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The University expresses a heartfelt thank you to our community of generous donors for the role you play in the future of our students. It was our great pleasure to welcome almost 700 new donors to this increasing circle of support and encouragement in 2013.

Our ambitious strategic plan, Open to Talent, has three priority areas – research, students and community. Your gifts have a significant impact on our ability to achieve our ambitions in these areas, supporting scholarships and infrastructure projects and boosting resources that underpin the University’s creativity and achievement. We aim to take Tasmania to the world and bring the world to our island. This was exemplified by the significant boost to the University of Tasmania Foundation’s Student Overseas Exchange Program, which increased in value, in just one year, by more than 60 per cent, enabling 10 students to study internationally in 2013. We remain committed to growing this program in 2014.

Contributions from alumni and friends to the Scholarships Program enabled us to more than double the number of new scholarships awarded, with almost 500 students benefitting last year. It was with great pride that we acknowledged our 2013 Scholarship recipients and heard about our students’ experiences at the gala University of Tasmania Foundation dinners around the state. Their words are an endorsement of how young lives are invigorated and enlivened through philanthropy.

Australia and engaged with others in Copenhagen, London, New York, Jakarta and Shanghai.

In 2014, the Foundation will enhance the size and value of the Scholarships Program, increasing opportunity and access to a University education.

We will continue to grow our presence in this social, intellectual and cultural island community. We will, in this era of scarce resources and increasing national and international competition, work with our community to support the University’s ambitions and vision.

As our University approaches its 125th anniversary in 2015, a committee chaired by our recently retired inaugural Provost, Professor David Rich, will lead our community into the festivities. Information will be forthcoming. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us – our University’s future is bright.
Dear friends and supporters of the University of Tasmania,

It is with genuine excitement and warmth that I welcome all of you to 2013 A Year in Review.

The achievements listed within this publication are broad and far-reaching, and they speak volumes about the amazing levels of support and commitment at this special University.

The year 2013 was a record-breaking one for the University of Tasmania, with almost $15.8 million received.

Much of that came in the form of large gifts to support construction of the Stage II facility at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania, while our many donors and friends continued their extraordinary support for scholarships and bursaries.

The University of Tasmania Foundation was also supported by wise investment strategies, which generated the highest returns in our history. The TEMCO Community Foundation Scholarships Program received a major financial boost and, through the tireless efforts of family and friends, the Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship in Law was fully funded.

All of this tells a story of caring and vision: about students who are now able to attend University because of financial assistance; about exciting and revolutionary research spaces that are helping to spark the next generation of knowledge; and about the careful and strategic stewardship of precious resources to lift our community.

This is a University bold enough to make big promises and, with the help of our many alumni, friends and supporters, keep them.

We thank you again for all that you do on behalf of the University of Tasmania.
2013 highlights
A year of achievement

TEMCO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Displaying outstanding commitment to higher education and the local community, the TEMCO Community Foundation gifts $740,000. This extends its funding of up to 14 scholarships and bursaries at any one time through to 2023.

PROF. GEORGE WADE SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL
The Prof. George Wade Scholarship Appeal is launched at the 50th anniversary celebrations of Agricultural Science in October 2013. Donations totalling $14,750 have already been added to a $30,000 gift from George Wade towards the $150,000 target.

BARNEY RODGERS OVERSEAS EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP
A $30,000 donation establishes the Barney Rodgers Overseas Exchange Scholarship, boosting the Overseas Exchange Program that was funded initially by the H.F. Lovett bequest. In 2013, this enabled 10 students to study one semester internationally.

MENZIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE TASMANIA
Almost $15.8 million is contributed. This includes large gifts to support building Stage II at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania, and the extraordinary and ongoing support of alumni and friends.

THE OLD HOBARTIAN CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL
The Old Hobartian Centenary Scholarship Appeal reaches $159,150 with a second scholarship donated by The Tall Foundation in 2014. The $200,000 target is in sight and an honour board at Hobart College acknowledges donations of $1000 or more.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA FOUNDATION
The University of Tasmania Foundation provides $1.8 million in Scholarships, a 66 per cent increase since 2011.

TIM HAWKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Through generous support of family and friends, the Tim Hawkins Memorial Scholarship in Law continues in perpetuity after reaching its target of $300,000.

