

2015

# PHILANTHROPY ANNUAL REPORT

Faculty of Business, Economics & Law





# ENGAGEMENT CREATES REAL CHANGE

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## MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR IAIN WATSON EXECUTIVE DEAN, FACULTY OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LAW

In the contemporary business world, our level of engagement with clients, stakeholders and colleagues determines our success. There is nothing more important.

The same can be said for higher education, where engagement with students, staff, alumni and industry is crucial. It should come as no surprise that engagement was one of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law's main priorities in 2015.

Many of our engagement activities are designed to provide our alumni with development and networking opportunities throughout their careers, delivering on our promise of lifelong learning.

As always, I have enjoyed meeting and reconnecting with alumni at our domestic events in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, and internationally in London, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur. For me, it is always rewarding to see the personal and business connections forming between BEL alumni around the world.

We also give our alumni the opportunity to re-invest in the Faculty and create positive change in teaching, research and student employment outcomes, whether they are funding scholarships, kick-starting

innovative research projects or mentoring gifted young students. Likewise, these engagement activities benefit our students, helping them reach their potential, irrespective of their financial status or background.

A highlight of 2015 was the BEL Student Employability Team (SET) re-launch in September. SET's new focus is to increase the employability of BEL students from their first year to graduation and beyond. The team works closely with alumni and industry leaders to provide valuable employability services to students, including career mentoring, employer-led workshops and internship opportunities.

BEL alumni were actively engaged with SET services this year, with more than 150 alumni involved across the full spectrum of events and programs. Their efforts were truly appreciated and will no doubt open doors for many of our students.

Alumni involvement does not go unnoticed. I am pleased to report that BEL alumni were widely honoured at the annual

**“** *Through our events and engagement with alumni and industry, we have seen philanthropy increase significantly year on year.*



UQ Alumni Awards in October. Our Faculty led the way, receiving five of the 14 awards on offer across UQ – including three of the six prestigious Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Excellence Awards. This is a tremendous achievement and one that makes me very proud.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to our Alumni Excellence winners: His Excellency The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC (BA ’69, LLB Hons ’72, Hon. Doctor of Law ’00), Governor of Queensland; Ms Catherine Tanna (LLB ’84), Managing Director of EnergyAustralia; and Mr Mark Sowerby (BAgrSc ’93, MBA ’03), Founder and Managing Director of Blue Sky Alternative Investments.

As you read through this year’s annual report, you will see how alumni philanthropy and engagement positively benefits our students, producing generations of alumni who are well-equipped to go out in the world to create change.

Through our events and engagement with alumni and industry, we have seen philanthropy increase significantly year on year.

On behalf of the Faculty, I thank you for your continued support and I look forward to a prosperous and productive 2016.

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# EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



“ Our popular Alumni Lectures Series brings alumni and friends together to listen to the personal experiences of leaders in their fields.

## MESSAGE FROM DR JASON W KETTER DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT FACULTY OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LAW

Innovation, disruptive technology and efficiency are the catchphrases of boardrooms and business journals across the globe.

The pressure to be the best and stay competitive is real but what often gets missed, is that ultimately it is all about people.

Nowadays sending emails to colleagues two doors down, sending a text instead of using the phone to speak with someone or failing to make time to meet face-to-face appears to be the norm.

I want to thank our alumni and friends who did step out from behind the technology to invest both their time and philanthropic support in people – academics, fellow alumni and students. These alumni and friends provided advice, empathy, an ear, in some cases tough love and philanthropic support to our best and brightest.

In 2015 more than 60 alumni volunteers served as ambassadors in the eight BEL ambassador councils throughout the world.

This year the ambassador chairs participated in the first Volunteer Leadership Conference ever held on campus to brainstorm and workshop new ways to increase value for alumni through programing and networking.

There was also a plethora of alumni hosting Global Connections events held quarterly in 16 cities worldwide.

Our popular Alumni Lectures Series brought alumni and friends together to listen to the personal experiences of leaders in their fields.

We are grateful for the alumni and friends who gave freely of their time to share their story as a guest speaker and to the hundreds of alumni and friends who attended.

Finally, I give thanks to our donors – including our Dean’s Society members – who provide philanthropic leadership.

This leadership was demonstrated with two touchstone gifts this year: one by Paul Taylor (*BBus '91, BCom '92*) and his wife, Sue (*BA Hons '87*), and the other by Malcolm Broomhead (*BE '75, MBA '84*), whose extraordinary commitments are featured in this report.

All philanthropic investments are made in people through scholarships, research and the bricks and mortar that provide a first-rate learning environment. We receive all gifts with such appreciation – thank you!

We are pleased to share the many successes of 2015 with you in this report and we look forward to partnering with you in 2016 for the continued investment in people.

# BUSINESS PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



“ *The precinct will be a central hub for all things business, economics and law.* ”

The UQ Business School (UQBS) is independently ranked as one of the top business schools in Australia and internationally, with the number one MBA program in Australia (AFR *BOSS* magazine) and the Asia-Pacific (*The Economist*).

All six UQBS fields of research – including management, marketing and tourism – are classed as ‘above’ or ‘well above’ world standard (ERA 2015).

As the school continues to build on its outstanding national and international reputation for world-class teaching, research and innovation, it will focus on the construction of an iconic world-class Business Precinct.

The precinct will be a central hub for all things business, economics and law. It will facilitate the delivery of high-quality teaching; meeting the ever-changing needs of students. The precinct will also encourage innovation and collaboration between industry, academics, students, alumni and community organisations, and create better outcomes for students by connecting them with industry leaders, the latest research and employment opportunities.

It will be equipped with state-of-the-art lecture theatres and innovative study and collaboration spaces that spark greater student-staff interaction and encourage interdisciplinary research and teaching. Other proposed features include:

- **Business Interchange Hub** – to further the engagement between UQ and the business community.
- **Incubator Design Zone** – a research design space that encourages interdisciplinary collaboration across UQ. Students can work on practical projects with industry mentor interaction and opportunities for networking and successful commercialisation.
- **Indigenous Centre for Commerce and Law and Civic Leadership Centre** – spaces for students to apply their classroom learning and professional expertise to initiatives for Indigenous,



community and not-for-profit organisations.

- **Careers Centre** – dedicated recruiters offer career guidance and a full domestic and international placement service to BEL students and alumni.

Opportunities will become available to support the Business Precinct Building. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Dr Jason Ketter on

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# BUSINESS THAT MATTERS

## MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR ANDREW GRIFFITHS, ACADEMIC DEAN AND HEAD OF UQ BUSINESS SCHOOL



**“The power of philanthropy also influenced the School’s MBA community to create its own MBA Business Symposium.”**

As Head of the UQ Business School, I’m proud to report that philanthropy has had a profound impact on the fabric of our School. Now more than ever, it plays an important role in our day-to-day activities, permeating many of our interactions with students and staff.

Philanthropy gives UQBS students access to financial support and resources. Gifts fund opportunities such as the Frank Finn scholarships for disadvantaged students. These scholarships ensure that students suffering financial hardship are given equal opportunities to succeed.

I believe I speak for the entire School when I say that helping students achieve their full potential is extremely rewarding.

In 2015 UQBS welcomed the first direct philanthropic support of a course. Social Entrepreneurship in Practice (TIMS7329), delivered by Dr Lance Newey (*PhD '05*), introduces students to social innovation and entrepreneurship via hands-on applied learning. Dr Newey believes “the course will provide a fantastic opportunity for students to develop very practical skills in how to create financially sustainable business enterprises with a positive social impact for the community in which they exist.”

