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CHAIR'S REPORT

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My fellow Directors and I extend our best wishes and good health to all of you and your families in these unusual times.

The 2020-21 academic year was undoubtedly a challenging one for our Scholars, as Covid-related restrictions took hold around the globe. At first, there was even a brief moment of concern that departing Scholars' UK visas were at risk of delay, but thankfully that was promptly resolved. When the Scholars arrived at Cambridge last September, it was a different place to that which most of us would be familiar with. All teaching was online and most social and sporting activity was restricted for much of the year. That said, our Scholars persevered and made the most of their time at Cambridge. I encourage you to read the Scholars' reports in the pages that follow to get a flavour of the difference Cambridge has made to our Scholars, and our Scholars to Cambridge.

The restrictions meant that a number of our Scholars were unable to undertake field trips or access laboratories and other essential reference materials for their study and research, which delayed completion of their projects. This led to a flurry of requests for additional funding to CAS and the Cambridge Trust, our funding partner. I am pleased to report that, after appropriate assessment, CAS was able to accommodate all funding requests so none of our Scholars had to endure hardship in this regard.

We are pleased that through the Annual Appeal, the Cambridge community in Australia responded generously to assist with this additional funding burden placed on CAS. On behalf of the CAS Board and the Scholars, I extend a warm thank you to all those who contributed. If you are in a position to do so, your continued support for CAS would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online via the CAS website; and the CAS Directors, as well as our Executive Officer, are always available to discuss arrangements for specific donations and scholarship funding.

As many of you are aware, CAS was successful in obtaining Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status in 2016. The designation was valid for 5 years and I am delighted to say that CAS has been successful in securing a further 5 year extension; we hope and expect that CAS will be able to obtain permanent DGR status next time.

Due to the nature of CAS' activities, DGR status is not a straightforward exercise and requires specific Governmental endorsement. The Board would particularly like to thank the Cambridge alumni and other friends of CAS who assisted the Board to prepare and then navigate the application through the various parts of Government involved.

Our primary mission, through thick and thin, is to support the brightest and best Australian postgraduate students to advance their studies at The University of Cambridge. Our Executive Officer and our selection panels once again successfully navigated the challenges of remote interviews and I am delighted to say that ten new CAS Scholars will be going up to Cambridge this year: five PhD Scholars and five Masters Scholars.

During the 2020–2021 academic year, CAS supported a total of thirty two Scholars in residence at Cambridge. None of this would be possible without the support of our benefactors, whose generosity makes it all possible. For their contribution, we say a heartfelt and sincere thank you.

As always, we are thankful for the support of the Cambridge Trust which generously co-funds the CAS scholarships. I am also pleased to report that CAS and the Cambridge Trust have made very good progress with discussion to renew their co-operation agreement, which augurs well for a continued positive relationship well into the future.

Thanks must also be given to our Executive Officer Vanessa Greenwood for her tremendous work through this challenging year, and to our Board of Directors, who volunteer their time, expertise and effort to ensure CAS delivers on its mission.

I am pleased to announce that Justin Sherwin and Andrew Clark will soon join the Board once certain formalities are completed. Both Justin and Andrew undertook postgraduate studies at Cambridge as CAT/CAS Scholars, and so understand well the opportunities and challenges for our Scholars. I am also pleased to announce that Andrew will be spearheading a new initiative tentatively called the 'CAS Alumni Association', whose aim will be to ensure the continued connection of CAS Scholars to each other and to CAS. I invite all CAS alumni who wish to assist with this initiative to get in touch with our Executive Officer in the first instance.

Board renewal and smooth transitions make for good corporate governance and are indeed enshrined in CAS' policies. With an eye to that, I will be stepping down from the Board as from this year's AGM. The Chair will be assumed by Darren Peacock, who has been on the Board for the past two years so is well placed to guide CAS through the next stage of its progression. I has been an honour and a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as Chair for the past six years and I am grateful for all the wonderful support I received in the role from my fellow Board members, our Executive Officer and many others in the wider Cambridge community.