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Left: Bachelor of Agricultural Science student Kristen Kay, the 2013 Annual Appeal Scholarship recipient.
$9.1 million
Total value of your donations

$1.8 million
Total value of scholarships awarded

$87,000
Total donations to Annual Appeal

343
Total donors to Annual Appeal

1547
Total number of donors

139
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Our year in numbers

Philanthropy delivers benefits at all levels

Philanthropy in higher education is growing. At the University of Tasmania, it is a welcome way to make a real difference by contributing to Tasmania’s cultural, social and economic development. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the University, managed by the Advancement Office. The Foundation helps by working with our alumni and friends to receive and acknowledge gifts. This investment in the future of our students encourages excellence and promotes participation at the University.

For information about how to make a gift, read the back page of this publication.
Dr Peter Smith is a passionate advocate for the enabling sciences: physics, chemistry and maths.

These fields of study underpin all scientific inquiry and are critically important to the international competitiveness of Australia.

Mindful of a decline in enrolments for these subjects, the former University of Tasmania teacher and researcher established the Dr Peter Smith Scholarship in Physical Sciences in 2002.

The Scholarship is offered to students who intend to enrol in the Bachelor of Science degree and study the physical sciences of chemistry, mathematics and physics in their first year at the University.

It is also open to students who have successfully completed these first-year subjects and who intend to major, or are majoring, in at least one of the three disciplines.

Dr Smith says he derives great satisfaction and enjoyment from seeing the diverse applications of these sciences by Scholarship recipients.

Their work has touched many fields of research, including climate change, biological systems, nature conservation and optical astronomy.

Recipients are now scattered across the globe, in many cases playing vital roles for key industries. Some have embarked on PhDs at the University of Tasmania, while others have pursued further study at tertiary and research institutions overseas.

Among them are statisticians, economists and meteorologists. One recipient says his academic background in physics probably helped him become one of only three selected from 700 to train as a Cathay Pacific pilot.

Dr Smith, who retired from the University in 1989 after 30 years of teaching and research work in the fields of inorganic, industrial and analytical chemistry, sees his Scholarship role as a mentor and guide who tries to provide opportunities.

“While I believe students should pursue a greater background knowledge by travelling to study elsewhere, I am proud that many choose to stay at this University,” he says.

Dr Smith considers it is a privilege to be associated with every recipient, and he is proud to consider each of them a colleague and a friend.

“Opportunities I have gained because of Dr Smith’s generosity and kindness are incalculable. I would not be where I am today without his involvement and support.”

Christopher Desire, 2009 recipient
Strengthen the community

Elphinstone Group/Family Scholarship in Medical Radiation Sciences

Ask Dale Elphinstone about the things that underpin a flourishing community and the high-profile Tasmanian businessman and philanthropist is soon talking about access to high-quality, local health care.

So, when Dale identified a skills gap in the North-West’s health services, he just had to respond.

The Elphinstone Group/Family Scholarship in Medical Radiation Sciences is available to students with high academic achievement who are enrolling in the Bachelor of Health Science at the University of Tasmania and intend to become radiation therapists.

The bonded scholarship covers all HECS fees, accommodation, transport and associated costs, such as textbooks, for the duration of a student’s studies.

Recipients enter a contract to work in the North-West for a three-year period, beginning within five years of their graduation.

The University’s Cradle Coast Campus has been working closely with local industry leaders such as Dale to identify their employment needs and to provide educational pathways.

The feedback from employers has been unequivocal. They need a well-trained workforce; one that is happy to remain in or move to the region for the long-term.

The Scholarship continues the Elphinstone family’s long and generous tradition of commitment to the Foundation.

“It is also nourishes Dale’s hopes for the future health and wellbeing of regional communities such as those in the North-West.

“The value of seeing a young practitioner alight with enthusiasm at the opportunity to return and practise their skills within their own community cannot be counted in dollars.”

Dale Elphinstone, Executive Chairman, Elphinstone/William Adams Group

When work began on the development of a Regional Cancer Centre at the North West Regional Hospital in Burnie, Dale quickly saw the challenge of attracting qualified staff to operate its state-of-the-art diagnosis and treatment equipment.

In response, the Elphinstone Group/Family and the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services agreed to introduce generous scholarship support for the training of medical radiation science graduates for the region. From this initiative, the Elphinstone Group/Family Scholarship in Medical Radiation Sciences was born.

The Scholarship continues the Elphinstone family’s long and generous tradition of commitment to the Foundation.

Cheryl and Dale Elphinstone.
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your gifts, with thanks, in 2013

On behalf of the University of Tasmania, we sincerely thank almost 700 donors who made their first gift to the University in 2013. All donations over $200 are acknowledged.