Alumnus Mr Joseph Rutyna (*MTIM '08, MBus '15*) is very excited to be supporting the course. He hopes that his gift will

encourage others to see the value of supporting activities that develop essential business skills for our students and benefit the wider community.

The power of philanthropy also influenced the School’s MBA community to create its own MBA Business Symposium. Funds raised are directed towards MBA scholarships and heightening the impact of our Social Economic Engagement Programs (SEEP) in international communities.

Many of these student-led activities were inspired by the positive impact of philanthropy on the School and the wider community. However, philanthropy is not limited to financial gifts. For instance, many of our donors have opened up their organisations and their lives to help others, by facilitating student internships or sharing their stories and expertise at student events and guest lectures.

On behalf of UQBS, staff and students we extend our most sincere thanks to alumnus Mr Malcolm Broomhead (*BE '75, MBA '84*) for the establishment of the Malcolm

Broomhead Endowed Chair in Finance at the UQ Business School. More information on this wonderful gift that enriches and supports the research, teaching and learning activities of the School can be found on page 8.

In 2016, our goals are to continue to enhance the UQBS student experience, maintain our strong leadership performance and uphold our high-quality research and teaching output. We aim to achieve these goals by attracting leading international scholars through endowed chairs and fellowships. We are also looking to grow our entrepreneurship and social enterprise activities to encourage students to take risks in the pursuit of game-changing opportunities. Your ongoing support will help make these ambitions a reality.

I would like to thank those who have already given their money or time to the UQBS. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and your impact will benefit our School for years to come.

# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

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## BJ FREEMAN SCHOLARSHIP IN COMMERCE

Alumnus Bradley Freeman (*BSc '81, BCom '85*) established this financial-needs scholarship to encourage and support high-achieving Bachelor of Commerce students. Bradley is a top business executive and consultant with over 25 years' experience in the technology industry, including executive roles with international corporations such as BAI, Hewlett Packard and CapGemini. His scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2015 to Christopher Morris, a third-year commerce student.

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## W JAMES WHYTE VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

2015 was another successful year for the fellowship, which was developed in 2010 by UQBS Professor Roy Ballantyne and Adjunct Professor Jim Whyte. Funded by gifts from Professor Whyte, it encourages innovation in tourism by establishing research partnerships between UQ tourism academics and their international counterparts. This year, the fellowship created links with eight researchers, including the world-renowned professor of tourism, John Tribe. Professor Tribe visited UQ from the UK's University of Surrey. During his fellowship, he commented on several academics' journal manuscripts (improving their chances of being published in top journals), ran seminars and a publishing workshop for staff, and presented at a UQBS Executive Education industry breakfast.

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## MBA FOUNDATION FUND

The UQBS established the MBA Foundation Fund in 2015 alongside the inaugural MBA Business Symposium. All revenue from the symposium was allocated to the fund, which will go towards:

1. scholarships to enhance diversity in the MBA program
2. the MBA's not-for-profit Social Economic Engagement Program (SEEP) and social entrepreneurship initiatives
3. fundraising for the MBA's charitable partners, with a preferred partner selected annually.

# A WORLD-CLASS BUSINESS SCHOOL

## GLOBAL REPUTATION AND WORLD-CLASS RANKINGS

Our MBA program consistently dominates national and international rankings. It has been ranked number one in Australia for the second consecutive year by *The Australian Financial Review BOSS* magazine. The program was also



ranked 16th worldwide by *The Economist* for the second year running, making us the leading MBA provider in the Asia-Pacific.



For ten consecutive years our MBA program has received a five-star rating from Australia's most influential ratings body, the Graduate Management Association of Australia (GMAA).

We are the only Australian school with programs accredited by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).



## OUTSTANDING RESEARCH PERFORMANCE



Tourism expert, Professor Sara Dolnicar, was awarded the UQ Vice-Chancellor's Research Focused Fellowship for her commitment to excellence in research and teaching innovation.



Associate Professor Martie-Louise Verreyne received a 2015 UQ Partners in Research Excellence award for her collaboration with the Queensland Government. Her project focuses on evidence-based policy-making to improve small business growth and sustainability through innovation.

## TEACHING EXCELLENCE



Associate Professor Clive Warren (*PhD '06, GCEd '07*) was part of an interdisciplinary project team that won a national citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning in the Australian Awards for University Teaching. The project aimed to reduce student plagiarism through online interactive tutorials.

# TOUCHSTONE GIFT HELPS ESTABLISH A CHAIR OF FINANCE AT UQ BUSINESS SCHOOL



The University of Queensland Business School will name a Chair in Finance in honour of alumnus and leading Australian businessman Malcolm Broomhead in recognition of his major gift.

An international search is due to commence in early 2016 to fill the newly established Malcolm Broomhead (BE '75, MBA '84) Endowed Chair in Finance.

Mr Broomhead's philanthropy will further build the UQBS' capacity to educate and develop business leaders of the future.

Mr Broomhead is Chair of Asciano Ltd and Chair elect of Orica, and is the Non-Executive Director of BHP Billiton Ltd and BHP Billiton Plc. He was project engineer and construction manager with MIM Holdings in Brisbane when he undertook his MBA at the UQBS in the early 1980s.

"The MBA was a career-changer," Mr Broomhead said. "I was working my way up the professional ladder when I started. The MBA program enabled me to really accelerate my career."

Mr Broomhead said he chose to support the UQBS because he believed it was important for those who had been successful to give back and support the education of the next generation.

"I think having a top business school is very important to the Australian economy – to our standards of living, and also a critical link into Asia," he said.

"Philanthropically supporting our universities is becoming more important given our demographics and the competitive nature of education globally.

"We can't continue to rely on the government to totally fund the education system. It's important we encourage individuals who have been successful in life to support education."

Dr Jason Ketter, Director BEL Advancement, commented, "Malcolm's touchstone generosity paved the way for the first philanthropically supported endowed chair in the Business School's history. We are extremely grateful and hope others will explore the opportunities to support academic leadership."



## MR ALDRIN SAMUEL

Bachelor of Commerce/Economics  
Dual degree '14

Young alumnus Aldrin Samuel landed his dream role as Business Development Executive at Springfield Land Corporation last year following two internships, which he said were instrumental in honing his skills for life after university.

Aldrin graduated with a commerce/economics dual degree in 2014 during which time he also completed internships – as part of his studies – with Queensland Treasury Corporation and the BEL Faculty's Advancement team.

Both internships were arranged by BEL's Student Employability Team (SET) as part of its program to help ensure students are work-ready and competitively well-positioned.

"I believe internships should be compulsory before students graduate," he said.

**“** *The practical experience gave me an opportunity to grow my skill set and use it in a new and dynamic way.*

**“** *I think having a top business school is very important to the Australian economy – to our standards of living – and also a critical link into Asia.*



"In the workplace you often need to solve problems quickly and you learn a lot on your feet."

Aldrin said his experience in the BEL Advancement team was important in helping improve his confidence and communications skills to effectively engage with alumni.

"Everyone in the Faculty made me feel included and my opinion was valued; it counted," he said.

Queensland Treasury Corporation subsequently offered him a graduate position in early 2015 and in September he was offered a position within the commercial team at Springfield Land Corporation, one of the nation's premier property development companies.

"Greater Springfield is a unique, internationally recognised property development and an amazing opportunity for me," he said.

"We have a great team and I'm gaining experience in areas including sales; leasing; concept design and planning; and development feasibility.

**“** *We aim to grow the region and build a community where people can live, work, play and learn.*

"We are attracting businesses of all sizes to locate in Greater Springfield – for example General Electric relocated its Queensland office here last year."

