

MENZIES FOUNDATION

2010 ANNUAL REVIEW



As a catalyst for achievement, the Menzies Foundation will continue to shape Australia's future through its investments in people, new knowledge and new ideas

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2010 has been a year of decision for the Foundation. After many years of quiet achievement, the Foundation is repositioning itself to publicise its programs to a broader cross-section of Australians, to provide leadership on matters of public importance, and to raise new funds to support public-interest initiatives that build on the expertise of the Board and the scholarship alumni.

The Menzies Foundation was established in 1979 as a non-political, not-for-profit organisation to honour the memory of Sir Robert Menzies, Australia's longest-serving Prime Minister. The Foundation supports a prestigious program of scholarships in law, engineering, allied health and medical research, with the flexibility to develop other activities of potential national importance. The Foundation has also nurtured excellence in health research through the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin, the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania, and the Menzies Centre for Health Policy in Sydney and Canberra. Through our strategic investment in helping to establish those Darwin and Hobart centres in the 1980s, and our modest continuing investment, the Foundation has achieved substantial leverage, made an important contribution to the national research endeavour and achieved continuing recognition for the Menzies name.

In 2010 the Foundation continued its flagship scholarship program. Postgraduate Menzies scholarships were awarded to five young Australians of talent and commitment, bringing the total to 114 Menzies scholarships awarded since 1982. Likewise, Foundation support for the daughter institutions in Darwin, Hobart, Sydney and Canberra has helped to ensure their national recognition as leaders in health research. The Foundation has also nurtured its new initiatives in allied health and Indigenous education – see details elsewhere in this annual review.

In its early years, the Foundation was established and led by eminent Australians who had themselves had the privilege of working with Sir Robert Menzies. The continuing success of the Foundation vindicates the vision of those founders and leaders who secured the initial Foundation endowment. We are particularly indebted to Sir William Vines, past Chairman of the Menzies Trust and the Menzies Foundation, for his many years of inspiring leadership and service to the Foundation and to the wider Australian community. The Foundation was greatly saddened by his recent death.

Since 1979 the Foundation has provided more than \$25.5 million from its endowment to support scholarships, health research, and other initiatives of public importance, leaving it with current investments of \$17.15 million. Following the global financial crisis, the annual budget has been set at a prudent \$1.3 million.

The Foundation is now governed by a new generation of honorary Directors who have continued the commitment to opportunity and excellence from the

Menzies era. Four of the Directors are former Menzies Scholars and several of our alumni assist with scholarship selection. For the first time, the interview panel for law scholarships in 2010 included three previous recipients of the Menzies Scholarship: Mr Mark Darian-Smith, Justice Susan Kenny and Professor Andrew Kenyon. We are indebted to them, to all members of interview panels, to our Foundation Directors and to our scholarship alumni for their continuing advice and support.

The Foundation would welcome enquiries from members of the public, or from potential benefactors who may be interested to find out more about the Foundation, or to join with the Foundation in supporting its scholarship programs or its other public-interest initiatives.

More details about the Foundation are available in this Annual Review, and at menziesfoundation.org.au; from the Executive Director or the General Manager on 03 9419 5699 or at menzies@vicnet.net.au.



The Hon Sir Guy Green,
AC, KBE, CVO
Chairman



Prof John Mathews, AM
Executive Director



2010 was the 25th anniversary of the Menzies School of Research (MSHR), and the highlight of the year was a Scientific Colloquium to reflect on 25 years contribution to Australian teaching

Many far-sighted people have contributed to the success of the Menzies School of Health Research. Their vision first formed during two workshops organised by the Menzies Foundation in 1982.

**Jonathan Carapetis
Director, MSHR**

fifth largest competitively-won NHMRC grant funding out of 26 medical research institutes, and for at least the seventh year in a row was the largest single recipient of Indigenous health research funding from the NHMRC.

MSHR's focus on Child Development and Education has been paying off: The team is working on the evaluation of the NT Government's Transforming

and research, followed by a reception at Parliament House in Darwin hosted by the NT Chief Minister, at which a plaque was unveiled thanking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for their partnership.

