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Family Award takes history into the future



A love of history and a family tradition of commitment to education has prompted Beatrice and Roy Little to establish the Watkins Family Award. This award is in memory of Beatrice's grandparents, Charles and Elizabetha Watkins, and parents, Tom and Hilda.

The Littles, whose careers have taken them to London, Toronto, Ottawa, Sydney and Perth, settled in Beatrice's birthplace – Albany – 20 years ago. In support of their community, their award will go to the UWA Albany Centre student with the highest academic achievement over four units in his/her first year of study.

The couple has made a further gift which will ensure the growth of this award, contribute to the UWA Albany Sustainability Fund and support broader university scholarship.

"Education has been very important in our lives and the lives of our family, so it seemed a natural thing for us to be interested in promoting education in our community," Roy says.

Beatrice graduated in Arts from UWA in the 1940s and Roy studied at the University of Toronto, the city in which they met. They are Friends of the UWA Albany Centre.

Together, they have written a history of the extended Watkins family. Beatrice's New Zealand-born Grandfather Charles was an award-winning mining engineer and surveyor. He married his German-born bride Elizabetha, a teacher, in NZ in 1884 and their son Tom was born in 1886. The family is pictured above.

After their move to WA, Charles managed gold mines and became Contract Surveyor with the Lands Department. Elizabetha ultimately returned to teaching, becoming Principal of the Queen Victoria College for Girls. The couple established a home in Albany and later pioneered a farm in Woodanilling.

Tom graduated with honours in Law from the University of Adelaide. He was admitted to the Bar in 1908 and returned to Albany to practise. In 1920 he married Hilda, a talented pianist, embroiderer and decorative wood carver, and they had three children.

The family moved to Perth in 1928, where Tom practised law until his 1962 retirement, all the while maintaining a keen interest in the Woodanilling farm. Hilda died in 1968 and Tom a year later.

"Our family felt Albany was a very special place. This award will keep their memory alive here by rewarding scholarship and achievement – things the Watkins valued" Beatrice says.

Albany community supports sustainability

The Albany community has demonstrated its strong commitment to the region through its generous support of the UWA Albany Sustainability Fund – established to provide scholarships and research funding for UWA undergraduate and postgraduate students in Albany.

Since its launch by WA Premier Geoff Gallop in November 2003, the Fund has received donations – actual and committed – of around \$150,000.

UWA Albany Centre Development Manager Randall Jasper said contributions had come from all community sectors.

"Business donors include Wesfarmers CSBP Limited which has allocated \$45,000 over three years to research into sustainable pasture systems, and AFPL which has committed \$25,000 over five years, half of which will go towards a scholarship," he said.

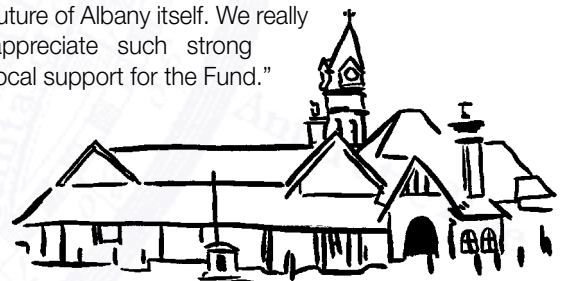


(l-r) Wesfarmers CSBP Ltd Albany Area Manager Keith Gundill, UWA Albany Sustainability Fund Chair Annette Knight AM and WA Department of Agriculture Research Officer and UWA postgraduate student, Ron Master.

"The local ANZ bank presented us with a cheque for \$1,000 and Sky West is supporting the UWA Albany/Sky West Lecture Series by providing flights for speakers from Perth.

"A major contribution of \$60,000 has come from the Great Southern Development Commission and local individuals have pledged around \$20,000.

"Providing locally-based education and research benefits the regional economy and encourages young people to remain in the community. It is an investment in the future of Albany itself. We really appreciate such strong local support for the Fund."





Medal rewards dedicated work in Albany

Annette Knight's years of dedicated community service and her passionate commitment to the establishment of the UWA Albany Centre, a university centre in her home city of Albany were recognised recently when she was awarded a Chancellor's Medal.

"Surprised and honoured" at the award, Annette said she had been determined when she was in public life (she was twice Mayor of Albany) to see a local university established.

Annette was Chair of the Friends of the UWA Albany Centre for four years and remains an active member. Now she is putting her considerable energy into her role as inaugural Chair of the UWA Albany Sustainability Fund.

"The Fund's goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to invest to provide a secure financial backing for the Centre's future," she said. "We also have many people who are sponsoring scholarships and prizes and supporting postgraduate research.

"There are limitless opportunities for research here. There's farming, aquaculture, winegrowing, fishing and we have many environmental issues such as salinity and sustainability. It gives us a marvellous opportunity to establish ourselves as a centre of real research worth for the nation, particularly through UWA's involvement with the Centre for Excellence in Natural Resource Management.

"But in addition to that, providing local education and research opportunities encourages our young people to remain in the region and gives the community the benefit of having educated, vibrant young people here with fresh ideas."

The former ABC presenter who undertook mature age tertiary study as a mother of seven, and who has received many honours, including Member of the Order of Australia, says working for the Fund is its own reward and the Medal is a wonderful bonus.