# GENEROUS GIFT KICK-STARTS CENTRE FOR THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS OF HEALTH



**“** *The generosity of alumni such as Paul and Sue Taylor cannot be overstated.*

**Above:** Professor Peter Høj, Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of Queensland with donor Mr Paul Taylor.

In 2015, a generous gift from two UQ alumni has kick-started a new research centre focused on one of Australia's most pressing problems – providing affordable and sustainable healthcare.

Fidelity Worldwide Investments Head of Australian Equities, Paul Taylor (*BBus '91, BCom '92*), and his wife, Sue (*BA Hons '87*), donated \$1.25 million towards establishing UQ's Centre for the Business and Economics of Health, which begins operation in 2016.

The Centre brings together researchers and resources from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences, Mater Health Services and the Mater Research Institute – UQ.

The aim is to conduct vital research into cost-effective healthcare solutions against the backdrop of an ageing population.

It will also provide leadership and management courses for health professionals moving into administrative roles and healthcare courses for businesspeople entering the health sector.

Paul said he felt it was important to give back to UQ.

"We feel strongly that it is up to alumni to fill the gap; helping to keep UQ among the top echelon of educational institutions worldwide while continuing to make university education accessible to the next generation," he said.

"I also wanted to honour my parents, Eric and Marion Taylor, with this donation. They were the driving force behind my own education and community service."

Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, Professor Iain Watson, said the Taylors' donation was instrumental in establishing the Centre.

"The generosity of alumni such as Paul and Sue Taylor cannot be overstated," Professor Watson said.

"The Taylors have maintained strong links with UQ and made several significant contributions over the years. Their donations have supported student scholarships, the emergency student welfare fund, the library and medical research."

# ECONOMICS THAT TOUCHES THE BIG ISSUES



## MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR RODNEY STRACHAN HEAD OF UQ SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

In my first year as Head of School I have been astounded by our alumni, who have so generously donated their time and money to ensure our School continues to excel.

First and foremost, students are at the heart of what we do. Our aim is to provide the very best students with a world-class economics education and ensure their university experience is positive and rewarding, regardless of their financial status.

In 2015, alumni gifts have once again helped make this possible. Special welfare payments have supported students experiencing extreme financial distress, lessening any negative impact on their studies and enabling them to succeed. Students have been awarded bursaries and scholarships, enabling them to study overseas, experience another culture and broaden their horizons. Alumni-funded prizes and awards for exceptional academic achievement encourage healthy competition amongst students and help maintain academic standards. Students have also benefited from internships and one-on-one mentoring with economics

alumni, and from hearing the life stories and learnings of alumni guest speakers.

We are immensely grateful for alumni engagement as it allows us to offer these opportunities and experiences to the next generation of economists. Year after year we have maintained our legacy as a leading economics teaching and research centre, both nationally and internationally – and we could not have done so without alumni support.

The School of Economics prides itself on its strong community of students and alumni. I have enjoyed getting to know many economics alumni this year and I look forward to meeting many more in the years to come. I warmly invite our alumni to reconnect with the School and assist our students on their journey to create change. There are many ways to get involved – from participating in the BEL Student Employability Team's Career Mentoring

Program, to providing internship or job shadowing opportunities to our students.

Moving forward, we are hoping to devote more resources to our respected PhD program. We would value any financial contributions to this program in support of our talented early career researchers.

I also invite our alumni to attend our many School events, such as public lectures and workshops, where they can network with staff, students and industry leaders. For those living outside of Brisbane, our Facebook page ([facebook.com/uniofqldeconomics](https://www.facebook.com/uniofqldeconomics)) is an easy way to keep up-to-date with our latest news, achievements and events.

With your support we will continue to produce the best and brightest economics graduates who will go on to influence public policy and help resolve some of the world's greatest challenges.

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# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

1

## THE TOMAS RIHA SCHOLARSHIP IN ECONOMICS

The School of Economics is committed to supporting students with financial need. Established in honour of the late Professor Tomas Riha, this new scholarship is designed for Australian Bachelor of Economics students. The fund will be maintained by a generous annual donation from Tomas Riha's family. In 2015, we were proud to award the scholarship to second-year economics student Harold Howard.



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## GREGORY BOUNDS MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Gregory Bounds Memorial Prize was founded in 2015 to honour the memory of Greg Bounds, former Director of the Office of Best Practice Regulation at the QCA. The \$5000 prize is awarded to the economics master's student who achieves the best results in the Competition Policy and Regulation course. The inaugural recipient was outstanding international student Sydney Armstrong, who recently moved back home to South America to work as a lecturer at the University of Guyana.

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## FORMER ARCHIBALD SCHOLARS GIVE BACK

We are privileged to have many alumni who are so willing to give back. Distinguished Bachelor of Economics (Honours) alumni Dr Vince FitzGerald (*BEcon Hons '69*) and Professor Ian Harper (*BEcon Hons '78*) have renewed their gifts to the Archibald Scholarship Appeal each year since the scholarship's 100-year anniversary in 2011. Dr FitzGerald and Professor Harper were both Archibald recipients during their honours years at the School of Economics, and in 2015 Dr FitzGerald was awarded an honorary doctorate from UQ.

# A WORLD-CLASS ECONOMICS SCHOOL

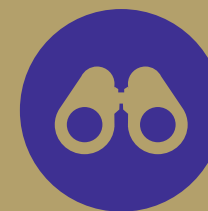


We are currently the LEADING ECONOMICS RESEARCH INSTITUTION IN AUSTRALIA

& RANK IN THE TOP 25% IN THE WORLD



According to *Research Papers in Economics (RePEc November 2015)*.



UQ ECONOMICS GRADUATES ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BY EMPLOYERS

such as:

- the Reserve Bank of Australia
- the World Bank
- International Monetary Fund
- the United Nations
- federal and state treasuries and Government departments
- city councils and local government
- top consulting firms
- financial services firms and global corporations.



We are home to a distinguished

ARC FUTURE FELLOW, PROFESSOR PAUL FRIJTERS

&

AUSTRALIAN LAUREATE FELLOW, PROFESSOR JOHN QUIGGIN



NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE IN ECONOMICS (1994) FOR GAME THEORY

*John C Harsanyi (1920 – 2000)*

Launched his academic career as an economics lecturer at UQ.

# LAW THAT UPHOLDS INTEGRITY AND TRUST



“ *Our aim is to enhance the student experience for generations of UQ law students, ensuring they receive the highest-quality legal education.* ”

## MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR SARAH DERRINGTON ACADEMIC DEAN AND HEAD OF SCHOOL

Philanthropy is the very reason for our School's existence. Without the original bequest from local businessman Thomas Charles Beirne in 1935, we may never have become one of Australia's premier law institutions.

Today, philanthropy continues to transform the student experience. Your generosity has allowed our students to participate in international exchange programs, internships and short courses that would otherwise be beyond their reach. In 2015, we introduced several externally funded scholarships and prizes to encourage diversity and recognise talented students with financial needs, such as the Endowed Dr J & Dr M Fulcher Scholarship in Law for Indigenous Students (see page 13). These awards give all students the opportunity to excel.

Philanthropic gifts support valuable student initiatives such as our mooted competitions, wellness services and co-curricular programs. Along with the donations we received for the 2015 mooted program, we also had the support of numerous law alumni who coached our mooted teams ahead of their 14 competitions.

Philanthropy also helps fund initiatives such as the Pro Bono Centre, the only dedicated centre of its kind among Australian law schools. Through the Centre, our students provide pro bono legal services to some of the most disadvantaged people in Queensland, nationally and internationally. It gives me great pride to see this 'giving back' mentality fostered in our student volunteers. I would like to thank the donors who make it all possible, and the alumni volunteers who devote their time to the Centre.

