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Foundation Trust

Establishing a legacy
with Charles Sturt University



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It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will someday give shade to people he may never meet.

D. Elton Trueblood



Yindyamarra Winhanganha:

The wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in.

Yindyamarra Winhanganha is the ethos and heart of everything we stand for at Charles Sturt University. It is the belief that through our actions, we can create a world worth living in.

As the new Vice Chancellor of Charles Sturt, I am honoured to lead Australia's leading regional university at a time when the regions are playing an increasingly visible and important national role.

We are working with our regions to build the skills they need now and into the future. We know that when our students succeed, so do our regions through their contributions to communities.

Through studying subjects co-designed with industry and gaining real-life work experience, our students can translate their studies into meaningful impact in their work. Our sector-leading graduate outcomes are evidence that employers believe our students graduate career-ready and are able to apply their learning to make a difference in their chosen career.

We are proud of what we do here at Charles Sturt University. If you're passionate about rural and regional communities like we are, I'd encourage you to consider being involved in our vision to creating a world worth living in.

Our success is made possible through the generous support of our alumni, donors, and our broader communities.

I invite you to continue this support by establishing a bequest to Charles Sturt University. Please remember also, that no matter the size of your individual gift, a bequest provides a lasting legacy for the benefit of future generations and your generosity will long be remembered and celebrated through the individuals and projects, it supports.

Professor Renée Leon PSM

Vice-Chancellor and President
Charles Sturt University

Creating a lasting legacy

Simply put, a bequest is a gift.

Establishing a bequest in your Will allows you to create something powerful. A legacy provides a lasting opportunity to continue to support areas close to your heart, be it healing the sick, protecting the environment, educating the next generation, celebrating the arts or caring for animals. Bequests both large and small play a vital role in shaping the future of our communities.

People choose to leave a legacy to the University for a variety of reasons. Some wish to establish a scholarship to honour a loved one, others want to support research projects, equipment, capital works or academic positions. Whatever the motivation, Charles Sturt University works with donors to ensure their needs are met.

When creating a legacy, it is important to consider the people, lives and experiences that shaped you as a person, as well as the lives that you have and will continue to impact.



When Valerie Cox, a former nurse from Wagga Wagga, passed away in 2003 after a short illness, she had already made a decision that she wanted to support her local university. Miss Cox had a thirst for learning, and with no close relatives, decided to leave her estate to Charles Sturt University in order to assist in the education of others.

In keeping with Valerie's wishes, the annual Valerie Cox Memorial Scholarships were established to assist women, and in particular Koori women from the Riverina, who wished to study in the field of science at Charles Sturt University. A state of the art accommodation block was also built to provide more accommodation for students studying on the Wagga Wagga campus.



John and Laura Knight

I will say to those contemplating a Bequest to Charles Sturt University, that I recommend they turn their consideration into action and formalize a legacy in the form of a Bequest of which they can be very proud. We may not be there to attend with those whom we assist at their graduation however, we will be a silent partner in their success. A Bequest is an important investment in the future.

Laura Knight

A lifetime commitment to helping others

For many decades, Helen and Gerry Baber have spent countless hours supporting their communities. The couple chose to leave a bequest in the hope that it would encourage others to do the same.

Helen has a strong affiliation with Charles Sturt University having attended antecedent institution, the Bathurst Teachers' College, in 1952. Throughout her career, Helen taught in Toongabbie, Newtown, London UK, Wallerawang and Bathurst (at the demonstration school at the top of George Street), before accepting a position in Lithgow where she worked for 23 years until her retirement.

It was while working in this role that Helen first became involved in disability advocacy. "I was involved in very many community groups. I was particularly involved in disability services. I taught what they used to call an OA class at Lithgow Public School for the last 23 years of my teaching career and loved it.

"I became interested in disabled employment, so we got that up and running. Then we became interested in disability accommodation, so that was the next thing we had to work on. Then after that there was disability social life.

"I enjoyed my community work. I can't tell you how many groups I've been in – Scouting, Church, the Rural Fire Brigade, and the Show and the Progress Association in Rydal. In the early 90s I was awarded

an Order of Australia because of the community work I had done. That was quite startling but very pleasant."

In 1994, Helen had an idea to extend the reach of her community service and contacted Charles Sturt University to discuss leaving a bequest. "I rang the university and Dr Peter Hodson and his secretary came and saw us and explained all about it. After that we became very involved."

The University appointed the couple Governors of the Mitchell Trust and established the Helen and Gerry Baber Scholarship in 1995. Since then, the Babers have been to almost every scholarship presentation ceremony.

They have asked that their bequest be used to fund a scholarship to help students who would otherwise be unable to afford university and are studying in areas related to community services. "We'd like the scholarship to be something to do with community services, so that would include nursing, education and paramedics.

