



# The Cambridge Australia Trust

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## Annual Report for 2001



### For the Record

*From the Chairman,  
Dr Simon Longstaff*

I would like to begin this report by acknowledging the support given to the Trust by the former Honorary Chairman, Mr Charles Allen, AO. Charles led the Trust with distinction – facilitating the creation of new awards, such as the CSIRO Scholarship, and reinforcing relationships that underpin the capacity of the Trust, in Australia, to make a sustained financial contribution in support of Australian scholars at Cambridge.

The recent meeting of the Selection Committee, chaired by Professor Anthony Low, was presented with another panel of outstanding candidates for 2002 awards. Professor Low has reported that the standard of applicants continues to improve and that the Committee would have liked to make awards to all. The capacity of the Cambridge Australia Trust to do so is limited. Fortunately, the Director of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, Dr Anil Seal, has found ways to fund the full complement of scholars by making allocations from a wide range of sources. It is important to note that the ability to send a good number of talented Australians to Cambridge is underpinned by the generous allocation of funds from Cambridge. Strictly speaking, monies generated in Australia are insufficient to meet the demand for scholarships. It is anticipated that the circumstances under which the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust ‘subsidises’ its Australian operations will be alleviated in the next year or so. People will be aware that the late Dr Orde Poynton made provision in his will for a substantial benefaction in support of the activities of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust in Australia. Dr Poynton’s benefaction will, in principle, place the Cambridge Australia Trust on a sustainable footing. However, it should be noted that, at the time of writing this report, a legal challenge to Dr Poynton’s will is being mounted by his surviving children. The Executive Committee is working with the Australian National University to achieve a just resolution of this matter that accords with Dr Poynton’s wishes.

The future success of the Cambridge Australia Trust is intimately bound up with the scope and quality of initiatives undertaken by its State Committees. State Committees bear the brunt of responsibility for promoting the aims of the Trust in Australia. One of their key roles is to help foster a climate in which talented Australians are encouraged to pursue further studies in Cambridge. In pursuing this objective, State Committee members frequently have to contend with a degree of antipathy about the prospect of sending our ‘best and brightest’ offshore. The Trust is convinced that Cambridge offers opportunities, at the broadest level, that are not available in Australia. Our scholars easily hold their own in comparison with the world’s finest. It is our view that Australia is only strengthened by exposing its people to a wider

world of experience and opportunity. I would like to acknowledge and thank all members of our State Committees for their continuing work in support of and constructive engagement with the Trust’s operations in Australia.

As noted above, the Selection Committee continues to be faced with the daunting prospect of choosing from a talented field of applicants. This task of discernment is ably led by Professor Low. We offer our thanks to him for undertaking it on our behalf. The composition of the Selection Committee changed in the past year following the retirement of Professor David Green. We would like to express our thanks to Professor Green for his contribution over a period of many years. The Executive Committee welcomes the appointment of Professor Tim Brown, late of the University of Melbourne and newly-appointed Dean of Science at the A.N.U., to the Selection Committee. As a result of their work, some seventeen Australians (the list has still not been finalised as we go to press) have received CAT awards commencing in September of 2002. Four Gates Scholars have also been elected.

I should also like to welcome Mrs Beverly Ricketts to the team. Bev provides essential administrative support to the Trust. She is already making a significant contribution to our work. Finally, I should like to express my appreciation to Professors Iain Wright and Allan Barton, the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, respectively. Iain and Allan carry the greatest part of the workload, and do so with considerable good grace – even when operating under considerable pressure. Their support and guidance has been invaluable to me as I have attempted to ‘learn the ropes’.