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Build confidence

Annual Appeal

Generous donations from more than 340 alumni and friends saw our Annual Appeal raise almost $87,000 in 2013.

Funds were directed towards the Annual Appeal Scholarship, Overseas Exchange Scholarship Program, Development Fund and the January 2013 Emergency Bushfire Appeal.

Your gifts enabled us to make great progress towards the following targets:

■ Growing the Development Fund to $3 million, to deliver $100,000 a year to vital programs.
■ Raising the Annual Appeal Scholarship stipend to $5000 per student a year. In 2013, the stipend was increased to $3500 a year for up to four years. The scholarship was awarded to Kristen Kay, who began a Bachelor of Agricultural Science. “The Scholarship gives me confidence to take on everything that comes my way, and be a part of all that is on offer,” says Kristen.
■ Increasing the Overseas Exchange Scholarship Program stipend to $5000 a student for a semester.

We sincerely thank all of our donors. Through your extraordinary philanthropy, young lives continue to be invigorated and enlivened.
Samuel Smith and Reuben Kent spent summer shaping the building blocks of their future careers.

As recipients of Civilian Defence Engineering Scholarships in Naval Architecture, the two Australian Maritime College students took part in the first of their work experience assignments.

The Civilian Defence Engineering Scholarships Scheme (CDESS) is providing the pair with valuable career-building opportunities alongside welcome financial assistance for their studies. Now in the third year of their naval architecture degrees, they each receive $12,000 a year for three years and two 12-week paid industry work placements.

CDESS, which is offered annually by the Department of Defence, aims to attract talented engineering students to a career within the organisation. Applicants are assessed on academic merit and a variety of key personal qualities and skills. Recipients receive professional mentoring for the life of the Scholarship.

Samuel and Reuben are enthusiastic about the positive impact of the Scholarships Program on their academic and professional development.

“Having the CDESS Scholarship on my CV really stands out to potential employers along with the extensive industry placements I will be undertaking in the future,” Samuel said.

“The work experience I am undertaking has given me great insight into the industry and is putting me in a great position to enter the naval architecture world.”

Samuel completed the majority of his work experience at the ANZAC SPO offices in Rockingham, Western Australia, where he investigated potential designs to improve the slow-speed manoeuvrability of the Anzac Class MEKO 200 frigates.

“This has me doing research on bow thrusters and rudder layouts while extensively analysing the structural configuration of the frigates,” he said.

“I have also been lucky enough to be given tours of shipyards, wharfs, key shipbuilding organisations and the Garden Island Naval Base. I have learnt so much from these tours and my mentors have taught me a lot about the maritime industry. There are so many crucial engineering aspects, such as machinery operational effectiveness, that I would never have learnt in a classroom.”

Reuben used his placement to delve into some of the work at the AMC’s new autonomous technologies laboratory.

“AMC has use of the autonomous underwater vehicle UBC-Gavia, which has been deployed for research and survey work around Tasmania. My involvement includes helping with mission planning and taking part in vehicle maintenance and field work,” he said.

“It has opened my eyes to the world of AUVs and has been an exciting experience. Next, I’ll be heading over to the Department of Defence’s head office in Canberra, where I’ll gain exposure to what it’s like to work in that sector.”
“As a rural boy, my Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Business Administration have given me a world of opportunities I never believed possible.”

Damian Reardon, Leigh Donnelley Memorial Scholarship 2008 recipient

“Dad always noted that Honours students broke a lot of glassware, so he would have been tickled pink by us helping in this way.”

Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Co-founder of the Marshall Hughes Honours Scholarship in Chemistry
“The opportunities provided through study in Norway will give me valuable skills and knowledge to bring back to the University.”

Arlie McCarthy, Barney Rogers Overseas Exchange Scholarship 2013 recipient

“... the opportunity to return and practise skills within their own community cannot be counted in dollars.”

Dale Elphinstone, Executive Chairman, Elphinstone/William Adams Group

“This Scholarship has solidified in me a passion for agriculture and a drive to benefit others through an increased understanding of agricultural science.”

Aaron Thomason, Robert Menary Tasmania Scholarship in Agricultural Science 2013 recipient
Reach for the stars

Greenhill Observatory

Gifts are like stardust. Sprinkle them around and great things begin to happen.

Take, for example, the development of Greenhill Observatory, on Bisdee Tier in the southern Midlands.

