

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships for 2002

NHMRC/RG MENZIES FELLOWSHIP

In 1996, the Foundation made the inaugural contribution of \$50,000 per annum to the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) CJ Martin/Neil Hamilton Fairley Fellowships with one of the Fellowships to become known as the NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellowship. These Fellowships are available for postgraduate medical study at approved overseas institutions with tenure for up to four years. Two years are spent in the overseas country followed by two years back in Australia. The Foundation has also made available a supplementation of \$5,000 for each of the four years of the award for activities associated with the NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellowship, e.g. conference travel.

The 2002 NH MRC/RG Menzies Fellowship was awarded to Dr Louise van der Weyden from the Department of Physiology, University of Sydney. Dr van der Weyden holds the degrees of BSc with First Class Honours and the University Medal from the University of Technology, Sydney and PhD (Science) from the University of Sydney. She will carry out a study entitled "Identification of novel lung cancer tumour suppressor genes" in the Department of Mouse Functional Genomics (Team 82) at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Hinxton, United Kingdom.



Dr Louise van der Weyden at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN LAW

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust in London, with the support of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation in Australia, offers to Australians one or two post-graduate scholarships in law for tenure at universities in the United Kingdom.

There were 42 applications for the scholarship this year. Two applications were returned because the candidates had not completed their law degree at the time of application.

Thirty seven candidates held their law degree with First Class Honours or its equivalent and references were taken up for this group. Their applications were then forwarded to a panel for ranking. The seven most highly ranked candidates were invited for interview in Melbourne on 18 October, 2002. The Selection Committee was the Hon Sir Daryl Dawson (Chairman), the Hon Justice Susan Kenny (Menzies Scholar), Professor Gillian Triggs (University of Melbourne) and Mr Tony Sprake, the British Consul-General, representing the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law was awarded to Mr Albert Dinelli. Mr Dinelli holds the degrees of LLB with First Class Honours (2001) and BA (1998) from Monash University and was placed second in his graduating class of 338. Mr Dinelli will take up his one year scholarship at Oxford University where he will study for a BCL commencing in October 2003.



Mr Albert Dinelli.

SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP IN THE ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

This research scholarship, which is valued at \$24,000 per annum for each of two years, is open to graduates in any of the health sciences who have enrolled for a PhD in an Australian University and who have completed the first stage of their doctoral program. As in previous years, the Foundation is grateful for the support of the final selection committee and the assessors who are nominated by the respective disciplines to grade the applications in terms of topic, relevance and methodology.

In 2002 the scholarship attracted a field of 26 candidates and the disciplines included physiotherapy, speech pathology, psychology, nursing, human movement studies, occupational therapy, nutrition, and podiatry. In addition to the grading by the discipline assessors, the academic qualifications and publication record of each candidate as well as the scientific validity of the various projects are carefully considered.

Four candidates were invited to attend for interview in Melbourne on Thursday, 22 August, 2002. The interview panel consisted of Professor John Coghlan (Chair), Professor Robyn O'Hehir (Monash University and Menzies Scholar), Professor Alison Perry (La Trobe University) and Dr Susan Paxton (University of Melbourne).

The Scholarship was awarded to Ms Angela Chang who holds the degree of Bachelor of Physiotherapy with First Class Honours and the University Medal from the University of Queensland. Ms Chang's PhD project is entitled "The effect of physiotherapy intervention in slow to wean intensive care patients" and is being carried out in the Department of Physiotherapy, University of Queensland.



Ms Angela Chang.

ROBERT GORDON MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD

The Harvard Club of Australia, the Australian National University and the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation jointly sponsor the Robert Gordon Menzies Scholarship to Harvard University. The Scholarship is administered by the Australian National University. Mr Simon Hannaford, Menzies Scholar and President of the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association, was the Foundation's nominee on the Selection Committee.

The Scholarship was awarded to Ms Alexandra West, an Arts/Law graduate with First Class Honours from the University of Melbourne. Ms West will study for a Masters degree in Public Administration at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts with a focus on business and government policy.



Ms Alexandra West – the 50th recipient of the Robert Gordon Menzies Scholarship to Harvard – receives the Menzies Meszaros medallion from the Federal Minister for Education, Dr Brendan Nelson.

The Menzies Memorial Scholars Association



Mr Simon Hannaford, President

President's Report

The Menzies Scholars' 13th annual meeting at Clarendon Terrace in late November was the first at which we were joined by Harvard Menzies Scholars, who bring diversity and great skills to our Association. The meeting was an opportunity to reflect on the continued growth of the Association, its ongoing support for the Foundation and the new ways in which the Association can assist the Foundation in the future.