*15 August 2002*

Dr Simon Longstaff, who was elected as Chairman of the Trust in 2001, is the Executive Director of the St James Ethics Centre, an independent forum, based in Sydney and Melbourne, for the promotion of business and professional ethics. Operating both in Australia and abroad, the Centre provides a neutral, confidential setting in which ethical questions can be raised, ethical problems explored, and ethical dilemmas resolved. One of the Executive Director’s roles is to encourage the process of integrating ethical considerations into the strategic thinking of the management community and those who advise and regulate them. Dr Longstaff graduated from the University of Tasmania and spent five years at Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he read for the degrees of Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy. His research centred on related questions arising in the areas of political philosophy, ethics and the philosophy of education. He was inaugural President of The Australian Association for Professional & Applied Ethics and he is a Director of a number of companies. He is a Fellow of the World Economic Forum and a member of the International Advisory Committee of the Foreign Policy Association, based in New York. His first book, *Hard Cases, Tough Choices* was published in 1997. He is currently preparing a second on the role of conscience.

## The Australian Committee 2001

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## Scholarship Selection Committee 2001

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## Some 2001 Scholars



**Rebecca Brodie**

Ice cores contain very detailed climatic records extending back half a million years. They contain a direct record of atmospheric gases and information on patterns of atmospheric circulation critical for validation of numerical models of past atmospheric circulation and climate. Through the participation of Dr Eric Wolff from The British Antarctic Survey, I will have access to deep ice cores from Antarctica. I will isotopically analyze volcanic ash layers in these cores for identification of sources and cross-correlation with other records. I also aim to analyze terrestrial dusts from the surface snow at various sites in Antarctica to determine their present-day sources and to analyze dust in ice cores to help validate models of past climatic conditions. My main interest in this project is the developing field of isotopic analysis. I see my future career as a research scientist and this project will enhance my ability to continue research in new and interesting areas. It will provide me with sophisticated skills and knowledge of a specialized analytical tool that is becoming increasingly important in a variety of fields including the environment, archaeology and medicine. I am very excited by these future possibilities.



**David Eyers**

The world wide web, over the latter part of the past decade, has established an accessible, global information network. A new emerging challenge for web technology is to manage a massive swell in the variety of user agents present on the Internet, as computer-based web browsers are joined by a host of new devices including portable digital assistants (eg palm pilots), mobile phones, and television set-top boxes. Most will communicate via interfaces very different from the mouse, keyboard and monitor PC-based web-browsing tools currently in widespread use. In future some may, for example, operate entirely with voice input and output. It will soon become impractical for organizations to provide separate services suited to each type of browser (eg Web or WAP servers). Instead, information providers will need to be able to untangle the underlying data they are providing from the code which formats this data for a particular user. The "Extensible Mark-up Language" (XML) provides a representation which can achieve this goal. By analogy, XML is to the hypertext mark-up language (the language used to build all web pages) what our alphabet is to the English language. Most importantly, XML allows description of hierarchical structure in a low-level syntax. Again using the analogy with English, this would be akin to each English character explicitly informing you which word in which line in which paragraph in which chapter, etc this particular character belongs to. The fact that this context is obvious to us when we read books highlights that humans can track structural information implicitly in a manner computers cannot (without prior knowledge we could not place a paragraph excerpt within a book's structure). My research project examines indexing and management of large XML data repositories.



**Anouk Lang**

I am researching the development in Commonwealth literatures of literary modernism, a movement predominantly conceptualised as an aesthetic revolution centred around Europe and America. Modernism's emergence in literatures elsewhere suggests that the stylistic and structural innovations considered typical of the movement are complicated by the need to negotiate a relationship with the cultural heritage from Europe and America. I will be focussing my research on Canadian and Australian texts and am particularly interested in how modernism in these countries is affected by nationality, race, place, relationship to indigenes, gender and history.



**S.J.V. Malloch**

My PhD thesis in Classics will consist of a commentary on the eleventh book of the *Annals*, an historical work written in the second century AD by the Roman historian Tacitus. Book eleven covers two years, AD 47-48, during the reign of Claudius (AD 41-54). The commentary will explain matters of historical interest, discuss Tacitus' style and methodology as an historian, and address, where necessary, any manuscript problems. The commentary will be prefaced with an introduction which will treat certain themes at length: e.g. Tacitus' characterization of the emperor Claudius, his sources, the manuscript tradition. Tacitus is the central historical source for the Roman history of the first century AD, and his works have long attracted scholarly attention. This combined with the fact that commentaries are heavily utilized in Classics will make my thesis of interest and of much practical use to scholars and to students.