University honours decades of support

Along with her husband, Sir James, Lady Sheila Cruthers has been a strong supporter of this University's community outreach activities over the last 30 years.

Lady Cruthers is particularly interested in twentieth-century art by Australian women, and has supported artists (men as well as women) by collecting their works and by providing personal support and encouragement.

The Cruthers Collection of Women's Art is a collection of paintings, works on paper and objects by Australian women artists from the 1890s to the present. It has been growing in size since 1974, when Lady Cruthers first began collecting. She has been supported in her interest by her husband and their son John Cruthers.

The entire collection now comprises over 300 works by about 100 artists and is housed between the family home in Perth and John Cruthers' Sydney home. Many works are on loan to various hospitals and other public organisations.

The Cruthers have been generous in lending art from their collection to the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery here at UWA. Lady Sheila has been a member of the Friends of the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery for many years. She is a strong and visible proponent in the visual arts community in Perth and indeed nationally, having also lent from the Cruthers' collection to other organisations, including the National Gallery.

Lady Cruthers was awarded a Chancellor's Medal in recognition of her significant and sustained contribution to the community outreach activities of the University.

Sir James Cruthers Kt, CitWA was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters at the same graduation ceremony held on Tuesday 8 March at Winthrop Hall.



Premier's XI takes the Cup

The 2005 John Inverarity Cup cricket match got off to an excellent start when Malaysian Minister for Higher Education, Dato' Dr Haji Shafie Bin Haji Mohd Salleh, who was visiting the University, honoured the competing teams by tossing the coin.

The Minister's coin toss continued the Festival of Cricket tradition – the annual Premier's XI versus the Vice-Chancellor's XI – which took place on 17 March in front of a 200-strong audience at James Oval including former world class, West Indian cricketer Joel Garner.

Leading the charge for the Premier's team was captain

Mr Fred Riebling, speaker for the Legislative Assembly, while Geoff Cullen of the University Cricket Club headed up the UWA side.

The match, in twenty/20 format this year, finished with the Premier's XI reclaiming the Cup with 11 balls to spare, scoring 5/194 to the Vice-Chancellor's XI tally of 6/193.

Western Warriors squad member Craig Simmons stole the show and was named Man of the Match after scoring 82 runs for the Premier's team.



The coin toss.



Erica Smyth, Emeritus Professor Fay Gale AO and Diane Lim.



The teams.

Friends of the Grounds

The University of Western Australia Friends of the Grounds welcomed Emeritus Professor George Seddon, AM and the Hon Mr Geoffrey Kennedy, AO as inaugural life-members at the conclusion of their second year. At a sell-out luncheon held on 22 March at the new University Club, Mrs June Jones, AM was honoured as the third life member.

For further information on how to join the Friends of the Grounds or upcoming events, please contact the Office of Development. Telephone +61 8 6488 7222 or email: development@uwa.edu.au or follow the links to the Friends of the Grounds on <http://www.development.uwa.edu.au/>



Pictured at the UWA Friends of the Grounds luncheon The Hon Mr Geoffrey Kennedy AO, Mrs Alison Kennedy, Em Professor George Seddon, Mrs Rose Chaney, Mr Ronald Jones, Mrs Margaret Parker, Mrs Delphine Anderson and Mrs June Jones AM.



Luncheon guests (l-r), Rachel Craven, Ann Woods, Norm Woods, Vicki Woods, Tom Alford, Lady Jean Brodie-Hall and Julia Seabrook with Peter Leunig, Director of the Office of Development.

Vale

Late last year, UWA lost one of its generous supporters when Mr Frank Ford passed away. Frank was a Patron of the UWA Albany Sustainability Fund and, through his involvement with the University, made a considerable contribution to the improvement of Western Australian agriculture.

The Frank Ford Scholarship is funding a research project within the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences' School of Plant Biology, investigating the decline in subterranean clover-based pasture in WA's South West and its impact on sheep numbers.

This fund also provides a Frank Ford lecturer in Pasture Science in the Faculty's Centre for Land Rehabilitation.

The UWA Albany Centre and the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences remain grateful for his generous assistance and support.

Graduates give generously



The keen team of student callers for the 2004 Annual Alumni Gift Appeal with Office of Development Director Peter Leunig (Centre row third from right).

More than \$120,000 has been pledged by UWA graduates in the 2004 UWA Annual Alumni Gift Appeal. The Alumni approached in this appeal were first time donors to the university, bringing the total amount contributed since the appeal's 2001 inception to almost one million dollars.

Enthusiastic UWA students with muscular dialling fingers gave their time and energy to contact more than 11,000 graduates over a five-week campaign organised by the Office of Development. This year's Alumni Gift Appeal supported the Hackett Foundation

Scholarships Fund which provides ongoing financial aid to both undergraduate and postgraduate students through scholarships and prizes. Previous appeals have also supported the Foundation's Cultural Heritage Fund.

The Office of Development extends its sincere thanks to all graduates who contributed to the Appeal and to our dedicated student callers for their cheerful assistance.

If you would like to donate, please contact Diane Lim on +618 6488 7954 or email: diane.lim@uwa.edu.au.

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I have included the University in my Will

I would like to include the University in my Will and would appreciate a confidential discussion with the Bequest Officer

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