Our main priority for 2016 and beyond is the 're-imagining' of our School. In January, we began an exciting interior renovation that will transform our School into a state-of-the-art place of light, learning and collaboration. Our aim is to enhance the student experience for generations of UQ law students, ensuring they receive the highest-quality legal education.

We have also created a scholarship endowment fund to enable gifted students to study law irrespective of their means - a cause that is close to my heart.

Of course, we cannot achieve this vision without your help. Please see page 14 for information on how to support our building and scholarship endowment funds.

At the TC Beirne School of Law, philanthropy shapes everything we do. Whether you make a gift or encourage others to do so, mentor a law student, or attend one of our many functions with friends or colleagues to bring them back into the alumni fold, your contributions are highly valued. I look forward to working with you to support our students in 2016.

# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

1

## THE ENDOWED DR J & DR M FULCHER SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

We are strong advocates for diversity and this is reflected in our curriculum, extracurricular offerings and scholarship program. In 2015, we were delighted to collaborate with law Professor and alumnus Jonathan Fulcher (*BA Hons '86, JD '04*) and his wife, Dr Michele Fulcher, on a new scholarship for Indigenous undergraduate students. The scholarship provides opportunities for high-achieving Indigenous students who are economically disadvantaged. It will be awarded for the first time in 2016 and be maintained by an endowment fund supported by the Fulchers, who are passionate about global Indigenous issues.



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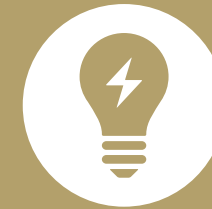
## JANINE MCMASTER-KIRKWOOD PRIZE IN INCOME TAX LAW

As a school, we take pride in rewarding our many exceptional students. We would like to thank the family of the late Janine McMaster-Kirkwood for funding this prize in 2015 and maintaining it annually in her honour. From 2016, it will be awarded to the undergraduate law student with the best results in Income Tax Law.

# A WORLD-CLASS LAW SCHOOL



**RANKED #49**  
*in the world in the 2015 QS World University Rankings.*



**LEADER IN MINERALS & ENERGY RESEARCH**  
*Through the Centre for International Minerals and Energy Law.*



**AUSTRALIA'S ONLY DEDICATED PRO BONO CENTRE**  
*Fostering UQ law students' participation in the provision of pro bono legal assistance.*

**A COMMITTED WELLNESS PROGRAM**  
*Helping improve the overall health and wellness of law students.*



**SMALL, FOCUSED GROUP SETTINGS**  
*High teacher-to-student ratios and more hands-on classroom experiences.*



*This ensures our law students are reaching*  
**THEIR FULL ACADEMIC POTENTIAL**

# FORGAN SMITH RE-IMAGINATION



The University of Queensland's landmark Forgan Smith building is undergoing a dramatic \$33 million refurbishment in 2016 to create a state-of-the-art teaching and research facility befitting TC Beirne School of Law's ranking among the top 50 in the world.

The 12-month refurbishment is an exciting rejuvenation that will not affect the beautiful and historic sandstone façade, but will see a dramatic remodelling of the internal space to bring it into line with the world's best contemporary education facilities.

The aim is to improve the student experience by creating a place of light, learning and collaboration, incorporating the latest technology and facilities.

The new design supports a major refocusing of the TC Beirne School of Law providing a dynamic and inspiring environment for students and teachers as well as reflecting the more collaborative work practices of the modern legal workplace.

The new space will include collaborative research spaces and break-out rooms, independent study areas, and facilities for mobile technology, innovative learning, research and academic facilities.

Philanthropy is supporting this project as well as an endowed scholarship fund.

Former Chancellor of The University of Queensland and campaign committee Chair Mr John Story AO (BA '69, LLB '69) said the TC Beirne School of Law had educated some of Australia's finest jurists, practising lawyers and academics.

"This appeal is an opportunity for members of its alumnus community to recognise, in a tangible form, the invaluable grounding the School provided them and to be a part of the rebirth of the School as it emerges as a law school of the highest ranking," he said.

The rejuvenation, which has been more than a year in the planning, has been designed by BVN Architecture under the guidance of heritage architect Andrew Ladlay.

To support this project and for further information, visit [createhistory.law.uq.edu.au](http://createhistory.law.uq.edu.au)

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# LEAVING A LEGACY



The TC Beirne School of Law will benefit from the philanthropy of former UQ Chancellor Mr John Story AO (BA '69, LLB '69), who donated half a million dollars to the School's Forgan Smith re-imagination campaign.

His gift will help transform the iconic building into a cutting-edge learning and research facility, improving the student and staff experience for years to come.

Mr Story is a UQ law alumnus and has maintained a strong relationship with the Law School since his graduation. The School is incredibly grateful for his ongoing support and involvement.

“His gift will help transform the iconic building into a cutting-edge learning and research facility, improving the student and staff experience for years to come.”

Thanks to his generosity, Mr Story's legacy will remain with the law school for generations.

Law campaign donors are invited to take up prestigious naming opportunities for various areas of the School, including the Pro Bono Centre, seminar rooms, academic offices and the student learning lounge.

Although Mr Story retired from his position as Chancellor the end of 2015, he will stay connected with UQ and the law school as he fulfils his duties as Chair of the Law Campaign Committee.

To find out more about naming opportunities at the law school, visit [createhistory.law.uq.edu.au](http://createhistory.law.uq.edu.au)



## MISS JENNY CHEN

Bachelor of Commerce/Laws dual degree  
Doug and Janine Ritchie Scholarship Recipient

“I chose to study at UQ because of its rich history and diversity in education and opportunity. For me, one opportunity that stands out is receiving the Doug and Janine Ritchie Scholarship.”

My scholarship has allowed me to devote more time to my law studies instead of working to support myself, and I can now afford to participate in overseas exchange and internships. Of course, none of this would be possible without the generosity and support of the donors. Philanthropic gifts are so important because they enrich the student experience in many different ways, whether these contributions go towards creating state-of-the-art infrastructure or improving the prospects of disadvantaged students. My experience has inspired me to give back to the UQ community by one day becoming a scholarship donor and changing someone else's life for the better.

# ABOUT THE DEAN'S SOCIETY

The Dean's Society honours the loyalty and generosity our alumni and friends have demonstrated through their gifts to the schools of business, economics or law.

Donors who give \$1000 or more per calendar year are automatically acknowledged as Dean's Society members.

Donors who give \$100,000 become Lifetime members.

Our donors are recognised in BEL's Annual Philanthropy Report (see 2015 Dean's Society members on pages 26 - 27), through special communications and exclusive invitations and reserved seating at special events.

The Dean's Society also offers lifetime memberships. For more information on becoming a member, visit [bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/deans-society](http://bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/deans-society)

THE DEAN'S SOCIETY  
Business, Economics & Law



## INAUGURAL DEAN'S SOCIETY DINNER CELEBRATES THE IMPACT OF GIVING

More than 60 alumni from across the world attended the inaugural Annual Dinner of the Dean's Society for the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law in Brisbane in June.

The glamorous dinner was an opportunity for members of the exclusive Dean's Society to come together to celebrate the impact their gifts are making on current and future students.

McCullough Robertson Indigenous Law Scholarship recipient, Bachelor of Laws and Arts student Mollie O'Connor, shared with the guests what winning a scholarship had meant to her.

"The law school is filled with hundreds of incredibly intelligent law students,

so any advantage is precious and I am so grateful to be given one," she said.