**Aysha Pollnitz**

My research project will investigate the notion of citizenship as it developed in the courtly cultures of early modern Europe. During this period, a rarefied stratosphere of women were given the same humanist education as their brothers. This learning encouraged them to understand themselves as subjects committed to civic life, yet their external reality precluded full participation. I intend to argue that the gap between self assessment and political opportunity, and the rhetorical strategies which female humanists used to negotiate it, make these women a crucible for understanding the position of all subjects in the Renaissance. I hope then, that my research will make a contribution to our explanations of the development of modern citizenship, gender and identity.

# Financial Summary 2001

## Income and Expenditure 1 January - 31 December

	2001 \$	2000 \$
<b>Income:</b>	<b>183,231</b>	<b>338,555</b>
Donations	78,283	225,647
Dividends - Long Term Investment Pool	91,107	89,106
Interest on Cash Balance	10,952	23,802
Exchange Gains	2,889	-
<b>Expenditure:</b>	<b>528,449</b>	<b>470,561</b>
Scholarship payments	514,110	448,263
Travel (including scholars)	8,746	16,672
Printing and publishing	1,998	1,180
Advertising	-	4,446
Sundry expenses	3,595	-
<b>(Deficit) Transferred (from) Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>(345,218)</b>	<b>(132,006)</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December

	2001 \$	2000 \$
<b>General Accumulated Funds:</b>	<b>1,686,930</b>	<b>2,012,122</b>
Balance as at 1 January	1,890,380	2,022,386
Less (Deficit) for year	(345,218)	(132,006)
Add Asset Revaluation Reserve	141,768	121,742
	<b>1,686,930</b>	<b>2,012,122</b>
<b>Total Funds represented by:</b>		
Cash on hand	128,661	479,479
Investments at market value	1,558,269	1,532,643
	<b>1,686,930</b>	<b>2,012,122</b>

### Notes:

1. Accumulated Funds include Reserved Investment Funds for:

	2001 \$	2000 \$
Kater Scholarship Fund	148,000	138,545
Downing Scholarship Fund	170,714	159,453
Poynton Scholarship Fund	743,852	932,288
Barbara Fulton Scholarship Fund	250,000	232,680
	<b>1,312,566</b>	<b>1,462,966</b>

3. Income and expenditure are recorded on a cash receipts and payments basis and do not include payments for 2001 scholars paid in February/March 2002 of \$A382,903 (Stg£138,711).
4. All investments are held as units in the ANU's Long Term Investment Pool Fund, a diversified fund allocated over fixed interest securities, Australian and overseas equities, and real estate. All investments and units in the Fund are valued at market prices as at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Allan Barton  
Treasurer

## Australian Scholars 2001

Name	Subject	University
<b><i>Special CAT Packer &amp; ORS Equivalent Scholarship (1)</i></b>		
Brodie, R J	Earth Sciences	Flinders

### ***Special CAT Scholarship (1)***

Lang, A E	English	Sydney
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### ***CAT Packer Scholarship (1)***

Hutchinson, G D	Physics	Tasmania
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### ***CAT Poynton Scholarships (5)***

Eyers, D M	Computer Sci	UNSW
Grime, A J	Engineering	UWA
Jujnovich, B A	Engineering	Curtin
McLeish, C R	Hist & Philos of Science	Melbourne
Pollnitz, A E	Political Thought	Sydney

### ***CCT Packer Scholarships (2)***

Formankiewicz, M A	Experimental Psychol	UNSW
Malloch, S J V	Classics	UWA

***CAT collaborates closely with the Gates Foundation and is pleased to report the election of three Gates Scholars:***

Bremner, G A	History of Art	Deakin
Elkner, J C	History	Melbourne
Lang, A T F	Law	Sydney