Amrit Bahra
Chair



CAS DIRECTORS

The CAS constitution states that the Company must have a minimum of four, and not more than twelve, directors. Directors are appointed for a period of two years and may be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms. Where possible, the Board should be nationally representative. CAS aims to have a representative in each State and Territory.

The 2020-2021 Directors were:

Mr Amrit Bahra, Chair (NSW)

St John's, 1987

Medical Sciences Part I, Law Part II and LLM

Amrit undertook his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at St. John's College. After qualifying as a solicitor he joined the merchant bank Samuel Montagu in London, which was followed by a number of investment banking roles with HSBC and Bank of America in London. Amrit moved to Australia in 2007 and is a corporate finance adviser based in Sydney. He is also President of the Cambridge Society of NSW.

Mr Chris Briggs (VIC)

St Catharine's, 1994

MEng in Engineering

Chris read for his MEng in Engineering at St Catharine's College in 1994-1998. He moved from the UK to Australia with Goldman Sachs in 2006 and switched careers from investment banking to fund management. He is a former president of the Cambridge Society of Victoria and is a member of the St Catharine's College Campaign Advisory Group.

Professor Roderic Broadhurst (ACT)

Wolfson, 1984

MPhil in Criminology

Roderic Broadhurst (BA, B.Ed, PhD, (W. Aust.) MPhil (Cambridge)) is Emeritus Professor of Criminology, Australian National University. His career as a practitioner and researcher has included work in prisons, remote area public health, and homicide investigation. He has led research on recidivism, cybercrime, organised crime and crime victims in Cambodia and China. He currently directs the ANU Cybercrime Observatory, and focuses on problems of risk.

CAS DIRECTORS

Mr Philip Pope (QLD)

Darwin, 1996

MPhil in Polar Studies

Philip Pope read for an M.Phil in Polar Studies at Darwin College in 1996-97, after graduating from the University of Nottingham with a BA (Hons) in Political Science. He received a B.B. Roberts Fund award from the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge to assist a period of study at the US State Department Archive in Washington DC, as part of his thesis research. Philip has held senior communications roles at the British Olympic Association, Cricket Australia. He was previously a staff reporter at the Daily Mirror in London.

Mr Lindsay Jones (NSW)

Trinity Hall, 1995

MPhil International Relations

Lindsay holds a Master of Philosophy (International Relations) from Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Prior to this he completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) at the University of Technology, Sydney. Lindsay has worked with Macquarie Bank in Australia, McKinsey & Company in the UK, France and Southeast Asia, and several international investment management businesses in Europe and Asia. Lindsay is now an early-stage investor in start-up businesses as well as an entrepreneur.

Mr Darren Peacock, Secretary (NSW)

Jesus College, 2000

LLM Master of Law

Darren studied undergraduate Commerce and Law at the University of Queensland before undertaking a Master of Law at Jesus College in Cambridge with the support of a British Chevening Scholarship. After working at law firms in Australia and the UK, he spent over a decade as a senior legal adviser within the Wesfarmers Group. In May 2019, he became Head of Legal and Compliance and Company Secretary for the South Pacific Region of the Linde Group.

Antara Mascarenhas (VIC)

Queens College 2002-2003

MPhil in Social and Political Sciences

Antara read for her MPhil in Social and Political Sciences at Queens' College in 2002-3. She has worked in infrastructure and energy since her return to Australia, in policy, regulatory, program implementation and stakeholder relations roles. She was President of Cambridge Society of Victoria from 2013-15.

EVENTS

2020 AGM and Scholar Reception

Thursday 13 August 2020

The Annual General Meeting, combined with a congratulatory and farewell Reception for the 2020 scholarship recipients, was held in online via ZOOM due to Covid19 restrictions, on Thursday 13 August 2020.

Thirty guests attended the event, including 7 new scholarship recipients, a number of our generous donors, CAS Directors, CAS members, Cambridge Society members, and friends.

We were pleased to hear from our new scholars who each gave a brief insight into their subject areas.



2021 GRADUATES

2021 CAS Graduates

With the huge challenges that Covid19 has brought to the world, the 2020/21 CAS Masters scholars have built a supportive community amongst themselves.