"I'm devoted to Charles Sturt University because I've been involved for a long time and I honestly think it is one of the really great Australian universities.



*Helen & Gerry Baber (top)
Helen with 2nd year students from
Toongabbie Primary School – 1954 (right)*



"I think in one way, I wanted to give to Charles Sturt University because I would have liked to go to university myself but when I was leaving school, universities were very expensive places and I couldn't afford it. It seemed that my husband and I could do something to help people. We thought, seeing we had no children, we might be able to help other people's children who needed a bit of a helping hand to get through university".

The gift of learning

A generous scholarship bequest from the Andren family, has been helping Journalism students achieve their educational goals since 2011.

Receiving the Peter Andren Memorial Scholarship was an amazing vote of confidence says 2012 recipient Brodie Owen. “It was someone telling me that I was on the right path and my efforts weren’t going unnoticed. A huge honour. Peter Andren was an admirable man – he loved his community and his community loved him. Receiving the scholarship took some of the pressure off study as accommodation expenses were not cheap”.

Peter Andren was a significant figure who forged a career in the communications and media profession and later had a very successful career in politics. He was known to have always stood up for the people he represented. Brodie likes to think he is continuing Peter’s legacy “whenever I tap away at my keyboard, writing a story, I always think how it is going to make a difference and give a loudhailer to those who need it most”.

Brodie is passionate about making a difference in people’s lives.

