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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Albert Coates Memorial Trust provides tertiary level scholarships for health professionals in regional Australia.

The Trust also honours the life of Sir Albert Coates through publications, education programmes and associated educational awards.

Trust programmes are supported by donations, bequests and fund-raising activities.



The Albert Coates Memorial Trust is a volunteer-run, Ballarat-based organisation which, since 1998, has raised funds to present scholarships for medical and nursing purposes, with a strong emphasis on regional areas.

The scholarships are awarded in areas of interest and relevance to the life and achievements of Sir Albert Coates, the Ballarat-born surgeon of the Thai-Burma Railway.

During World War 1, Albert Coates served in Gallipoli, Egypt and Flanders as a medical orderly and with the Intelligence Corps. At 46 he volunteered for duty in World War II and went as Senior Surgeon with the 2/10th AGH of the 8th Division to Malaya. Captured by the Japanese in Sumatra, he was taken to Burma.

As a surgeon on the infamous Thai-Burma railway, he saved hundreds of lives and gave inspired leadership to those with whom he served.

TRUSTEES 2023/2024



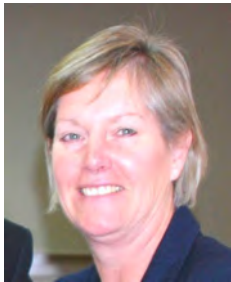
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2023 - Present

Jason Hargreaves FCPA. B. Com. ASIC Registered Auditor, Approved SMSF Auditor. In 2024 the Coates Trust engaged Jason Hargreaves from CountPro Audit, Pty Ltd., Lucas, as its Auditor. We thank Jason and his team for their work this year, and look forward to working with them in the future.

CountPro Audit Pty Ltd is a locally owned and operated professional services firm providing tailored accounting, audit, tax and strategic services to businesses.

Thank You Sam Maskell



Sam Maskell CPA
Honorary Auditor
2014-2023

Sam Maskell has been Honorary Auditor of the Coates Trust since the 2014-15 Financial Year. Initially Sam completed the audit whilst working for a local accounting firm but continued in the role after a career change, becoming a fulltime fire fighter. 'I can only thank you for all you have done for the Albert Coates Memorial Trust and wish you all the best in the future.'

Thank you.

Neill Shiells, Hon Treasurer
'Thankyou for all you have contributed to the Trust. '

Don Moss, Hon Chair

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Don Moss OAM FRACS FACS

Just over 25 years ago, when the Albert Coates Memorial Trust (ACMT) was first established, the original Trustees considered how to achieve improved community knowledge of Sir Albert Coates. While he was well known among the 13,000 Australian POWs on the Burma Thailand railway, his contributions to the Australian community over his lifetime were not.

Driven by the initial Chair of the ACMT Mr Jim Pryor, a statue of Coates was funded and erected in central Ballarat. It is surrounded by plaques outlining aspects of his life. Though Coates was born in Ballarat, his medical training and subsequent work as a surgeon, were based at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Scholarships to support trainee nurses and biomedical students started at Ballarat University (now Federation University) in 2003, and in 2001, to Anatomy students in combined studies at University of Melbourne and RACS.

Under the supervision of Ted Lynes OAM, (our 2nd ACMT Chair) the scholarship programme was expanded to involve Regional Nursing students in 2008, with rotation of applicants from the various regional Health Areas in Victoria. Some 43 of those trainees have been supported at various levels of nurse training, from basic training in drug administration, to Nurse Practitioner levels. As a strong supporter of nurses, Coates would have been proud of this step.

The financial underpinning of this scholarship programme was established via the allocation of funds from the Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women, based on the interest gained from funds reserved in the name of the Legion and administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. While the amount of funds made available under this scheme has varied with fluctuating interest rates, it has nevertheless been the most significant assistance to the work of the ACMT.