Mia Glass writes "Many of the Cambridge Australia Scholars have become very close friends this year. We celebrated Christmas and birthdays together when people couldn't go home/have family visit and helped each other through the repeated lockdowns.

To finish off the year, we hosted a "CAS Graduation" last week where we all got dressed up, made mock graduation certificates and celebrated our achievements as a cohort. It was easily the highlight of my year and a proxy for the various Cambridge Trust events we missed out on because of the pandemic. "



Pictured are CAS Masters Scholar's : Alex Rafaniello, Elina Ziukelis, Sally Montgomery, Sophie Philip, Audrey McInnerney, Deborah White, Kulunu Dharmakeerthi

CURRENT SCHOLARS

Alvin Djajadikerta
Corpus Christi, 2017
PhD in Medical Science @ CIMR
Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the last year has proven to be a productive one with ample opportunities for learning. My research focuses on autophagy – a cellular recycling process – and its relationship with neurodegenerative disease. Autophagy helps cells to remove the toxic proteins that are responsible for these diseases, so my research aims to identify genes which regulate autophagy in the hope that they may be useful therapeutic targets. I have discovered several of these new genes and am currently trying to understand how they work on a molecular level.

During the lockdown period, I also initiated a new project which focuses on predicting gene function using computational techniques. Progress on both of these looks promising and I aim to round off the final stages during the coming months.

I've certainly missed the usual Cambridge fare of talks, formals, swaps and garden parties over the last year, but on the plus side have enjoyed having time to reconnect deeply with some of my other interests – reading biographies and practicing the piano being foremost among them.

Outside of my studies, I have over the years been active on the Corpus Christi MCR Committee, in the Aus/NZ community in Cambridge, and in the local Global Shapers branch. I have also become increasingly interested in transforming science into real-world applications and am exploring potential avenues in entrepreneurship/tech translation by which to do so.

Cambridge remains a vibrant community in which to study and work, and I look forward to hopefully seeing the town come back to life over the summer. As I have in previous years, I would like to express my utmost gratitude to Charles Allen, Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the Cambridge Trust for this opportunity, and I hope that I can use what I have learned to help others in future.



Elisabeth Slingsby
Corpus Christi College, 2019
PhD in Classics
Cambridge Australia Bragg Scholarship

The second year of my PhD has been both challenging and rewarding. My PhD thesis examines the parallels between the Roman civil wars and non-Roman conflicts of other kinds, in order to ascertain how writers in the first century AD comprehended and communicated the concept of civil war. Over the past year, I have focused on the idea of culpability in civil conflict, and the ways in which parallels are used to emphasise or obscure individual responsibility. I have also had the opportunity to deliver three papers related to my PhD research at online seminars, on the topics of naval warfare, the commemoration of heroic deeds, and the reception of civil war commanders.

Throughout the past year, I have been actively involved in Faculty and College life. Through my Faculty, I have been supervising and lecturing for a course on the ancient historian Thucydides, during which I learnt useful strategies for keeping students engaged in an online environment and facilitating access to digitised resources.

I have also been a member of the organising committee for my Faculty's weekly Graduate Interdisciplinary Seminar. Working in a team to select and schedule papers, as well as to chair the online meetings, was an excellent way of staying connected with my fellow graduates during lockdown. At College, I have had the pleasure of being elected as the Partners and Families Officer on the MCR Committee. In this role, I liaise with Committee members and College staff, and assist in making college events accessible to the partners and children of MCR members wherever possible.

As the pandemic has continued to impact all of our lives, it has been a privilege to be a part of graduate networks, be that in the Faculty of Classics, at Corpus Christi College, and among Australians studying in Cambridge, who have come together to support and encourage one another during this difficult time. I am grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the Cambridge Trust for their generosity, which continues to allow me to take advantage of all that Cambridge has to offer.