"Such an opportunity is a major step in allowing me to achieve my dreams of helping to advance Aboriginal outcomes in Australia.

"In the future, I hope to use my law degree to help disadvantaged Aboriginal people through legal centres and by advocating for Aboriginal rights."

**Below:** Mollie O'Connor



## GIVING BACK STARTS EARLY FOR YOUNG DEAN'S SOCIETY MEMBERS

**BEL alumnus and Dean's Society member Martin Keetels (BA '04, LLB '05) is proof that you don't need to wait until your temples are grey to begin philanthropy.**

Marty graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws in 2005 and earned his MBA from Macquarie Graduate School of Management in 2012, winning the school's Certificate of Merit for Marketing.

He runs Konica Minolta Australia's Business Innovation Centre - Asia Pacific, he is the Managing Director of Redhair Events (the organiser of popular Brisbane craft beer festival, Beer InCider Experience) and is a Non-Executive Director of Melanoma Patients Australia. Marty was also the recipient of the Australian Institute of Management's Young Manager of the Year Award in December 2011.

Today, philanthropy is a big part of Marty's life. He is on the Board of Melanoma Patients Australia, chairing the fundraising committee, and is also a member of



10x10 BNE Organising Committee – a charity set up to fight apathy among Australia’s youth.

As a Dean’s Society Member in 2015, he made a donation to the Doug and Janine Ritchie Scholarship which supports prospective students who show academic promise but are in financial hardship.

“I’m proud to be a UQ alumnus who is supporting the University and its students through the Dean’s Society,” he said. “I think it’s wonderful that such scholarships exist.”

Marty said he enjoyed his time at UQ and valued the opportunities his education provided.

**“I’m proud to be a UQ alumnus who is supporting the University and its students through the Dean’s Society.”**

“I continue to stay engaged with the University by attending alumni lectures, working with the BEL Advancement team and providing internship opportunities for UQ students at our business,” he said.

“My ongoing relationship with the University provides me with new ideas and stimulus. It’s a very rewarding relationship and one I value.”

# INDUSTRY LEADERS SHARE WISDOM WITH ALUMNI

The Alumni Lecture Series (ALS) continued to grow in strength during 2015, featuring guest speakers who are national leaders in their fields.

The seven complimentary networking events for alumni held in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne were part of BEL’s commitment to lifelong learning and education.

Deputy Chair of the Brisbane Alumni Ambassador Council and Chairman of Ignition Equity Partners, Robin Levison (MBA ’10), said the lectures were a valuable source of industry insight for alumni.

“I find them uplifting and inspirational – I always leave the lectures with ideas on how to improve or manage the businesses I’m involved with,” he said.

## 2015 SPEAKERS:

- Peter Hunt AM, Chairman and Founder of Greenhill Australia
- Dr Sallyanne Atkinson AO (BA ’67, Hon. Doctor Univ. ’07), former Lord Mayor of Brisbane and President of UQ’s Women’s College Council
- Martin Benders (BCom Hons ’75), Managing Director of Mazda Australia
- Brett Clark (BPharm ’88, MBA ’05), Managing Director of ePharmacy

and Managing Partner of Chemist Warehouse Queensland and northern New South Wales

- Catherine Tanna (LLB ’84), Managing Director of EnergyAustralia
- David Gonski AC, Chairman of ANZ Banking Group Ltd and Coca Cola Amatil Ltd
- Professor Josh Lerner, Harvard Business School at Harvard University.

Once again, BEL was pleased to award seven \$1000 scholarships – one in honour of each speaker – to seven top-performing first-year students.

Director of BEL Advancement, Dr Jason Ketter, said the scholarships connected past with present students.

**“We want our students to succeed, so it seemed appropriate to give them a head-start in the name of some of UQ’s most successful alumni and select friends of the University,” he said.**



Guests were also able to give back and support these events through the Alumni Lecture Series Fund.

The fund feeds back into the lecture series program and scholarships, ensuring more faculty funds are available to directly support students. Donations also contribute towards eligibility for membership of the Dean’s Society.

Robin said he would encourage his fellow alumni to support the fund.

“There are affordable opportunities available that would allow you to reach a broad cross-section of business-focused alumni,” he said.

The 2016 Alumni Lecture Series will be sponsored by Mazda Australia.



To view video recordings and how to support the series, visit [bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/als-sponsorship](http://bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/als-sponsorship)

**Above right:** Mr David Gonski AC presenting at a Brisbane ALS event

# BEL ALUMNI LEADERS AND GAME-CHANGERS

The 55,000-strong BEL Faculty alumni are renowned as business leaders and game-changers in Australia and across the globe.

This was exemplified by BEL alumni dominating the UQ Alumni Awards in October, receiving five of the 14 awards on offer – including three of the six prestigious Vice-Chancellor’s Alumni Excellence Awards.

Each year, the University celebrates alumni who have achieved success in their industries and significantly bettered their communities.



## THE EXCEPTIONAL BEL ALUMNI HONOURED WERE:

**His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland**  
 Bachelor of Laws 1971  
 Bachelor of Laws (Honours) 1972  
 Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) 2000

Described as one of the state’s top legal minds, His Excellency has had an illustrious career in law, becoming a barrister at 23, a Queen’s Council at 33, a Supreme Court judge at 36 and Chief Justice of Queensland in 1988 at 40. He has devoted considerable time to charitable and community initiatives, including as President of the Australian Cancer Society, Chairman of the Queensland Cancer Fund, and Chancellor of the Brisbane Diocese of the Anglican Church. In 2000 he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia.

**Ms Catherine Tanna**  
 Bachelor of Laws 1984

Catherine Tanna is a Member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia and Managing Director of EnergyAustralia. Catherine has had a long career in Australia and internationally in the resources and energy industry and her roles include Executive Vice President of BG Group, where she led the \$25 billion Queensland Curtis LNG project in Gladstone. Recently,



she chaired Queensland 20 (Q20), a peak group of Queensland business leaders responsible for maximising benefits from the 2014 G20 Leaders’ Summit in Brisbane.

**Mr Mark Sowerby**  
 Master of Business Administration 2003  
 Bachelor of Agricultural Science 1993

Mark Sowerby is the Founder and Managing Director of Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited. As Australia’s first diversified alternative asset manager, Blue Sky changed the investment landscape opening a wider range of investor options. The company began with just \$200,000 in capital and now manages over \$1 billion worth of assets and is listed on the ASX with a market capitalisation of more than \$230 million.

with fellow young entrepreneurs through mentoring and voluntary positions. He established The Hive Network in Queensland, where like-minded entrepreneurs meet to network and share their skills.

## COLLEGES’ UQ ALUMNI AWARD

**Mr Steven Skala AO**  
 Bachelor of Laws (Honours) 1978

Steven Skala is the Vice Chairman of Deutsche Bank AG (Australia & New Zealand) and holds non-executive directorship positions in many influential public and private companies including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Wilson Group Limited, BlueChilli Technology Pty Ltd, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, the General Sir John Monash Foundation and the Centre for Independent Studies. He is also a Member of the International Council of the Museum of Modern Art (New York).



## DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

**Mr Michael Boyd**  
 Bachelor of Business Management 2010

Having founded or co-founded seven businesses before the age of 25, Mike Boyd is a tenacious businessman with an outstanding work ethic and leadership ability. He is credited with transforming company VroomVroomVroom into a multi-million dollar business. He shares his business knowledge and acumen

**Clockwise from left:** His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Ms Catherine Tanna, Mr Michael Boyd and Mr Steven Skala AO **Opposite page:** Mr Mark Sowerby

# SPOTLIGHT ON BEL ALUMNUS



## MARK SOWERBY (BAGRSC '93, MBA '03)

Mark Sowerby is at the top of his game.