Individually, the Menzies Scholars have continued to excel in their disciplines, maintaining one of the most important aspects of the Foundation's work, the encouragement of scholarship and the benefits that the fruits of scholarship bring to the Australian community. For example, Professor Robyn O'Hehir, the Association's Secretary/Treasurer has been appointed Director, Department of Respiratory Medicine/Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology at Alfred Hospital and Monash University and Professor Julian Savulescu has taken up a Chair in Applied Ethics in the Department of Philosophy at Oxford.

Several Menzies Scholars make more direct contributions to the Foundation's work by participation at the Board level, not only of the Foundation itself, e.g. Professor Simon Maddocks is also a member of the Board and Deputy Chairman of the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin. Menzies Scholars also readily give up their time to assist with the adjudication of the various Menzies Scholarships by ranking applicants and sitting on selection committees. In particular, Justice Susan Kenny's

continued commitment to the Law Scholarship is noteworthy.

Through direct financial contributions, the Menzies Scholars jointly sponsor (with the Foundation) the Sir Robert Menzies Centenary Prize at Dimboola Memorial Secondary College. In late 2001, I was fortunate enough to travel to Dimboola to present the prize to the winner for 2001, Belinda Smith. Professor Robyn O'Hehir recently presented the 2002 prize to Kate Saxton.

Our Association grows with each award of a Menzies Scholarship to a gifted graduate student, but sadly as a group, we have mourned the death in late 2001 of our colleague, Professor Chris Silagy, AO, whose life and work were remembered at the Melbourne Museum on 12 February 2002. At the same time, we have been delighted in the progress of our new Scholars at Harvard, in the United Kingdom and in Australia and celebrated each other's personal milestones. In addition to our annual meetings and issues of the "Menzies Brief", Menzies Scholars have created a network of personal and professional contacts, which has proven to be of great assistance to many of us in our work and research. Following the Foundation's remarkable achievement with the Menzies Virtual Museum, we hope to assist the Foundation to use its web site to maintain links with Menzies Scholars abroad and also to better show our work and professional achievements.



Harvard Menzies Scholars, Hilary Charlesworth and Errol Katz, at the 2002 Menzies Memorial Scholars Association dinner.

All Menzies Scholars are committed to the aims of the Foundation. At our annual meeting, we discussed new ways to provide assistance and the Foundation is also examining some of our suggestions for the Foundation's 25th Anniversary.

The Association is extremely grateful to the Foundation's Board and Secretariat for their ongoing support of the Association, particularly in relation to our annual meeting and dinner, and we hope that our close ties may continue to be productive.

Sir Robert Menzies Centenary Prize

In 1994, as a mark of Sir Robert's contribution to education, the Foundation created an annual Sir Robert Menzies Centenary Prize at the Dimboola Memorial Secondary College, i.e. the college closest to Sir Robert's birthplace of Jeparit. The criteria for the award were developed jointly with the College Council and make

special reference to academic excellence and community service.

