as Kiwis for kiwi, as a one-off grant for the work it does to protect the native birds and connect that work with community groups.

Wildbase group leader and Professor of Wildlife Health, Brett Gartrell, welcomed the funding. "Wildbase has stayed operational throughout the COVID19 crisis

and has been continuing to care for and rehabilitate native New Zealand wildlife of all shapes and sizes, from geckos to falcons and takahe," Professor Gartrell says. "Like many others, the lockdown period caused us increased costs to meet the guidelines for safe working. In addition to this we have lost several sponsors who have been unable to keep supporting us through this period. We are enormously relieved and grateful to secure this emergency relief funding as it will allow us to continue to provide world-class care to the endangered wildlife of New Zealand".

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