Menzies School of Health Research continued its success in grant funding: MSHR received the

Indigenous Education program; the Child Protection Unit has done great work with the NT Government in its Child Protection Inquiry; and the parenting and early childhood group coordinated with the NT Government the Integrated Services Symposium, to address the best way to work together to support Indigenous families and children. The soon-to-be-launched Centre for Child Development and Education has achieved a portion of its funding target.

MSHR's next new focus will be on Youth Health, which started with a two-day Youth Futures Symposium in 2010, followed by the Menzies Oration by Australian of the Year Professor Patrick McGorry titled 'A 21st Century Approach to Mental Health'.

Director, Professor Jonathan Carapetis, continues to emphasise translational research and in 2010 MSHR's impact on policy and practice could be seen in that:

- as a direct outcome of MSHR's tobacco research, the NT Government has included an obligation to monitor wholesale orders of tobacco as a condition of new tobacco licences
- there was significant Government and non-Government interest in our study on the impact of income management on store sales
- the establishment of RHD Australia, the National Rheumatic Heart Disease Coordination Unit, hosted by MSHR; a direct result of a decade and a half of MSHR's research
- the implementation of the oral health strategy including fluoride varnish in the NT; a direct result of the Menzies Strong Teeth for Little Kids randomised trial.



In 2010, Menzies Research Institute Tasmania (MRIT) continued to build upon its research excellence, contributing to improvements in both national and global health.

Research highlights for 2010 showed that:

- nerve cells in undamaged parts of the brain can remodel themselves in response to acquired brain injury
- there is a common genetic cause in high-risk families with multiple blood cancers
- habitually skipping breakfast may increase your later risk of heart disease and diabetes
- babies with meconium aspiration syndrome treated by lung cleansing had a reduced mortality
- there are risk factors predicting falls by licensed jockeys in flat races
- MS (multiple sclerosis) frequency in New Zealand increases strongly with latitude, but in ways that depend upon gender, ethnicity and type of MS
- changes to the way paramedics use oxygen when treating patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, could reduce the death rate in these patients.

Competitive grant income continued its upward trend in 2010, with an increase of 20 per cent over the 12 month period. MRIT received \$3.7 million in research project grants and \$1 million in research fellowships through the NHMRC.

Publications grew by 35 per cent, including an increased number of publications in journals with a high impact factor.

A major highlight for the year was the official opening of the \$1.1 million ACRF Tasmanian Inherited Cancer Centre. Our researchers now have access to some of the world's leading cancer technology. The Centre's research will focus on cancer in which family history is a high risk factor, including prostate cancer and blood cancers.

A further highlight was the commencement of Stage Two building works. This \$90 million project will ensure Tasmania's strong position in health and medical research into the future.

Menzies Research Institute Tasmania PhD student Ms Catherine Blizzard discovered that specific nerve cells in undamaged parts of the brain can remodel themselves in response to acquired brain injury.



Menzies Centre Health Policy



The national health reform agenda provided ample opportunities in 2010 for the Menzies Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) to act as an independent and strong voice on health policy in Australia.

MCHP communicated research findings and policy commentary in peer reviewed papers and conference presentations. The Menzies Centre had a high media presence throughout 2010, in newspaper articles, contributions to online forums and responding to requests for media interviews. It also encouraged informed public debate on policy issues through its seminar, education and training programs.

The Menzies Centre for Health Policy obtained new grant and contract research awards that extend its current research program. The MCHP was also awarded funds for two research fellows: an Ian Potter Fellow to improve management of chronic disease through evidence-based policies; and a Sydney Medical Foundation Fellow to develop an environmental approach to chronic disease prevention in Pacific Island countries.