Matthew Psycharis

Gonville & Caius, 2019

PhD in Law, researching the use and constitutional role of advisory referendums

Cambridge Australia Caius Scholarship

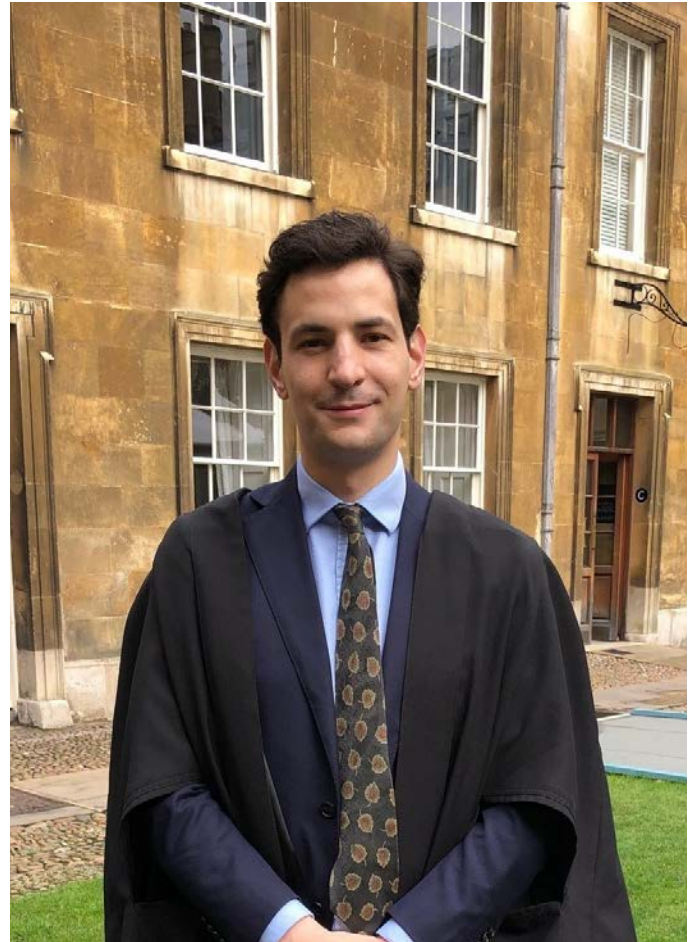
I'm a lawyer, in the second year of my PhD, supervised by Professor Alison Young. My research looks at non-binding popular votes on questions that are not to do with the constitution (i.e. 'policy referendums'). These might include a vote on ordinary civil or economic rights (like whether to legalise assisted suicide). Despite these policy votes becoming increasingly common in an age of 'populism', the existing scholarship has mostly focussed on overtly 'constitutional' referendums. Understanding these policy votes is important, because it can tell us how they might properly be used, but also because the exercise yields new perspectives on old doctrines (e.g. what does 'representative and responsible government' mean?). Having written chapters on New Zealand and Australia, my hope is to travel to Scotland next year, to research popular votes there.

Like most students, the past year presented challenges. Finding suitable accommodation for my partner and myself, during the UK lockdown, was difficult. However, the regular maintenance payments from CAS offered us a financial certainty that I am incredibly grateful for. Without family in the UK, I'm not sure what we would have done without the stability that CAS, and my College (Caius), afforded us.

Alongside my research, I have also got involved in teaching, supervising undergraduate constitutional law. It was challenging teaching students entirely online; but I found the experience rewarding.

I was also fortunate to have a book chapter published by the Melbourne University Press (in Whiting and O'Connell's edited volume, 'Legal History Matters'). And I have acted as an Executive Director of the Cambridge Pro Bono Project (which partners students with barristers' chambers and NGOs, to produce research reports on real-world legal problems).

Despite this year's challenges, I am still very much looking forward to the year to come. And I remain very grateful to CAS.