The BEL alumnus is the founder and Managing Director of Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited, Australia's first diversified alternative asset manager. Over the years, Blue Sky has grown into an ASX-listed firm with more than \$1.35 billion in assets under management and offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and New York.

Outside the firm, Mark's personal and professional accomplishments are equally impressive. In 2015 alone he won the Queensland Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year award and successfully swam the English Channel!

It's fitting then that Blue Sky is home to several other high-achieving BEL alumni, including Matt Whyte (Chief Financial Officer) and Tim Wilson (Managing Director).

For Mark, this says a lot about the calibre of UQ's business, economics and law programs.

"Almost all of the BEL alumni at Blue Sky worked around the world before coming home," he said.

"They discovered that UQ equipped them to compete on a global stage. Their education helped build their confidence to address challenges within and outside the business, and provided them with important support networks."

Naturally, Mark strongly believes in re-investing in his alma mater.

"UQ changed my life so I'm interested in helping where I can," he said.

"I've been involved with reconnecting with alumni, creating scholarships to assist disadvantaged students, passing on advice through lectures and panels, and linking interesting people to UQ to enhance academic programs."

In 2014, Mark's company also established the *Blue Sky Alternative Investments Business Scholarship for Indigenous Students* to support academically qualified Indigenous students studying at the UQ Business School.

Mark received a 2015 UQ Vice-Chancellor's Alumni Excellence Award in recognition of his business success, leadership and outstanding contributions to his community.

## DONORS AND RECIPIENTS MEET AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON



Left BEL Scholarship recipient, Mr Lachlan Campbell, presenting his speech at the 2015 BEL Scholarships & Prizes Luncheon

The BEL Scholarships and Prizes Luncheon is an annual event to recognise our generous donors and provide an opportunity for them to meet the outstanding students who benefited from their philanthropic support.

The 2015 luncheon was held at Customs House and featured an address by Lachlan Campbell, a Bachelor of Economics and Laws student and recipient of The Allens Prize for Overall Excellence and the Allens Prize in Company Law.

Lachlan highlighted the value of philanthropy not only in terms of financial benefit, but of the role donor support plays in investing in and enabling future success and excellence.

"Universities have a fundamental place in not only educating students but empowering young leaders to pursue their ambitions. It's why the generosity of donors like yourselves is incredibly important in enabling young people to reach their potential."

"Your generosity plays a vitally important role in ensuring that UQ students can take advantage of the opportunities that they have worked so hard to deserve."

## CONNECT WITH ALUMNI IN YOUR CITY

Don't miss out on the opportunity to socialise and network with alumni from UQ's schools of business, economics and law in your city.

Organised by alumni, for alumni, The Global Connection is a series of regular, informal meet-ups held in cities around Australia and throughout the world:

- Adelaide
- Brisbane
- Beijing
- Hong Kong
- Kuala Lumpur
- London
- Melbourne
- New Delhi
- New York
- Perth
- Phnom Penh
- San Francisco
- Seoul
- Shanghai
- Singapore
- Sydney
- Tokyo.

The Jakarta and Taipei Connections will be coming soon! To find out when and where the next meet-ups are, visit: [bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/the-global-connection](http://bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/the-global-connection)

If you are interested in coordinating a meet-up in your city, please email: [alumni@bel.uq.edu.au](mailto:alumni@bel.uq.edu.au)

For more information about sponsoring The Global Connection series, contact Dr Jason Ketter **+61 (0) 428 037 283**

# US COLLEGE RUGBY STAR BOUND FOR UQ WITH MARK LOANE MEDAL



**Left:** Mark Loane Medal recipient, Steve Branham, with his parents Joni and Mark Branham



An American rugby union hooker who has represented the US internationally is the inaugural winner of The University of Queensland's Mark Loane Medal.

University of Arizona (Tucson) freshman physics student Steve Branham was awarded the medal at the UQ Rugby benefit dinner in New York in November 2015.

The dinner was organised by UQ BEL alumnus, New York resident and former UQ Rugby player Brian Macnish (LLB '77) in conjunction with BEL, UQ Rugby and The University of Queensland in America Foundation (TUQiA).

The award will enable Steve to complete a rugby scholarship at the UQ Rugby Academy in Brisbane during his summer vacation in 2016 and to play with the UQ Rugby Club.

The award recognises Steve's exceptional high school rugby achievements, which include being a four-time All-American playing with the U17 All-Americans squad in 2013 and the USA Rugby Boys U19 High School All-American squad in 2014 for the Rugby Four Nations Cup.

He was also named to the all-tournament team and has toured in England, Argentina, Portugal, France and Belgium.

Dr Mark Loane AM (MB ChB '77) was a legendary #8 for The University of Queensland, the Queensland Reds and the Wallabies in the 1970s.

He is a leading ophthalmologist and has carved a strong legacy delivering eye health services to Indigenous and remote communities.

The medal was conceived and announced at the inaugural benefit dinner in 2014.

Also attending the dinner were Rugby legends and international stars in their playing prime Tim Usasz (BCom '05, MBA '13), Michael Lynagh AM, Mike Harris, Mike Tolkin and Mike Petri.

More than \$US45,000 was raised through ticket sales, raffle tickets and a live auction on the night, conducted by TUQiA board member and Chair of the UQ Rugby Benefit Dinner Committee, Brian Macnish. Funds raised will go to the UQ Rugby Club and Play Rugby USA.

Closer to home, the BEL Faculty and UQ Business School host a corporate tent for alumni and guests at each UQ Rugby home game. We encourage you to attend these family-friendly events where complimentary food and drinks are offered for all to enjoy. If you wish to attend, please email [alumni@bel.uq.edu.au](mailto:alumni@bel.uq.edu.au). For UQ Rugby home game fixtures, visit [bel.uq.edu.au/uqrugby](http://bel.uq.edu.au/uqrugby)



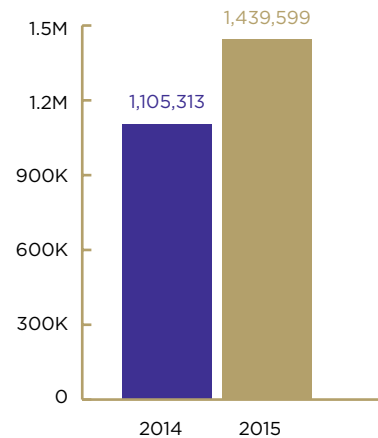
“The award recognises Mr Branham's exceptional high school rugby achievements.”