The Menzies Centre's vision that Australians and people elsewhere are protected by health policies and systems that are consistent with their values and priorities and able to deliver safe, high quality health care that is sustainable in the long term was supported in 2010 by the second biennial survey of Australian attitudes towards the health and aged care systems. The survey, conducted for the Menzies Centre for Health Policy and The Nous Group, questioned a representative sample of Australians about their own health, the health system and affordability of health and aged care services.

Key findings of the Menzies' Nous Australian Health Survey 2010 showed that Australians:

- are generally satisfied with the health system (with the exception of public hospitals);
- support health care reforms, including local management of services and nurse-led clinics;
- are confident that they will receive the best quality care but worry about its affordability;
- prefer to visit a single general practitioner or the same general practice, although this may increase waiting times.

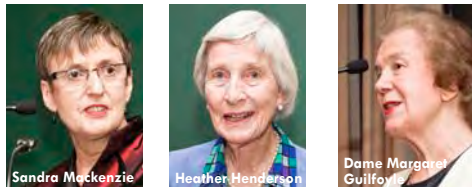
On aged care, the survey found concern about access and affordability, but broad satisfaction with the services that are provided.

CLOSING THE GAP IN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Some 34 expert and interested persons, including Aboriginal teachers, educators, and government representatives, attended a successful workshop at Clarendon Terrace on 7-8 July to discuss how Indigenous educational outcomes could be improved, particularly for children in remote communities.

The Workshop report, available from menziesfoundation.org.au, canvassed new options to attract and support talented and committed teachers, to integrate schools with other community activities, and to support stronger local governance.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



In November the Foundation was delighted to host the Annual Awards dinner, attended by members, friends and supporters, scholarship winners and alumni. Dr Marie Estcourt, President of the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association, welcomed the guests. Ms Sandra Mackenzie, as guest speaker, reminisced with feeling and humour about some of the personal highlights in her 30 years with the Foundation, most recently as General Manager. Mrs Heather Henderson presented medallions to the Scholars, while recalling affectionate memories of Robert Menzies, her father. Dame Margaret Guilfoyle rounded the evening off with a warm and eloquent vote-of-thanks to Mrs Henderson and all those who had helped to make the evening such a great success.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR AN AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE IN ALLIED HEALTH

Following the successful workshop in December 2009, the Foundation has established a Steering Committee with representation from allied health experts and researchers, from NHMRC and from government. This Committee is finalising the objectives for the proposed Centre, and the Terms of Reference for a consultant to develop its business case and funding plan.

The Centre will explore how to better provide integrated health care for elderly patients and persons with chronic disease. Improved models of care would require close cooperation between health professionals from different disciplines, improved access to 'best-practice' information for patients, families and carers, and improved business efficiency.

Menzies Orator, Professor Glyn Davis (right) with (l-r) Professor John Mathews, Sir Guy Green and The Hon Mr Alex Chernov, Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

Professor Davis is holding the Menzies Medallion which was presented to him by Sir Robert's great-grandson, Mr Robert Menzies.



VALE

Sir William Vines AC, CMG

Chairman, Menzies Trust 1978-1987; Chairman, Menzies Foundation 1988-1992. Sir William's outstanding contribution in the establishment and visionary leadership of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust and Foundation will long be remembered and appreciated.

James McLachlan, Menzies Scholar in Law 1988; Director, Menzies Foundation 1995-2009; Secretary/Treasurer, Menzies Memorial Scholars Association 2004-2005. The Foundation was saddened by Mr McLachlan's premature death; his valuable contributions are greatly appreciated by all.

THE MENZIES ORATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Glyn Davis, Professor of Political Science, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Melbourne University, delivered the Sir Robert Menzies Oration on Higher Education in Melba Hall at the University of Melbourne on 12 October.

Vice-Chancellor Davis discussed the historical development of universities in Australia and the Melbourne Model. He outlined the University's "Growing Esteem" strategy and expectations of how the Melbourne Model will impact higher education in Australia.

The annual Menzies Oration on Higher Education was established in 1991 in recognition of the many prime ministerial contributions of Sir Robert Menzies to higher education and his role as Chancellor of the University of Melbourne from 1967 to 1972.