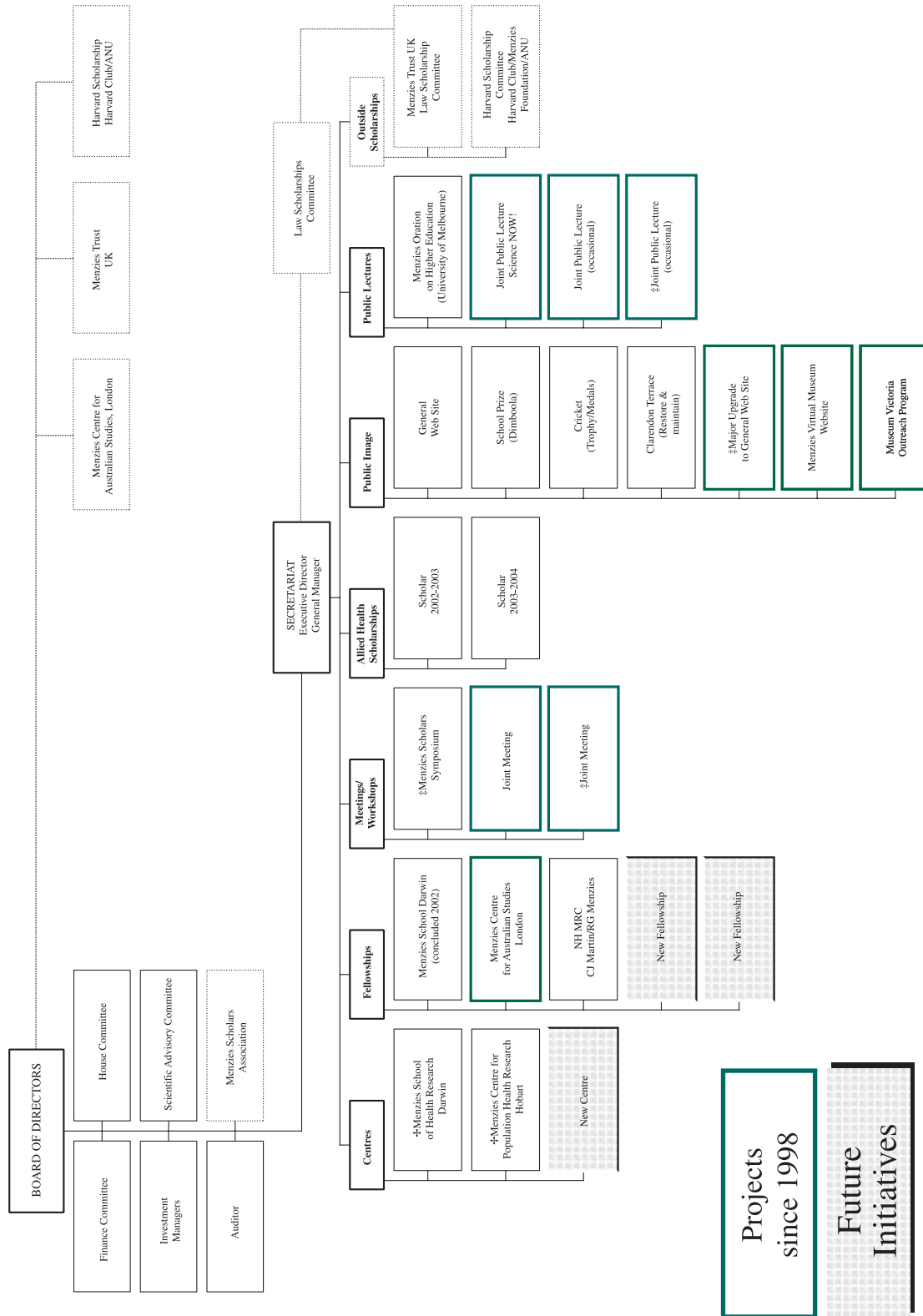
The award is for a senior student who is proceeding to tertiary study and is a contribution of \$2,000 to the first year of study. This cost is met jointly by the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association and the Menzies Foundation.

This year the Prize was awarded to Kate Saxton. Kate was the winner of the college's 2001 Year 12 Scholastic Award and the Outstanding Senior Student Award and has been an exemplary member of the college community for six years. Kate has involved herself in every aspect of college life encompassing sporting programs, student leadership and representation including School Captain, college musical productions, and community service activities (some of which she helped organise). Kate is enrolled at Deakin University, Melbourne, where she is studying for a Bachelor of Arts/Health Sciences degree.



Kate Saxton is pictured with the Chairman of the Menzies Foundation, the Hon Sir Daryl Dawson, following the presentation of the Menzies Meszaros medallion.

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation Organisation Chart at 31 December 2002



Projects since 1998

Future Initiatives

‡Deferred for 2003
 †Increase in grant deferred

Menzies Virtual Museum

Web Site



Virtual Museum

The Sir Robert Menzies Virtual Museum

The Menzies Virtual Museum aims to celebrate the life and achievements of Sir Robert Menzies

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"The years spanning... freeways; from... telecommunication, for... nations together; the... became accessible"

Robert Menzies

Key Events

1890s 1900s 1910s



Museum

Site Launch - 13 September 2002

The Menzies Memorial Foundation Limited
Virtual Museum

to provide visual, textual and audio information about the life of Robert Gordon Menzies, Australia's longest serving Prime Minister.

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Menzies in his time: Robert Gordon Menzies 1894-1978
Australian statesman
... whose lifetime had taken civilization from horseless carriages to the Wright brothers to a jet that could cross the world in a day; instant communication bringing an isolated Australia into the 'global village'; wars that drew the world into the nuclear bomb; and a growing maturity as travel, education and culture became available to everyone; Menzies lived through the changes and seemed to enjoy the journey."
Videos script Menzies in his time, 1994.



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This financial report covers The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation Limited as an individual entity.

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation Limited
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A description of the nature of the company's operations and its principal activities is included in the directors' report on pages 23-24.