Situated 656m above sea level and far from town and city lights, the new observatory and its state-of-the-art 1.27m optical telescope will see University of Tasmania astronomers play a starring role in the international search for Earth-like planets.

The observatory’s key role in this exciting international research has been funded through the University of Tasmania Foundation with generous contributions from individuals and organisations around the world.

The telescope itself was donated by Caisey Harlingten, an amateur Canadian astronomer living in England.

Caisey first became aware of the existence of the telescope’s 500kg primary mirror in 2004.

The mirror had been cast in the United States in 1970 and was figured in Canada. It was intended for use at the University of Tasmania Mt Canopus site near Cambridge but the observatory’s planned expansion did not proceed and the mirror was placed in storage at a Vancouver warehouse.

A grant from the Australian Research Council has enabled University astronomers to collaborate with counterparts at the Australian National University, Institut d’Astrophysique de Paris and University of Warsaw in Poland to obtain state-of-the-art instrumentation for the telescope.

More than 12 months after the observatory’s official opening, the painstaking process of fine-tuning this complex instrument is almost complete. In April, the first team of international planet hunters will arrive.

“We expect to catch 20 to 30 new planets per year, and some of them we expect to be Earth-like,” Head Astronomer Dr Andrew Cole said.

The Head of the School of Physical Sciences, Professor John Dickey, said the telescope, its enclosure and its environmental monitors were designed to be remotely operable, allowing University astronomers and their international collaborators to
use the facility efficiently, safely and inexpensively.

“It has been named after distinguished physicist Dr John Greenhill, who single-handedly renewed optical astronomy at the University of Tasmania in the decades leading up to his official retirement in the mid-1990s,” Prof Dickey said.

The 1m telescope at Mt Canopus – which will soon be decommissioned, as it is badly light-polluted because of encroaching suburban development – will be given to Caisey Harlingten as a gesture of appreciation for his generosity. It will be reassembled at his New Mexico observatory in the US.

Great things certainly do happen when you sprinkle a little stardust.
All donors …

your gifts, with thanks, in 2013

We would like to recognise the significant support of all individuals and organisations who have given to the University of Tasmania in 2013.

We thank you again for all that you do on behalf of the University. Your confidence in our institution significantly assists in our ambitions to increase support for Scholarships and boost resources to underpin the University’s creativity and achievement.

We would also like to acknowledge the outstanding generosity of the donors who continue to support us each year. The highlighted names represent those who have given consecutively for five or more years.

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Captain Gordon P. Olley Scholarship in Aviation

Dr June Olley greatly enjoys listening to why students apply for her Aviation Scholarship.

As founder of the Captain Gordon P. Olley Scholarship in Aviation, in memory of her late father, June says all the recipients have one thing in common—a genuine interest in relating their knowledge and skills to aviation.

The Scholarship’s intent is well served by this quality and June’s involvement with all the recipients has been a source of “endless fun” and interest.

There was the scholar whose Royal Flying Doctor Service plane had to take off to avoid being buried by a desert storm in Queensland; the scholar who spent three months operating from a hut at a Tuvalu airstrip to bring fresh antibiotics to the locals; the airline hostess who decided to study nursing because she believed all flights should have a qualified nurse on board; the scholar with an interest in drones; the scholar who studied the fear of flying; and the scholar whose invention of a metal with unique qualities is being translated from use in the Navy to aircraft.

The establishment of the Captain Gordon P. Olley Scholarship in Aviation was inspired by the life and achievements of June’s father. After a brief stint in the British Army, Gordon P. Olley enrolled in the Royal Flying Corps as a dispatcher and went to France to become a World War I flying ace. After the war, Captain Olley became one of the world’s first commercial pilots.

In 1934, Captain Olley started his own airline, Olley Air Services, at London’s Croydon Airport. His daughter June married in 1968 and moved to Tasmania where she worked with the CSIRO. She has maintained close links to aviation and enjoys writing for the Croydon Airport Society Journal.

June approached the University of Tasmania Foundation in 2008, offering to make a generous donation in honour of her mother’s wishes to remember her late husband. Since then, the Captain Gordon P. Olley Scholarship in Aviation has helped seven of the University’s students.

“Whatever you do, June, don’t think about stopping,” they say.

Murray Kirkwood, 2012 recipient

“The Scholarship allowed me to determine the extent to which my interest in a particular area of aviation psychology was more or less in line with my future career aspirations.”
There are few better examples of the University helping to deliver lasting benefits to the community – and across the world – than Hobart’s new Medical Science Precinct.