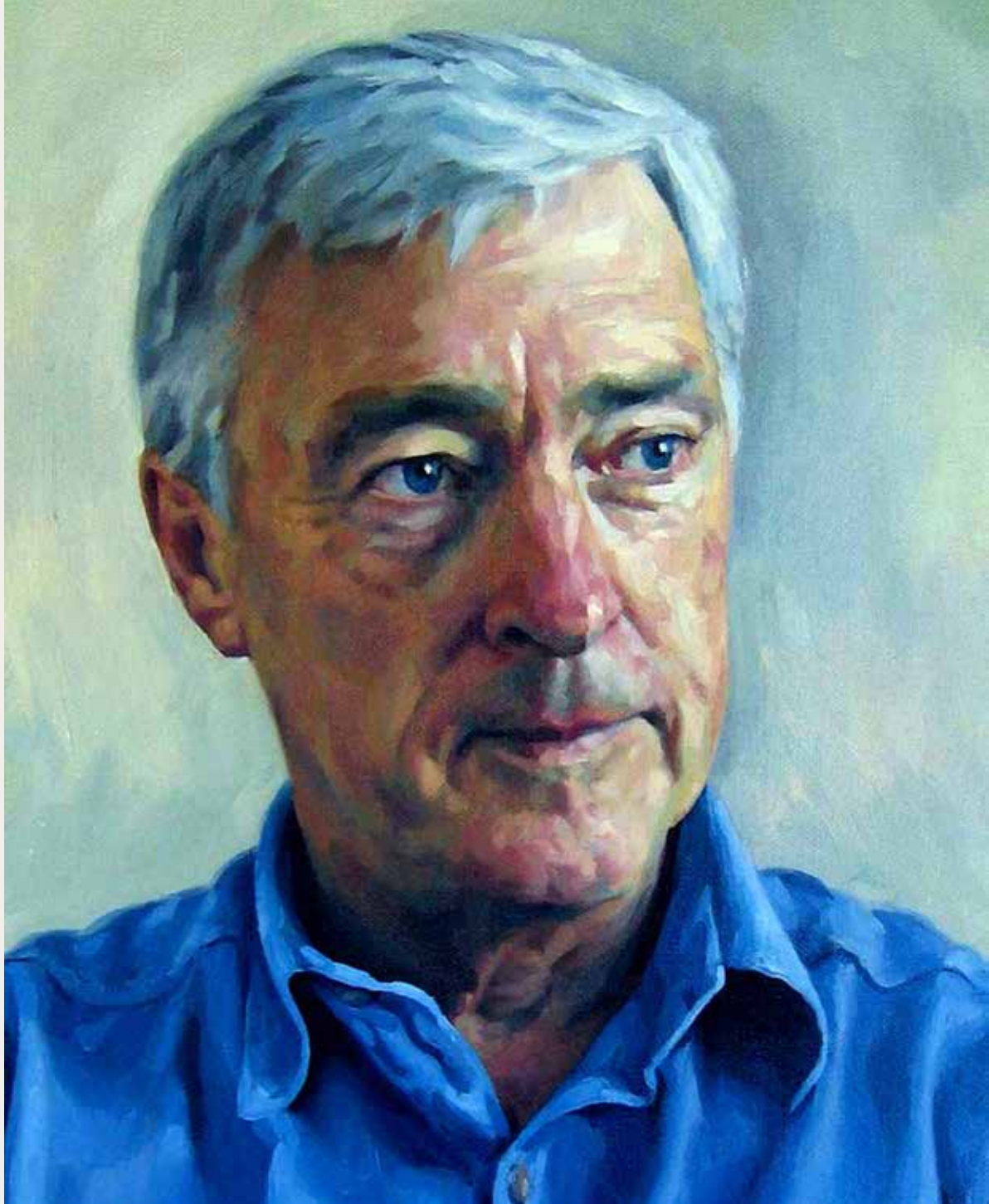


*Brodie Owen – Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) (top)
Portrait of Peter Andren MP – Oil on canvas 2007 by Peter H. Marshall (right)*

I want to make society a better place to live.

Brodie Owen

One of the unforeseen benefits that stemmed from receiving the scholarship Brodie said was the favourable reaction to the scholarship from employers during job interviews. Brodie believes that although it wasn’t the only factor, it certainly helped him with getting his first job out of university.



Charles Sturt University timeline



1895

Establishment of Bathurst Experiment Farm offering vocational agricultural education.

1896

Establishment of Wagga Experiment Farm offering vocational agricultural education.



1947

Establishment of Wagga Wagga Teachers College.

1949

Establishment of Wagga Agricultural College on the site of the Wagga Experiment Farm.



1951

Establishment of Bathurst Teachers College on site of the Bathurst Experiment Farm.

1971

Bathurst Teachers College reformed as Mitchell College of Advanced Education.

1971

Wagga Wagga Teachers College reformed as Riverina College of Advanced Education.

1975

Merger of the Wagga Wagga Agricultural College into the Riverina College of Advanced Education.



Riverina College of Advanced Education



1984

Dissolution of the Goulburn College of Advanced Education. Relocation of the NSW Police College (now NSW Police Academy) from Redfern to the former site of Goulburn College of Advanced Education.

Riverina College of Advanced Education re-named the Riverina-Murray Institute for Higher Education with campuses in Albury-Wodonga and Wagga Wagga.

1989

Merger of the Mitchell College of Advanced Education and the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education and incorporation of Charles Sturt University with campuses in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst and Wagga Wagga.



1993

Transfer of the Robinson Education Centre site in Broken Hill to Charles Sturt University by the University of New South Wales.

1998

Establishment of former Goulburn College of Advanced Education precinct as a University campus with the signing of contract with NSW Police Service to provide policing education.

Establishment of a new campus in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, to house the Charles Sturt University Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture through Deed of Agreement and Lease with the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

1999

Opening of new campus in Dubbo in western NSW.



2005

Establishment of new campus in Ontario and accreditation of Charles Sturt University, Ontario by provincial government to operate as a University.

2006

Transfer of the Orange Campus of the University of Sydney (formerly Orange Agricultural College) to Charles Sturt University. Establishment of Charles Sturt University Study Centres for international students in metropolitan Sydney and Melbourne.

2012

Opening of a new campus in Port Macquarie on the mid-north coast of NSW. Opening of a Regional University Centre in Wangaratta in northern Victoria.



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2015

Regional University Center in Wangaratta opens.

2016

Charles Sturt University becomes Australia's first carbon neutral university

2018

Engineering degree announced as a top Australian emerging leader in engineering education worldwide by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). University announces Joint Program in Medicine to be delivered in partnership with Western Sydney University from 2021.

2019

Charles Sturt University celebrates 30 years as a university. Launch of new Charles Sturt University brand transformation.

Be a part of our future...

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A wish fulfilled

A substantial bequest from Carole and Stan Droder is allowing Charles Sturt University students to fulfil their dreams of academic success.

Carole and Stan Droder were passionate about enabling students to achieve their higher education goals, and encouraged students to experience life on a regional campus. Lacking the opportunity to achieve their own higher education aspirations, Stan and Carole decided to support students from similar backgrounds through a provision in their will to fund a range of university scholarships.

One such student was 2017 recipient Nicholas Everard who received the scholarship during a tragic time in his life. Relocating to Bathurst from Queensland and coming from a single parent family, Nicholas was encouraged by his Mum to apply for various scholarships in his first year, but he was unsuccessful. Sadly, in October of his first year of study, Nicholas' mother died from an undetected illness.

"As soon as I got the phone call, everything went up in the air. Lots of things run through your head, but I thought that to drop out would be disappointing. Mum would not want that".



Carole and Stan Droder

Now I can proudly say that I've done what Mum wanted and that puts a smile on my face every day.