Tim Clark
Corpus Christi College, 2018
PhD in International Law
Cambridge Australia Fisher Scholarship



At the time of my last report, Cambridge had just started to shut down during the initial months of the pandemic. A year on, there are signs that things are slowly improving as more students return, libraries reopen, and college life starts to return to normal. I have been fortunate to be able to continue with my research from home throughout the pandemic and have made progress in my work on international organisations and the ways in which they are rationalised, regulated, and empowered through teleological legal reasoning. Over the course of the past year, I have had the opportunity to present my research at a number of conferences and workshops, gaining valuable feedback from colleagues. I was particularly delighted to be awarded the prize for best paper by a doctoral student at the Annual Conference of the Society of Legal Scholars. I also had an article accepted by a leading journal which explores some of the central ideas and case studies in my doctoral research.

Beyond my own research, I have enjoyed taking on some undergraduate teaching, supervising international law for two colleges. The students have coped admirably with the necessary shift to online learning, and their sharp and considered ideas and questions made for thought-provoking sessions that quickly became a highlight of my week. I also remain Associate Editor of the *British Yearbook of International Law*, which continues to keep me busy and engaged with new and exciting scholarship from around the world. Beyond academia, I continue to sing for two Cambridge choirs—St John's Voices and the Chapel Choir of Corpus Christi College—and am looking forward to slowly returning to a full schedule of choral services, concerts, and tours over the coming months.

I remain immensely grateful, as always, for the support of Cambridge Australia Scholarships and their generous donors, which makes all of this possible.

Thea Chesterfield

Jesus College, 2018

**PhD in Law, 'The Functions of Risk, Foreseeability and Diligence in International Human Rights Law'
Cambridge Australia Kater Scholarship**



During 2020-21 I have continued to progress my research and writing on the concepts of risk, foreseeability and diligence in international human rights law. The jurisprudence on this topic is developing rapidly, with international treaty monitoring bodies issuing a number of relevant decisions during the past year.

Due to the pandemic, in December 2020 I relocated to my hometown of Melbourne to work on my thesis remotely. I have benefited from regular contact with my supervisor through videoconferencing, and have been able to progress various aspects of my research using online resources. I have also enjoyed keeping in touch with fellow research students in Cambridge through online events and discussion groups. I am looking forward to returning to Cambridge to finalise my dissertation during 2021-22.

A key issue in my research has been the relationship between risk and causation in human rights law. The topic of causation has challenged legal theorists and practitioners for many decades, and much has been written on it in relation to municipal legal systems. In international law, however, it has received fairly limited attention to date. One of my aims is to address causation as it relates to international human rights, and to propose a way of analysing causation in cases concerning risk management obligations.

I have also progressed other aspects of my research over the past year, including the identification of relevant legal duties, applicable standards of care, and the question of how the proximity or remoteness of a risk may impact upon a State's international legal obligation to manage it.

I would like to reiterate my deepest thanks to the Cambridge Australia Trust for supporting my research through the Kater Scholarship, made possible by the generous donation from Lady Catherine Kater in memory of Sir Gregory Blaxland Kater.

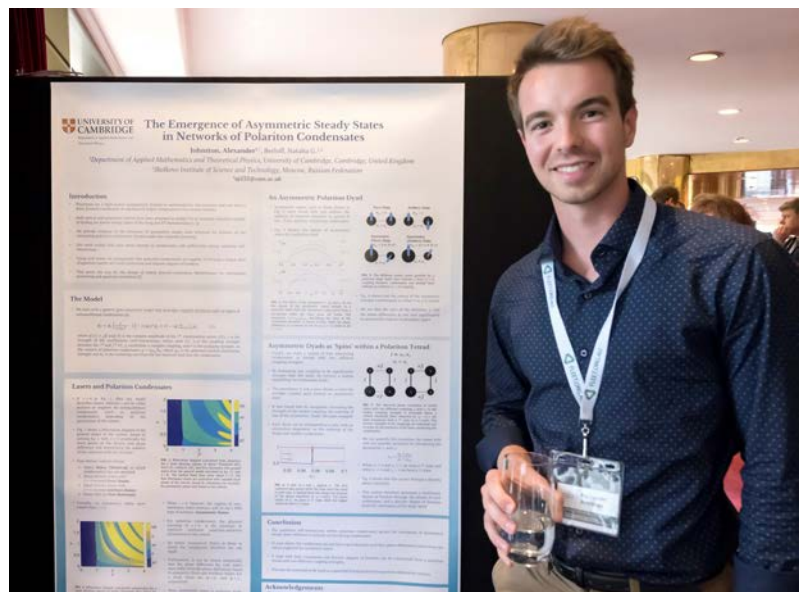
Alexander Johnston
Corpus Christi College, 2018
PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, Quantum Fluids
Cambridge Australia McCrum Scholarship