MENZIES SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Menzies Foundation places special value on the capacity of talented people to build upon the achievements of the past, and to provide the leadership and new knowledge needed to solve the challenges facing Australia. The post-graduate scholarship and fellowship program makes an important contribution to realising this goal. Congratulations to recipients of the Menzies awards in 2010.

Allied Health Sciences

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Research Scholarship in the Allied Health Sciences is open to graduates who have completed the first stage of their doctoral program.

Ms Leisa McCarthy, M Community Nutrition, University of Queensland (1997) and B App Sc (Nutritional Sc), University of Canberra (1996). Leisa's PhD project at the Menzies School of Health Research investigates household food security and its impact on health outcomes in Indigenous urban children.

Miss Sheree Nix, B Health Sc (Podiatry) (Hons) and the University Medal, Queensland University of Technology (2005). Sheree's PhD project at the University of Queensland examines foot pain and function in healthy adults with hallux abducto valgus.

Menzies Meszaros Medallion presentation:

(l-r) David Sutanto, Jane McCormack (AHS 2009), Sheree Nix, Jessie Hutchinson (Menzies Centenary Prize winner), Jane Taylor and Adrian McCallum (Eng 2007) were presented with their scholarship medallions by Mrs Heather Henderson at the Awards Dinner held at Clarendon Terrace on 11 November, 2010

Engineering and Law

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarships to the United Kingdom are awarded in co-operation with the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust (UK), the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Menzies Foundation. The scholarships in engineering and law are offered for one, two or three academic years.

Engineering:

Mr David Sutanto, BA (Planning and Design) and B Eng (Civil Eng) (Hons), University of Melbourne (2008). David will undertake a MSc in Transport at Imperial College London for one year commencing in 2011.

Law:

Ms Jane Taylor, LLB (Hons) and the University Medal (2009), and BA (Hons) and the University Medal (2007), University of Sydney. In 2011 Jane will commence the BCL/MPhil for two years at Oxford.

Medicine

The NHMRC/RG Menzies Fellowship is available for postdoctoral medical study with two years spent overseas followed by two years in Australia.

Ms Susanna Park, BSc (Neuroscience) (Hons) and the University Medal, and B Psychology, Australian National University (2004). Her PhD study "The Pathophysiology of Chemotherapy-induced Neurotoxicity" will be conducted in the Sobell Department of Motor Neuroscience and Movement Disorders, Institute of Neurology, University College London.

Harvard

The RG Menzies Scholarship to Harvard is jointly sponsored by the Menzies Foundation, The Harvard Club of Australia and the Australian National University.

Dr Gregory Keane, BMedicine, University of Newcastle; BMedical Science, University of Sydney; FRANZCP; Consultant Psychiatrist. Gregory will study for a Master of Public Health (Health Policy and Management) at Harvard.

Dr Lakshmi Nayana Vootakuru, BMedicine, University of Newcastle, will study at Harvard for a Master of Public Health (Health Policy and Management).



MENZIES CENTENARY PRIZE

The Menzies Centenary Prize was initiated in 1994 to mark the centenary of Sir Robert Menzies' birth in Jeparit.

The prize of \$10,000 is jointly funded by the Foundation, the Menzies Memorial Scholars Association and the generous support of Sir Robert's daughter, Mrs Heather Henderson. The prize is awarded to a Year 12 student from Dimboola Memorial Secondary College as a contribution to the cost of the first and second years of tertiary study.

The winner of the 2010 Menzies Centenary Prize was Ms Jessie Hutchinson who commenced a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy degree at LaTrobe University (Bendigo Campus) in 2011.



Jessie Hutchinson

MENZIES ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES GRANT

The Foundation offers a grant of \$25,000 to Menzies Scholars in the Allied Health Sciences. Available by competitive application, the grant is to support their research within 5 years of completing their PhD.



Dr Sally Gainsbury

The grant in 2010 was awarded to Dr Sally Gainsbury, Menzies scholar in 2007. The grant enables Sally to conduct one of the first Australian studies of internet gambling behaviour amongst young adults.