The Coates scholarship program has gradually been extended to involve other Universities involved in medical, nursing and paramedic training. Initially these have all been those based in Ballarat, but students have often come from other regional areas or cities, seeking educational opportunities in Ballarat. Melbourne University Rural Health was added in 2010, ACU Nursing / Paramedics Coates scholarships in 2015, Notre Dame in 2016, and Deakin University in 2017. Over 40 scholarships were awarded among this group, from approximately 150 applicants. Because applicants are expected to know of the history of Sir Albert Coates work, this has resulted in much broader knowledge of Coates. In addition, their teachers, and families have learnt more of this remarkable man.

More recently, with the major financial support of the Leckie Trust, scholarships have been awarded to the post-graduate training of neonatal nurses at Ballarat Health Services (Grampians Health). This has enabled improved care of sick neonates who previously required transfer to Melbourne for their emergency care.

Since it started, the Coates Trust has awarded some 168 scholarships, a living memorial to Albert Coates indeed. Added to that has been the presentations and multiple awards to primary school students at Mt Pleasant Primary school, the school that Coates attended as a child.

The Coates Committee work is entirely done by volunteers, hence maximizing the value of all donations. Remarkably, two of the founding committee members from 1998 have continued to work for the Trust. Roger Trudgeon continues his role as Honorary Secretary, and Neil Shiells as Honorary Treasurer. I am hugely grateful to each Committee member.

The Coates Oration was again a success, with the outstanding Oration by Professor Misty Jenkins, details elsewhere in this report. Misty was not only a challenging Orator, but wonderfully supportive to the students attending the Coates dinner following the Oration.

Our annual luncheon talk was given by Anne Tudor OAM, on the vital community topic of Dementia.

How can we judge the success of the work of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust? Is Sir Albert Coates better known than before? I am certain that is the case and am sure he would be pleased that this scholarship programme is truly a living memorial to him, and a major assistance to the awardees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roger Trudgeon BA Hons MA

The Coates Trust has enjoyed presenting a full program of scholarships and other activities. Interest in the scholarships has remained strong and the quality of applicants very high. The Trust distributed the full range of scholarships and prizes at a tertiary level. Twelve scholarships were presented across nine different university courses, ranging in value from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

The Coates Oration, held on 9 November, saw Professor Misty Jenkins address a large audience on the latest developments in the treatment of brain cancers. The subject was well received for both its clarity and its inspirational message concerning the progress of achievements in medical science. The event was live-streamed and captured a further audience off-site. At the Oration Dinner an audience of around 85 people enjoyed the presentations of previous scholarship recipients reporting on their experiences.

This year the Trust held its annual Lunch with Speaker event on 29 May, featuring Anne Tudor speaking about dementia from the personal perspective of the experience of her wife Edie Mayhew and the work they conducted together to improve awareness of dementia and to assist people with dementia and those supporting them.

During the year the Trust was the beneficiary of the return of stronger interest rates. In particular, the Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women funding, through the Victorian Veterans' Council, provided \$36,300 towards the Trust. In recognition of the increased level of support, the Trust was able to initiate a new scholarship and to plan for increases in the level of support for several existing scholarships in 2024-2025.

The Glenys McIver Trust has continued to be a steadfast supporter, contributing \$12,500. W&D Finance once again has supported two scholarships at Federation University. Donations made in previous years by the Leckie family and the Lillingston Trust continue to support scholarships in regional nursing. This year the Ex-Prisoner of War and Relatives Association made generous donations to the work of the Coates Trust and we thank them for this very welcome support. Sebastopol Bowling Club has provided annual donations towards the Mount Pleasant Primary School 'Coates Projects', a long-term, greatly valued association.

Our grateful thanks go to Jenny Burgess, Program Advisor for the Department of Health, Grampians Region for her help in the operation and promotion of the regional nursing scholarships in both the Grampians and Barwon South West regions for 2023/24 and 2024/5 programs.