**Above:** Dr Mark Loane AM with Mark Loane Medal recipient, Steve Branham

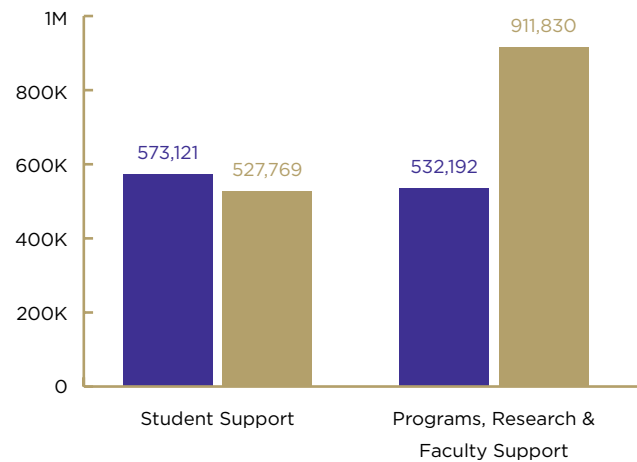


# 2015 PHILANTHROPIC FINANCIALS

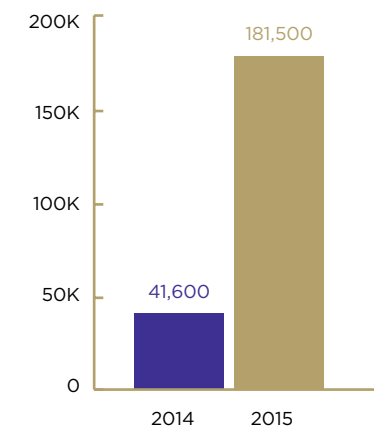
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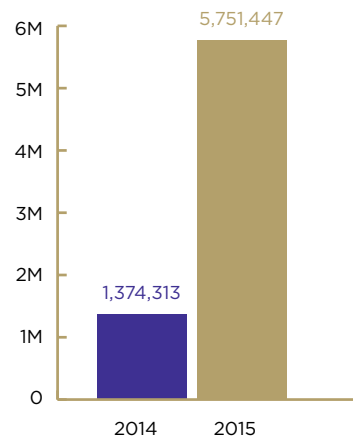


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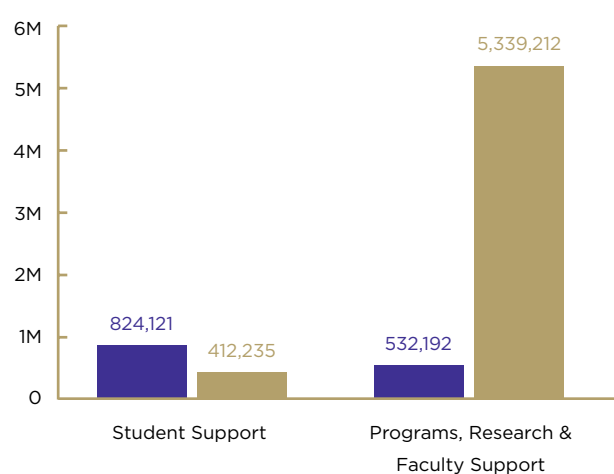
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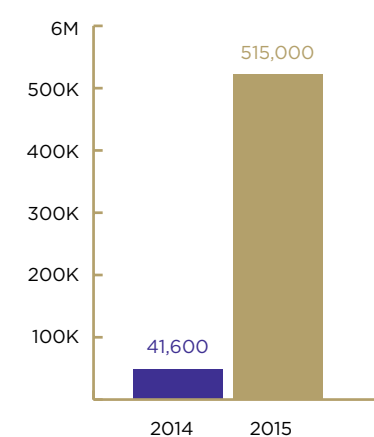
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# BEL ALUMNI AMBASSADOR COUNCILS

The BEL Alumni Ambassador Councils have been designed to strengthen our alumni networks in Australia and around the world. With that in mind, we have established alumni councils in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, London, New York, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Our 60 BEL Alumni Ambassadors act as key contacts for alumni worldwide. One of our goals is to expand the alumni database to help our alumni network for professional and business purposes - not only in their region, but with others around the world. The BEL Ambassadors represent a broad cross-section of the wider alumni network across disciplines, age groups, gender and countries, helping to ensure the interests of all alumni are met.

We are looking to stay in touch with as many alumni as possible and encourage you to update your contact details. To do so and to ensure you stay connected, visit [bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/update-your-details](http://bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/update-your-details)

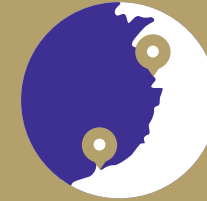
To see the list of 2015 BEL Alumni Ambassadors, see page 25.

To find out more about the BEL Alumni Ambassadors, visit [bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/global-alumni-network](http://bel.uq.edu.au/alumni/global-alumni-network)



## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

*Alumni Ambassador  
Councils were  
established in*



**HONG KONG  
& SHANGHAI**



**SINGAPORE HELD  
ITS SIGNATURE  
ALUMNI  
RECEPTION**

*with guest speaker  
former Wallabies  
Captain and UQ  
alumnus John Eales  
AM (BA '91), attended  
by 100 guests.*



**SYDNEY HOSTED  
A WINE-TASTING  
EVENING**

*featuring Professor  
Ian Frazer AC,  
joined by 85 guests.*

**MELBOURNE HELD AN  
EXCLUSIVE NATIONAL  
GALLERY OF VICTORIA**

*Winter Masterpieces  
viewing, attended  
by 70 guests. This event  
was made possible by  
Martin Benders, MC  
Mazda Australia and  
Melbourne Ambassador  
Council member.*



**LONDON HOSTED  
ITS ANNUAL  
COCKTAIL  
RECEPTION**

*featuring guest speaker  
and Commerce alumnus  
Mark Hutchinson  
(BCom '86, Hon. Doctor  
Business '14) President  
and CEO of GE Europe,  
attracting 100 guests.*



## LONDON ALUMNI AMBASSADOR COUNCIL LAUNCHES ANNUAL AWARD TO RECOGNISE TUTORS

The London BEL Alumni Ambassador Council introduced a London BEL Alumni Ambassador Council Tutor Award in 2015 to recognise honours students and increase awareness of the importance of staying connected after graduation.

The award was conceived and funded by the members of the London BEL Alumni Ambassador Council and is the first of its kind.

The winner of the inaugural award, final year Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) student Huu Phat (Kevin) Thai, said it was a wonderful boost.

"Tutoring has long been a goal in my life and it's an honour to receive this award," he said.

Kevin, an international student from Vietnam, said he had already shouted his honours fellows to dinner to celebrate their achievements and planned to use the remainder of his prize to help support his planned PhD next year.

Course Coordinator, Dr Mark Russell, said Kevin distinguished himself with excellent

communications skills and meticulous tutorial preparation.

"Kevin enthusiastically volunteers for additional teaching duties in response to student demands for consultant and exam feedback," he said.

Student feedback supported this with Kevin receiving a rating of 'outstanding' in all eight criteria. Kevin's prize consisted of \$2500 in cash.



# GLOBAL ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS CONVERGE ON UQ

The inaugural BEL Leadership Conference for Ambassadors and Volunteers was a resounding success.

Held at UQ from 24 to 25 June 2015, the conference brought together 14 volunteer alumni leaders from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, London, New York, Singapore and Shanghai with BEL senior leadership and advancement staff.

Director of BEL Advancement, Dr Jason Ketter, said the conference facilitated the exchange of ideas as well as valuable networking opportunities.

"Our alumni volunteers were able to interact and network with students, academics and UQ senior leaders and discuss how we can improve our alumni engagement strategies.

"They looked at how alumni ambassadors can contribute to the development, growth and reputation-building of our schools, and how they can encourage current students to become engaged alumni after graduation.

"The conference was also the perfect venue to express our appreciation for the diverse skills and leadership of our alumni ambassadors and volunteers.

"Without the tireless support of these volunteers, advancing the mission of



UQ and the BEL Faculty would be a near-impossible task."

Conference highlights included a dinner hosted by the UQ Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Peter Høj, and BEL Executive Dean, Professor Iain Watson, at Customs House.

Professor Høj and Professor Watson took the time to personally thank the alumni ambassadors and volunteers for their efforts.

Major General (Retd) and former UQ Chief Operating Officer, Maurie McNarn AO, also hosted a breakfast presentation at the Marriott Hotel to close the conference.

Ambassadors described the conference as an extremely worthwhile and valuable experience.