Nicholas Everard

The Carole and Stan Droder Scholarship has enabled Nicholas to remain focused on his studies at Charles Sturt University and continue to work as a Residential Tutor and volunteer cadet in the National Radio News room. Highly respected at Charles Sturt University for their professional and personal legacies, Stan and Carole Droder will long be remembered for their determination to provide equality in higher education – a most noble pursuit.

Establishing a legacy

Establishing a legacy with the Charles Sturt University Foundation Trust is simple to arrange.

A charitable bequest to Charles Sturt University can take many forms such as cash, shares, personal assets, or real estate. This is nominated in your Will along with your intentions for use.

Bequests in favour of the University are usually made to the Charles Sturt University Foundation Trust. The Foundation administers the bequest as strictly to your intentions as possible. In order to ensure that your legacy has impact for many years to come, we suggest that a designated bequest is worded in a way that allows for institutional and societal changes. What appears simple and unambiguous today may not make the same sense as time progresses.

100% of your donation goes directly to the stated purpose – there are no administrative fees.

Let us know of your intentions

The details of your Will are naturally a private matter and, understandably, you may prefer to keep your intentions to yourself. However, if you choose to advise the University of your intention to bequeath a gift, it will allow the Foundation Trust to recognise

and thank you for your future contribution and keep you up to date on new projects, special events and exciting advancements being undertaken.

Before making a Bequest

We recommend that you speak to your legal adviser to help ensure you have a valid Will that achieves what you intend. If you have any questions, our staff are happy to guide you through this important process, contact the Advancement Office at advancement@csu.edu.au.

Solicitor Information

Charles Sturt University Foundation Trust is registered as a Deductible Gift Recipient. Monetary or other gifts to the University are generally allowable for deductions for Australian income tax purposes.

For the purposes of your Will, the University's formal address is:

Advancement Office

Charles Sturt University

Locked Bag 588

Wagga Wagga NSW 2678

Suggested wording for a Bequest

Sample Will wording for a bequest to Charles Sturt University “**I give and bequeath...**

- my estate
- a portion/residue of my estate
- the sum of \$...
- my real estate situated at...
- specific items

Free of all duties and taxes to the Charles Sturt Foundation Trust for its general purposes. I express the wish but without creating any binding trust that if practicable this gift be applied towards [describe purpose in as much detail as possible].

I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer of the said Foundation shall be full and sufficient discharge to my Executor or Trustee for the payment of this bequest.”

Gifts for general purposes will go towards supporting the Universities greatest need at the time or you can nominate a specific purpose (as you have indicated) such as:

- Scholarships eg: I ask that any scholarship awarded in my name be given to students from low socio economic backgrounds
- funding a research grant into...
- new facilities, equipment or technology
- building projects

If you wish to establish a scholarship or other perpetual endowment, we suggest that you consider the following wording in your will:

AND I FURTHER DIRECT THAT

1. The Foundation shall be entitled in its sole and absolute discretion to suspend the awarding of the [scholarship/endowment] from time to time if the Foundation considers it is desirable or necessary to do so to accumulate the net annual income of the Fund so that when the [scholarship/endowment] resumes the value is such as to be adequate financial assistance to the recipients(s)*;
2. If at any time during the continuance of the Fund the Foundation in its sole and absolute discretion determines that the Fund is no longer able to fulfil the purpose which I have expressed then the capital and income (including any accumulated income) shall be applied by the Foundation for the general purposes of the University**.

**This will allow the Foundation to build up the capital in order to better ensure the longevity of the scholarship.*

***This will allow the Foundation to use the funds for the area of greatest need, should your bequest no longer be feasible in the years to come. As unlikely as it is, for the area you have indicated, we have found that families have benefitted from this clause in the past, as it assures them of a course of action they should take in such an event.*

Thank you...

Your decision to leave a gift in your will, no matter the size, will make a lasting difference to the future generations at Charles Sturt University.

I would like to say a sincere thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the Carole and Stan Droder Scholarship.

I feel extremely blessed and grateful to receive this scholarship that will assist with my studies. From the age of 14 all I have wanted to do was become a paramedic. Although I was accepted onto the Bachelor of Paramedicine course in 2019 at Bathurst, I was required to defer for a year to work and save, as I am funding all my own costs at university. In that time, I worked two jobs to save up as Bathurst is about 4 hours away from my hometown, so I am required to live on campus.

I am still overwhelmed with gratitude that I have received this scholarship and cannot say thank you enough. I will now be able to cut back on working so much and will be able to spend more time concentrating on my studies in the pursuit of following my dream.

Katie Hughes (above centre) Bachelor of Paramedicine with Richard Evans (left) and Stuart Salier (right), executors of the Carole and Stan Droder estate.





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