The Trust has continued its association with the Prisoner of War Memorial Committee in Ballarat through donating books at their commemorative events held in Ballarat. The books are distributed to local secondary school libraries, helping to spread awareness of not only Sir Albert Coates, but also broader Australian military history.

The Coates Trust is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission, keeping us informed of regulatory changes and news on the charity sector. The Coates Trust provides the required annual statement and operates within the guidelines set out for Australian charities.

During the year, the Trust undertook a review of its existing website and developed a brief to redesign the site. The new site is being prepared by our long serving webmaster Wayne Hines of Virtual Bean, for launching in October 2024.

My thanks go to all the members of the Coates Trust committee for their very practical support provided to the scholarship selection program and to the delivery of our various events and other activities. The Trust is very much a combined volunteer effort and with the distribution of the significant workload among all the members, the delivery of the programs is assured. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Shiells

Our investment interest income has improved with the increase in interest rates. The ACMT is pleased to again report a better performance than expected in relation to Income.

Scholarships granted during 2023 - 24 were lower than budgeted for. Two have not been invoiced so will be in the next financial year.

Although earnings from investment income are always an important factor, the Trust is managing its investments with a low to moderate risk factor and periodic reviews.

It is noted that the Income for 2023- 24 also improved due to the great support from donations. Scholarships were budgeted for the Financial Year at \$44,800. Then added \$2,500 to start a new scholarship at Victoria University. We didn't use our full budget for emergency nursing scholarships.

Equity of the Trust includes \$20,000 left from the Leckie family Neo-Natal Nursing Scholarship at Ballarat Health Services. This financial year was the 3rd of 5 scholarships at \$10,000 P.A.

All donations received during the year are gratefully acknowledged. These were numerous and significant. In particular the Trust acknowledges the ongoing support of the Legion of Ex-Service Men and

Women through the Victorian Veterans Council who contributed \$30,600 this year.

This particular annual donation is totally linked to prevailing Interest rates and consequently has improved from \$2,800 last year. These funds are used in the following year's Scholarships

We thank the Glenyis McIver Trust which has again supported us with a donation of \$12,800 and many other generous people have kept us on the right side of the balance line. It is also relevant to mention repeated donations from W & D Finance \$6,000, Arthur and Robyn Coates, \$5,000, Don and Sharon Moss \$5,000 and John Davis \$3,000. Our reporting responsibilities with the ATO, Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission and the Victorian Veterans Council (Legion) are all up to date.

The AUDITED Accounts are attached to this report. It is appropriate to thank Sam Maskell CPA for making himself available on a voluntary basis for many years. As Sam has changed his occupation and is no longer CPA Registered he can no longer do our audit.

Thank you Sam.

This year's Audit has been completed by Countpro Audit Pty Ltd.

Neil Shiells
Hon. Treasurer

Donors 2023 - 2024

Victorian Veterans Council	\$30,631.55	Ex-POW & Relatives Association	\$1,000
Glenyis McIver Charitable Trust	\$12,500	John Davis Holdings	\$3,300
W & D Finance	\$6,000	Marion M Maddern	\$150
Arthur and Robyn Coates	\$5,400	Elizabeth and Roger Trudgeon	\$313
Don and Sharon Moss	\$5,000	Lloyd and Dorothy Linsdell	\$100
Elizabeth Gherardin	\$2,700	Kel and Jill Hobby	\$140
Robert & Noelle Hinchey	\$1,000	Trish Heinrich	\$140
Laurence Prosser	\$1,000	Miscellaneous donations	\$630
FRV Stn 67 Social Club	\$380.65		
Sebastopol Bowling Club	\$600		



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The Albert Coates Memorial Trust

Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report to the Trustees of The Albert Coates Memorial Trust

We have reviewed the financial report of The Albert Coates Memorial Trust, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the Trustees' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of The Albert Coates Memorial Trust has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Assurance practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2400, *Review of a Financial Report Performed by an Assurance Practitioner Who is Not the Auditor of the Entity*. ASRE 2400 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This Standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with ASRE 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist The Albert Coates Memorial Trust to comply with the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for The Albert Coates Memorial Trust and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and should not be distributed to or used by any other parties.