The recently launched Precinct, with the iconic MS1 and MS2 buildings, was made possible by funding from the Federal Government through the Health and Hospitals Fund ($44.7 million), the Capital Development Pool ($12 million) and the Better Universities Renewal Fund ($11.5 million).

The State Government has also been a generous contributor, providing $24 million and in-kind support. Private donors and philanthropic organisations, including The Atlantic Philanthropies and The Select Foundation, have contributed a total of $21.5 million – and the University has contributed $34 million. The Precinct, located next to the Royal Hobart Hospital, is home to a number of world-class institutions and teaching facilities. They include the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania, University of Tasmania Faculty of Health and the University’s School of Health Sciences Hobart Domain Nursing Campus. All of this places the Precinct at the forefront of medical research and education.

“We have a constellation of truly outstanding research and teaching activities happening within the Medical Science Precinct,” University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said. “These activities are global in both standard and scope. It is fitting that these elements should be afforded a single identity that is both immediately powerful and full of promise for the future.”

The first-stage building (MS1) was completed in 2009 and MS2 was completed recently. The striking exterior design was influenced by cell structures and the Hobart landscape. Environmentally friendly attributes, including an 80,000-litre rainwater tank and energy-efficient lighting with sensor activation, have secured the Precinct a 5-Star Green Star rating.

“The Medical Science Precinct doesn’t just represent the good work we already do within Menzies and Faculty of Health as health and medical research and teaching organisations,” Menzies Director Professor Tom Marwick says.

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“By the aged-care industry’s own figures, the 7000-strong workforce in Tasmania will need to double or treble heading towards 2050,” she says. “The University is well placed to produce that workforce for the future.”
Springboard to Higher Education is our response to the financial and remote-area challenges that prevent or dissuade many at-risk young Tasmanians from continuing their education after Year 10.

Since 2002, Springboard has supported more than 550 of these students in higher education. In 2013 alone, more than 200 engaged with the program.

An initiative of the University of Tasmania Foundation, Springboard is transforming the lives of these students by providing access to higher educational and career opportunities they may not have previously considered as possible. Springboard encourages them into senior secondary school, in the first instance, and then into tertiary study.

Its bursaries are offered to talented, capable and willing Year 10 students who find access to higher education problematic because of their economic circumstances. They may also be de-motivated or disadvantaged because of the prospect of having to relocate to the city from a remote rural area.

The bursaries are awarded for up to three years to support the transition to Years 11 and 12, and then from Year 12 to the University. The maximum cost to the donor, per student, is $2250, with the University providing $1000 for the first year of university.

The results are testament to Springboard’s success: 80 per cent of bursary recipients have completed Year 12 and 60 per cent have continued to the University of Tasmania. Many of these students are the first in their family to attend University.

A growing stable of generous benefactors has been instrumental in this success story.

The MyState Foundation, Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation and Bruce Wall Estate are all long-standing and significant supporters, and the additional generosity of Launceston City Council and Woolnorth Wind Farms is allowing Springboard to build on its achievements.

“There are a great many projects in our North-West and North-East
communities worthy of support,” says Stephen Ross, General Manager, Woolnorth Wind Farms Pty Ltd.

“What we recognise in the Springboard to Higher Education Program is that we are giving somebody something for life, a chance at an education beyond Year 10.”

In 2008, Springboard achieved its long-standing goal of offering a bursary to every state high school in Tasmania. Through the ongoing generosity of its benefactors, the program is now striving to provide the Springboard opportunity to two students at each of these schools.

The Foundation wishes to express its deep gratitude to all Springboard donors. We look forward to working closely with each of you as we continue the quest to transform lives.
Great personal satisfaction is derived from knowing you have helped another to achieve their goal.

This is certainly true at the University of Tasmania, where many alumni continue to make generous and lasting contributions through donations and volunteer work.

About 3000 alumni attended special events around the world in 2013. From New York to Shanghai, and Brisbane to Melbourne, these events kept our national and international alumni in touch with each other and their alma mater.

As always, many alumni events were also held across Tasmania, including public lectures and debates, networking events, dinners and reunions. Highlights included celebrations to mark 50 years of agricultural science at the University, the Ena Waite College Alumni Dinner, and a reunion of University of Tasmania engineering graduates from the 1970s and early 1980s.

The Career Mentor Program matches University students with alumni on the basis of shared interests, degree background or industry. For students, it’s a valuable way to gain useful career advice through building an informal and supportive relationship with an experienced University of Tasmania graduate. For mentors, there is personal satisfaction in making a difference to the career development of a student and giving back to the University.