**Above right:** Associate Dean (Research) and Dean's Society member, Professor Victor Callan

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# FROM LONDON TO HONG KONG

## BEL ALUMNI TAKE THE WORLD BY STORM

BEL alumni Nick Shiren (*BCom '91, LLB Hons '95*) and Honnus Cheung (*BCom '92*) still feel a strong connection with UQ, despite graduating over twenty years ago. This sense of belonging inspired Nick and Honnus to engage with their local BEL Alumni Ambassador Councils in London and Hong Kong respectively.

Nick is the Chair of the London Alumni Ambassador Council and has been involved since its inception in 2012. Today, he is a partner in the Capital Markets Group in the London office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, an international law firm. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from UQ.

"We are all ambassadors and we carry UQ with us wherever we go," Nick said.

"I see volunteering as a way of reinvesting in the university that helped shape my career and I'm proud to help maintain UQ's global reputation."

Honnus chairs the Hong Kong Alumni Ambassador Council. She is the Regional CFO for Travelzoo Inc in the Asia-Pacific and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from UQ.

"I'm interested in giving back because my education has provided a solid foundation for my career and empowered me to face the challenges in my life," Honnus said.

The London and Hong Kong chapters are part of an international network of BEL alumni with a single objective: to create strong links with other alumni around the world.

2015 was a busy year for both councils. London hosted an annual drinks reception featuring guest speaker Mark Hutchinson (*BCom '86, Hon. Doctor Business '14*), as well as numerous casual gatherings for the BEL Global Connection program.

"We have focused on furthering our outreach to alumni through an informal coffee catch-up program," Nick said.

"The London chapter is also committed to the BEL SET student mentoring program, frequently being called upon to advise current students and alumni, typically those considering a move to London.

"However, we are most proud of the newly established London BEL Alumni Ambassador Council Tutor Award. The award recognises outstanding honours students in the business and economics



schools and emphasises the importance of staying connected after graduation."

According to Nick, the London chapter has set its sights on reaching more alumni than ever before.

"In 2016 we will aim to expand our contact with alumni in London. We are also looking to develop relationships with corporate sponsors to assist us in our efforts."

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong chapter has been hard at work since its launch in July. It hosted its first Global Connection informal drinks event in December, and Honnus has been in contact with ambassadors from Sydney and Shanghai.

"In the future, we hope to increase our cooperation with alumni around the world," Honnus said.

"We will host frequent gatherings in Hong Kong to strengthen the connection between alumni and UQ and allow them to meet with their former professors, reunite with old friends and expand their networks.

"We also want to nurture and support new graduates using our diverse skills and contacts."

Honnus believes volunteering as a BEL Alumni Ambassador is a rewarding experience, personally and professionally.

"Getting involved in the Hong Kong chapter has stimulated my interest in different fields as I meet alumni from many different backgrounds and occupations," Honnus said.

Nick agrees, noting the unique personal connection between BEL alumni.

"There is an incredibly diverse group of alumni in London," he said.

"Recently I was at a UQ-hosted dinner with a venture capitalist, a partner in an accounting firm, a start-up entrepreneur, a law lecturer and a High Court judge, amongst others. However, our common bond – what ties us together – is UQ.

"I would encourage all alumni to re-connect and get involved with the BEL Faculty. It's not just about giving back – there are also opportunities for alumni to benefit directly.

"Volunteering with the London Council has allowed me to network with other professionals and continue my lifelong relationship with the University. For me, it has been an enjoyable and worthwhile experience."

For the full list of BEL Alumni Ambassadors see page 25.

**Above left:** London Alumni Ambassador Council Chair, Nick Shiren **Above right:** Hong Kong Alumni Ambassador Council Chair, Honnus Cheung



# THANK YOU TO OUR ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

**Members as at January 2016.** Alumni Ambassadors work in alignment with the BEL Faculty to assist and advise on the strategic engagement of the global BEL alumni community.

## BRISBANE

Name	Organisation   Position
<b>Chair</b> Susan Buckley ( <i>BEcon '85, MBA '10</i> )	QIC   Managing Director, Global Fixed Interest
<b>Deputy</b> Robin Levison ( <i>MBA '10</i> )	Ignition Equity Partners Pty Ltd   Chairman
Louise Dudley ( <i>BCom '83</i> )	Queensland Urban Utilities   CEO
Anna Feros ( <i>BSc '93, LLB '94/LLM '09</i> )	DibbsBarker   Partner
Chad Hardy ( <i>LLB Hons '13</i> )	Uber   Operations & Logistics Manager
Prue Mackenzie ( <i>BA '00, BCom (Hons) '01</i> )	Aurizon   Senior VP, Commercial & Marketing (Coal)
Mark Sowerby ( <i>BAGSc '93, MBA '03</i> )	Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited   Founder and MD

## SYDNEY

<b>Chair</b> Don Hamson ( <i>BCom Hons '84, PhD '93</i> )	Plato Investment Management   Managing Director
<b>Deputy</b> David Brown ( <i>BCom (Hons) '00, LLB (Hons) '02</i> )	Pacific Equity Partners   Director
<b>Emeritus</b> Daryl Dixon ( <i>BEcon (Hons) '64</i> )	Dixon Advisory and Superannuation Services   Executive Chairman
Guy Chandler ( <i>MBA '08</i> )	Litmus   Partner
Karen Chester ( <i>BEcon (Hons) '86</i> )	Productivity Commission   Commissioner
Rob Garsden ( <i>BCom Hons '04, LLB Hons '05</i> )	LinkedIn   Head of APAC Sales Development
Anthony Kerwick ( <i>BCom Hons '93, LLB Hons '95</i> )	SocietyOne   Chairman
Ian Macoun ( <i>BCom '74, MFinMgt '90</i> )	Pinnacle Investment Management Ltd   Managing Director
Julianne Miao ( <i>BCom and BBusMgt '01</i> )	AMP   Manager, M&A and Treasury Transactions
Simon Moore ( <i>BCom Hons '87, LLB Hons '92</i> )	The Carlyle Group   Managing Director
Tom Story ( <i>BA '96, LLB (Hons) '99</i> )	Allens   Partner, M&A and Co-Head, Private Equity

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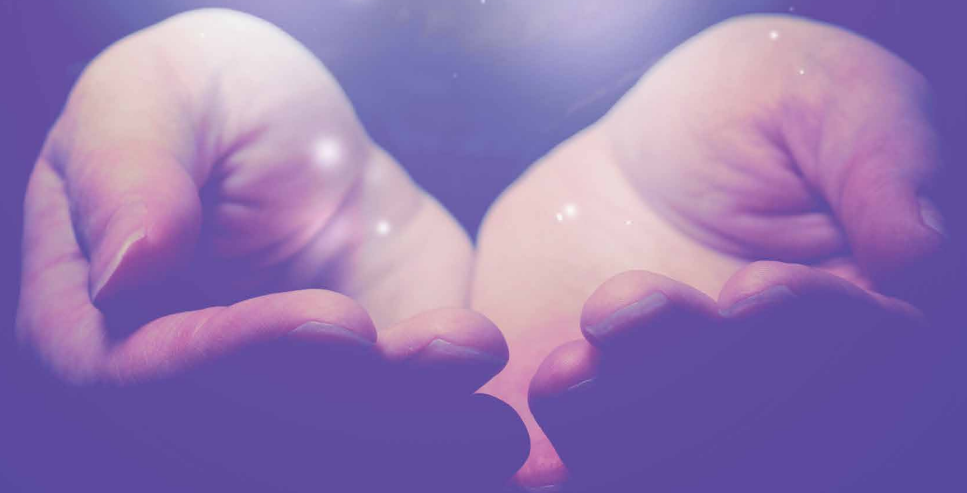
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