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Jason Hargreaves
Director

23 July 2024

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2023 -2024



Federation University Australia Foundation



These scholarships are awarded annually in memory of Sir Albert Coates.

Awarded in 2023 to two second year Nursing and one Biomedical Science student.

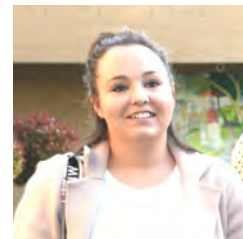
No Visual Arts applications were received.



Joanne Robertson
Albert Coates award - Nursing
\$3000
Sponsor: W&D Finance



Araura Harris
Albert Coates award - Nursing
\$3000
Sponsor: Mclver Trust



Jasmine Ladiges
Albert Coates award - Biomedical Science
\$3000
Sponsor: W&D Finance



University of Melbourne Rural Clinical School



Anna Bayliss
University of Melbourne Rural Clinical School
Doctor of Medicine, Surgical Elective
\$2500
Sponsor: Victorian Veterans Council, Australian Legion of ex-Service Men and Women



Anna Bayliss, speaking at the Coates Oration dinner.



Armand Gumera
University of Melbourne Rural Clinical School
Doctor of Medicine, Surgical Elective
\$2500
Sponsor: ACMT



Armand Gumera with Prof. Misty Jenkins and Mr Don Moss (Chair ACMT)



University of Notre Dame



University of Notre Dame Australia



Brianna Murphy and Lily Davis

Brianna completed her elective in Dublin and felt her Notre Dame training stood her well in Emergency Department and General Medicine.

She has worked as an intern at Monash Medical, with her first term on rotation to Wonthaggi Hospital.

Lily completed her elective in the radiology department at the main hospital in Malta. Her internship was held at Western General Hospital.

Both were very pleased with the support from the Coates scholarships, (\$2,500) to help with the costs of their electives.

L to R: Mr Don Moss OAM, Brianna Murphy, Dr Ross Phillips, Lily Davis

Deakin University



Deakin University
University in Australia

Charlee Pengelly
Doctor of Medicine, 4th year
elective placement
\$2,500

Sponsor:
Lillingston Trust

Australian Catholic University



Shayla Leavett-Brown
Bachelor of Nursing/
Paramedicine, 2nd Year
\$2,500

Sponsor:
Lillingston Trust

University of Melbourne Graduate Diploma of Surgical Anatomy



Dr David Newland
Graduate Diploma
of Surgical Anatomy
\$3000
Sponsor:
Lillingston Trust



Special Care Nursing Scholarship sponsored by the Leckie Family Bequest

Grampians Health Ballarat



Neil Leckie, (Donor), Desley Beechey (ACMT) and Roger Trudgeon (ACMT) presenting Tracey Calleija with the Special Care Nursing Scholarship of \$10,000 sponsored by the Leckie Family Bequest at Grampians Health, Ballarat.



Department of Health Rural Emergency Nursing



Asha James received an Albert Coates Rural Nursing Scholarship (\$2,500) in January 2024 to assist her with undertaking a Masters of Advanced Clinical Nursing at Monash University (leading to Nurse Practitioner).

Asha is studying to increase her knowledge and skills by achieving Nurse Practitioner status, helping her to improve the outcome for patients in the future, especially in the rural areas of the Department of Health, such as Stawell, Victoria.

We wish Asha all the very best with her studies.

Gwenda McManus, Trustee ACMT

Photographs: Elizabeth Trudgeon

Asha James—Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing
Nurse Practitioner, Monash University. 2nd year
\$2,500.

Sponsor: Mclver Trust





L to R: Neil Leckie, Desley Beechey, ACMT, and scholarship recipient, Tracey Calleija in the Special Care Nursery. At right: Tracey standing in front of a neonatal resuscitation trolley.