Our alumni are global exemplars of the success that university graduates can achieve: alumni such as the South Australian Ombudsman Richard Bingham; Professor Tim McCormack, special adviser on international humanitarian law at the International Criminal Court in The Hague; and Helen Szoke, chief executive officer of Oxfam Australia.

In 2013, the Foundation was proud to honour three of the University’s finest alumni: Mr Don Challen, Dr Nicholas Hope and Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington.

Mr Challen, the former Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance, and Dr Hope, the former Senior Director of the World Bank, were both presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award. The Foundation Graduate Award was bestowed on Professor
2013 was a watershed year for the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal, with just under $500,000 contributed in public donations. This record amount allowed the Appeal to fund 19 research, management and community grants.

Support was given to applicants from as far afield as the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom to wildlife parks and researchers throughout Australia.

The tangible impact of this generosity can be seen across a broad range of projects.

Scientists have made significant ground in their efforts to combat the deadly facial tumour disease that threatens to wipe out this iconic animal; wildlife parks around the nation are building viable insurance populations; and a generous public’s willingness to fund these endeavours remains undimmed.

Gabriella Brown and University medal winner Amanda Patchett were among those awarded Devil research scholarships in 2013. Both are working on cutting-edge Devil Facial Tumour Disease vaccine projects with Professor Greg Woods and his team at the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania.

The Appeal is especially grateful to its new supporters, and also to the individuals, businesses and community organisations that offer hope for the Tasmanian devil by continuing their incredible generosity. They include Nekon, Tasmania’s Own Redline, Juicy Isle, AH Beard, Megavar, TICT and Scouts Tasmania.

Virgin Australia, the “Tassie devil Monster truck”, the high-profile Mark Webber Challenge Foundation and new interstate companies such as The Geocoastal Group have also provided unstinting support for another 12 months.

In 2014, the Appeal will continue to build on these rock-solid foundations by forging and maintaining strong relationships with its donors, establishing a strong social media presence, providing new platforms for engagement, and building support beyond our shores.
“We live and we die, but if there’s something that can live on and have a purpose, it’s worthwhile doing,” says Beverley Richardson.

The Ray Richardson Scholarship in Education was established by Beverley in memory of her late father, a well-known and successful businessman in the North-East.

The Scholarship has encouraged young Tasmanians from Scottsdale, St Helens, Winnaleah and Port Dalrymple to seek a career in teaching by financially assisting them over four years of study.

Ray Richardson, says Beverley, knew only too well the hardship of trying to follow work and career dreams in a regional area.

With no more than a Grade 4 education, Ray left school to work on his father’s farm. He had £5 when he decided to leave farming and marry.

Ray sold his shares in the farm to start a grocery store, where he made and sold self-raising flour. He then opened a furniture store in Scottsdale. The business expanded over the years to also sell curtains, upholstery, electrical goods and real estate, with additional stores opening in St Helens and George Town.

Beverley remembers her father as a man with a great sense of humour and says he was the best judge of character she has known; an employer who inspired great loyalty in his employees.

“Dad always knew who was worth supporting, regardless of their background,” she says.

This trait – to offer support in an understated and low-key manner – lives on through the Ray Richardson Scholarship in Education.

Its lasting effect is already evident, with its first two graduated students returning to the North-East to pass on their experience and knowledge in the community.

The Scholarship has supported five students, with two in Years 11 and 12 waiting to begin at the University of Tasmania in 2015 and 2016.

The Richardson family maintains strong connections to all of these scholars, bringing them together on a regular basis to build support and friendships throughout their studies.

“Through receiving this Scholarship, I was able to focus on my studies rather than work during semester,” 2010 recipient Chrissie Cox says.

“As such, I achieved far greater results than I could have without the support. This Scholarship extends further than the monetary contributions. The support provided by Bev and the wider team is consistent and encouraging.”

“Being a recipient of this Scholarship, I feel a part of a great support network.

The Scholarship has greatly assisted me to achieve my career goals without extra financial pressure.”

Hayley Douglas, 2013 recipient
Thank you

The time we spend at University is remarkable. We meet people who become lifelong friends, we learn to express thoughts and ideas in a focused manner, and we become confident in our ability to contribute to society.

So, to all of you who help make this transformative process possible, we say again, thank you. Your support of the University of Tasmania today helps ensure a brighter and better world tomorrow.

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