MMSA

MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the MMSA was held at Clarendon Terrace on 11 November, 2010. Led by the President Dr Marie Estcourt and Secretary/Treasurer Dr Liisa Laakso, the meeting held a lively discussion about the aims of the Association and how the association can best serve its members and the Menzies Foundation.

The afternoon presentations highlighted the diversity of the MMSA.

Dr Rohan Hardcastle (Law 2000) discussed his doctoral work exploring the role of property rights and the human body in Australia and the UK. Rohan's dissertation has been published as a book titled "Law and the Human Body: Property Rights, Ownership and Control".

Dr Tina Souvlis (Allied Health, 1998) spoke about her work for Queensland Health as Manager of Research Development in the Allied Health Clinical Education and Training Unit. Her work has focused on developing a framework for allied health research, coordinating funding, clinicians,

researchers, universities, state bodies and ensuring translation of research findings to the workplace.

Dr John Pimanda (Medicine 2004) presented his work on gene regulation in blood development. He discussed the role of oncogenes and the series of errors in gene expression which can lead to leukaemia. Through such exciting research, John and others will gain the many new insights needed for more effective treatment of leukaemia and other diseases of blood.

Finally, the meeting heard from Engineering scholar (2007), Adrian McCallum, on his fascinating research into the investigation of snow strength which has in part been undertaken in Greenland and Antarctica. Adrian is completing his PhD at the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge. His studies have implications for the development of infrastructure in some of the harshest environments on earth.

The day concluded with the introduction and welcome of the newest scholars at the Annual Awards Dinner. The buzz of excited conversation from scholars and guests, between the formal speeches, attested to the success of what has become a landmark event in our annual calendar.



Menzies Scholars speaking at the 2010 AGM (l-r): Dr Rohan Hardcastle; Dr Tina Souvlis; Dr John Pimanda; Adrian McCallum



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KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS

The audited 2010 financial reports are published separately and are available at www.menziesfoundation.org.au or by contacting the Menzies Foundation.

Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2010

Revenue from continuing operations

Expenses from continuing operations

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue from continuing operations | 394,807 | 4,354,527 |
| Expenses from continuing operations | | |
| Menzies Health Research Centres | (450,000) | (462,254) |
| Scholarships and Fellowships | (252,235) | (467,121) |
| Other Memorial Activities | (94,478) | (122,382) |
| Salaries and salary on-costs | (352,066) | (369,886) |
| Other expenses | (206,432) | (203,220) |
| (Deficit)/surplus for the year | (960,404) | 2,729,664 |
| Total comprehensive(loss)/income for the year | (960,404) | 2,729,664 |

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31 December 2010

Current assets

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,795,335 | 234,753 |
| Trade and other receivables | 64,966 | 81,569 |
| Investments | 15,481,749 | 17,963,367 |
| Total current assets | 17,342,050 | 18,279,689 |
| Total assets | 17,342,050 | 18,279,689 |

Current liabilities

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Trade and other payables | 37,511 | 8,370 |
| Provisions | 156,548 | 163,656 |
| Total current liabilities | 194,059 | 172,026 |

Non-current liabilities

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Provisions | 1,115 | 383 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 1,115 | 383 |
| Total liabilities | 195,174 | 172,409 |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Net assets | 17,146,876 | 18,107,280 |
| Accumulated Funds | 17,146,876 | 18,107,280 |

THE MENZIES FOUNDATION

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The Rt Hon Sir Robert Menzies,
KT, AK, CH, FRS, QC
Prime Minister of Australia
1939-1941 and 1949-1966

The Menzies Foundation is governed by a Board of voluntary directors, in accordance with the objectives in its Memorandum of Association. The day to day business of the Foundation is managed by a small secretariat and a part-time salaried Executive Director.

The Foundation is a philanthropic trust listed under Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The Foundation is registered as a charitable entity in every state and territory of Australia.

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