Presentation of the Leckie Family Scholarship in Special Care Nursing to Tracey Calleija



L to R: Neil Leckie, Donor, Tracey Calleija and Roger Trudgeon, ACMT.

On 19 April 2024, Neil Leckie, and ACMT members, Desley Beechey and Roger Trudgeon, visited the Special Care Nursery at the Ballarat Base Hospital, Grampians Health, to present Tracey Calleija with the Leckie Scholarship of \$10,000 towards her Post Graduate training costs. Tracey also received a certificate, and a biography of Albert Coates, entitled *Against the Odds*.

Photographs: Elizabeth Trudgeon



Below L to R: Roger Trudgeon, ACMT, Desley Beechey, ACMT, Tracey Calleija, scholarship recipient, Neil Leckie and Sonia Beggs, Grampians Health.

Responses from Scholarship recipients at Federation University Australia



2023



Words cannot express my gratitude for being awarded the 2023 Mid-Year Foundation – Albert Coates Memorial Scholarship. I am studying my second year of Bachelor of Nursing at Federation University, Mount Helen campus, engaging via flexible learning.

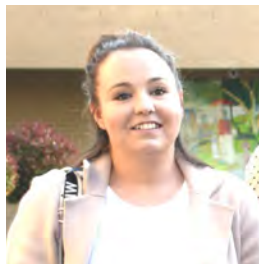
Since giving birth to my first child, I have wanted to be a nurse, specifically a midwife. To be a support person for a woman and her family during one of the most intimate and vulnerable moments one can experience will be forever an honour. My biggest motivation to succeed is who I want to be in my children's eyes; I want to show them that no matter the circumstances, they can consistently achieve success with kindness, commitment, effort, and determination. I am determined to highlight to my children that although this world can be dark, scary, and cruel, there are equal parts of magic, kindness and light. This scholarship affirms just that as it comes at a time of great need to continue my journey despite the challenges. Once I complete my studies, I can independently support my family financially whilst providing them with a role model and stability... Having the privilege of being awarded this scholarship not only provides financial support but also relieves an enormous amount of stress, anxiety, and doubt. I can finally step back and focus less on the 'how' and more on the 'now'.

"Overcoming hardships and working around and through their obstacles to achieve an education is what I call true success."

Wayne Huizenga.

Kindest regards,

Aura Harris, Albert Coates Award (Nursing)



Being a recipient of the Foundation Scholarship has had a profound effect on my student life, not only on my academic success. It has allowed me to reduce my working hours and in turn put more effort into my degree.

Jasmine Ladiges, Albert Coates Award (Biomedical Science)



To the Federation University Scholarship Committee, Thank you for granting me an Albert Coates Scholarship to the value of \$3000. I cannot find the words to express how absolutely grateful I am to have received this scholarship at this time in my life. Thank you to the donor's kind generosity which is very much appreciated. This scholarship could not have come at a better time. I have been going through a rough patch financially following a diagnosis of breast cancer 2 years ago which placed me in a downward spiral financially and emotionally. This was followed by the death of my dear dad a year ago. I will use this money wisely and responsibly. I am a proud, determined and positive single mum and I strive to be the best person I can be every day. I am passionate about completing my Bachelor of Nursing so that I can give back to others in their time of need and this money certainly helps to work towards my goal.

Once, again, thank you so, so much.

Joanne Robertson, Albert Coates Award (Nursing)

Joanne Robertson





Mount Pleasant Primary School Museum in a Suitcase Project



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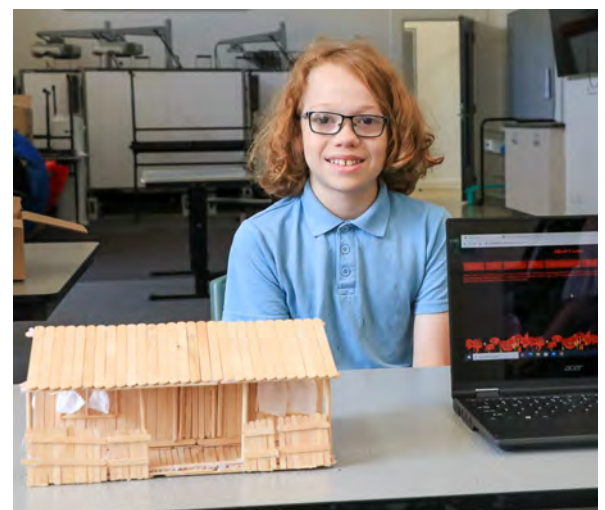
Albert Coates
attended
Mount Pleasant
Primary School
from
1900—1906



Seth and Ethan



Shirley and Marshall



Odin



Shirley, Deakan and Dom

MUSEUM IN A SUITCASE project

Year 6 students, at Albert Coates' former Primary School, complete an annual project for which prizes are presented.

Shirley McIver, from the Albert Coates Memorial Trust, visited the students to present certificates for their completed projects.

Photographs: Arthur Coates

Mount Pleasant Primary School Projects



Dom

Deakan



Ethan



Jayden



Marcus



Hope Lacey and Teacher, Amy O'Loughlin



Jayden, Hope and Marcus



Marshall

ALBERT COATES ORATION

Professor
Misty Jenkins AO

November 9th, 2023

L: Prof. Misty Jenkins AO,
addresses the audience at
the 2023 Coates Oration.



Professor Misty Jenkins AO presented the 2023 Oration on Thursday, November 9th at Federation University Australia's Mount Helen Campus, Ballarat.

Professor Jenkins, spoke on the topic:

**'The power of the immune system:
From humble beginnings to personalised
approaches to treating cancer.
Development in the treatment of brain
cancer using immunotherapy.'**

Prof. Misty Jenkins AO is an NHMRC fellow and laboratory head in the Immunology Division at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research. Misty leads the immunotherapy program within the Brain Cancer Centre and is dedicated to discovering novel immunotherapy targets for high-grade gliomas in adults and children. Her research focuses on developing novel chimeric antigen receptor T cells for brain cancer. Her group also uses cutting-edge two-photon microscopy combined with mouse models of brain cancer to investigate the tumour microenvironment and uncover the unique biology of brain tumours. Misty has a PhD in Immunology from the University of Melbourne, followed by postdoctoral positions at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.



L to R: Jasmine Ladiges, Anna Baylis, Araura Harris, Thomas Anderson, Prof. Misty Jenkins AO, Mr Don Moss OAM, Alannah Orr, Asha James, Chloe Charnstrom.

Speakers and Certificate presentations at the Oration



Councillor Daniel Moloney



Prof. Chris Hutchinson



Anna Bayliss, Prof. Misty Jenkins, Mr Don Moss



Armand Gumera, Prof. Misty Jenkins



Asha James, Prof. Misty Jenkins

Prof Jenkins was awarded the L'Oreal for Women in Science Fellowship (2013), was Tall Poppy of the Year (2015), was awarded the Top 100 Women of Influence award (2016), and was inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2020.

In addition to her research career, Prof Jenkins is experienced in governance and strategy as a company Director, co-chairs a Federal Health Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), and is a passionate advocate for gender equity and Indigenous Health and Education.



Chloe Charnstrom



Alannah Orr



Anna Bayliss



Anne Tudor OAM

Photograph: Elizabeth Trudgeon

Ballarat dementia advocate, Anne Tudor, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2021 for her service to people living with dementia and their supporters. She said she was "profoundly moved" by her recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, which coincided with the first anniversary of her wife's death. Edie Mayhew was diagnosed with younger onset dementia in 2010, when she was 59. Edie Mayhew and Ms Tudor created a foundation in Ballarat dedicated to inclusiveness for people living with dementia and were great advocates for the cause.

Source: ABC News online

Lunch with Speaker Anne Tudor OAM

29th May 2024



Photograph: Arthur Coates

At the Annual Lunch with Speaker, Anne Tudor OAM, presented an appreciative audience with a comprehensive account of the nature and impact of dementia today. Anne spoke with great compassion about her wife Edie Mayhew who was diagnosed with dementia in 2010, aged 59. Anne set the context of dementia, now the leading cause of death for women and second highest for men. She spoke of the stigma and discrimination faced, hopefully now being countered by increasing awareness of and education about dementia.

Although there is no simple treatment for dementia, Anne spoke with passion about the quality of life possible for those with dementia and their partner and broader family. The celebrated Woowookarung Regional Park Dementia Trail was developed with direct involvement of Edie and Anne. The support services offered in Ballarat were outlined, including details of Dementia Australia, Grampians Health and Bigger Hearts Dementia Alliance Ballarat, a safe space for recent and current carers of people with dementia. See www.dementia.org.au and www.biggerhearts.com.au for more information. Anne was very generous in talking individually with those present about experiences with and concerns about dementia.

The Coates Trust thanks Anne for her inspiring presentation which stimulated many questions and conversations after her talk.



Anne Tudor speaking with Roger Trudgeon (Sec. ACMT)



Shirley and Colin McIver



Anne discusses Ballarat's Bigger Hearts organisation



Guests at the Lunch



Guests at the
Lunch with Speaker



Shirley Shiells and Roger Trudgeon

Photographs: Elizabeth Trudgeon

Types of
dementia

There are more than
150 types
of dementia.

Alzheimer's
disease

Vascular
dementia

Lewy body
disease

Fronto-
temporal
dementia

These are the more common types.



Bill Bahr, President of the P.O.W. Memorial Committee.



Roger Trudgeon, Secretary of the Albert Coates Memorial Trust, places books.



Books presented by the Albert Coates Memorial Trust for donating to local schools.



Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2023 at the P.O.W. Memorial, Ballarat



SPONSORS

The Albert Coates Memorial Trust is grateful for the support of the following organisations which have sponsored scholarships, and the many individuals who have given financial and practical support.



The Australian Legion of Ex-Service Men and Women has been the most generous contributor to the Trust's work through a major corpus of funds administered by the **Victorian Veterans' Council**.

These funds underpin very significant awards in rural emergency and critical care nursing, training for Rural and Isolated Practice Endorsed Registered Nurse certificate (RIPERN), and a number of other scholarships offered by the Trust.

The Leckie family donation of \$50,000 in 2021 has enabled the Trust to support the training scheme for a Neonatal Nursing scholarship at Grampians Health for five years.

The Lillingston Trust, set up by Irene and Les Lillingston, provided \$50,000 which is used to support trainee doctors in completing their qualifications.



The Glenyis McIver Charitable Trust, established in 2013, has provided generous support, over a number of years, to the Coates Trust towards the scholarship programme.



The Ex-Prisoners of War and Relatives Association has made greatly appreciated donations to the Trust in 2023 and 2024.



Since 2001, the Trust has worked closely with the **University of Melbourne** and the **Royal Australasian College of Surgeons** in formally presenting the Sir Albert Coates Scholarship in the Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy.



Since 2000, **Federation University Australia (Ballarat)** has been a key supporter in helping coordinate the promotion, selection and presentation of Coates Trust scholarships. The University presents the Coates Oration each year providing generous practical and financial support.



The Trust appreciates the support of the **Sebastopol Bowling Club** for sponsoring the Mount Pleasant Primary School 'Museum in a Suitcase' project.



The support of University of Notre Dame, University of Melbourne Rural Clinical School, Deakin University and the Australian Catholic University is greatly appreciated in the provision of scholarships.



Commencing in 2024, Victoria University has supported the development of a new scholarship for the Bachelor of Paramedicine course.



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