I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to undertake a PhD at Cambridge and have constantly been learning and growing from the experience. Importantly, I feel that at this point, in my third year, I have gained a much deeper understanding of my field than in previous years. I am happy to have recently submitted a paper in a high-impact journal, which also gathered media attention.

In addition to my research, and despite the changes of the past year, I've attempted to engage in a variety of extracurricular activities. I have been involved with several groups and societies: Effective Altruism Cambridge, my College's MCR Committee, and TEDxCambridgeUniversity. I particularly enjoyed selecting and inviting speakers for TEDx Salons held earlier in the year. In addition, the virtual nature of such activities has, in some ways, provided more opportunity for development; last year, I completed the Stanford Arete Fellowship in Effective Altruism. I also held the role of Postgraduate Representative to the Council of the School of Physical Sciences for a period of five months. This was a very rewarding experience that has provided me with greater insight into how high-level decisions are made within universities.

As a lover of classical music, I usually attend countless concerts over the course of an academic year in Cambridge. While this has of course not been possible, I have watched several recorded concerts performed in Cambridge and have also attended a range of interesting virtual talks and debates, organised by my College, Department, the Cambridge Union, and as part of the Cambridge Alumni Festival.

I am incredibly grateful to Charles Allen and CAS for funding my PhD scholarship. It is my hope that, in the future, I can put the academic, professional, cultural, and personal growth experienced at Cambridge to positive use back in Australia.



Marley Young
Trinity College, 2019
PhD in Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics
Cambridge Australia Poynton International Scholarship

I am thoroughly enjoying my studies and life at Cambridge, and continuing to make progress in my research, despite ongoing challenges with COVID-19. I remain incredibly grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their support. For most of the last year, I have been working on making effective certain integrality results in arithmetic dynamics. This project has been a great learning opportunity for me, particularly because it gave me a valuable experience of adversity in research: I was unable to resolve a bottleneck in the project for several months, even at one point believing to have solved it, only to discover an error later. This was made especially disheartening by the circumstances with the pandemic, which have made research more difficult in general. However, with enough perseverance I eventually found an approach that worked, and now have a paper in preparation. I currently have formulated a couple of interesting novel research problems which seem tractable, and look forward to making headway on a new project.



It is unfortunate that I have been unable to interact as thoroughly with the wider mathematical community, but the proliferation of online seminars has been somewhat of a consolation. I have found the Arithmetic Dynamics International Online Seminar (ADIOS) to be of particular interest, as it consists of weekly talks in my specific subject area.

With the recent loosening of restrictions in the UK, I have been able to return to some extracurricular activities. I am now the leader of the heavy throws squad at the Cambridge University Athletics Club, as we prepare for the Varsity match against Oxford, tentatively being held later in the year. It took some creativity, but I was able to stay in shape during the lockdown, and now I am throwing personal records after only a short time at the gym and track. I have even been recently scouted to compete in the National Athletics League for Harrow AC, one of the UK's premier athletics clubs.

Chelsea Edmonds
Lucy Cavendish, 2019
PhD Computer Science (CPGS initially)
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship



This year was my second year as a Cambridge PhD Student. Despite global circumstances resulting in my relocation to Australia for the year, I'm thankful to have been able to continue working on my research remotely and stay involved in the wider Cambridge community virtually.

After passing my first year confirmation, October through to March proved an exciting time for my research. I completed the first significant segment of my PhD research - formalising an area of mathematics known as "Combinatorial Design Theory" using novel formalisation techniques. I also presented some of my initial work at a workshop attached to the virtual IJCAR conference in July 2020, and again in December 2020 for the Oxbridge Women in Computer Science conference.

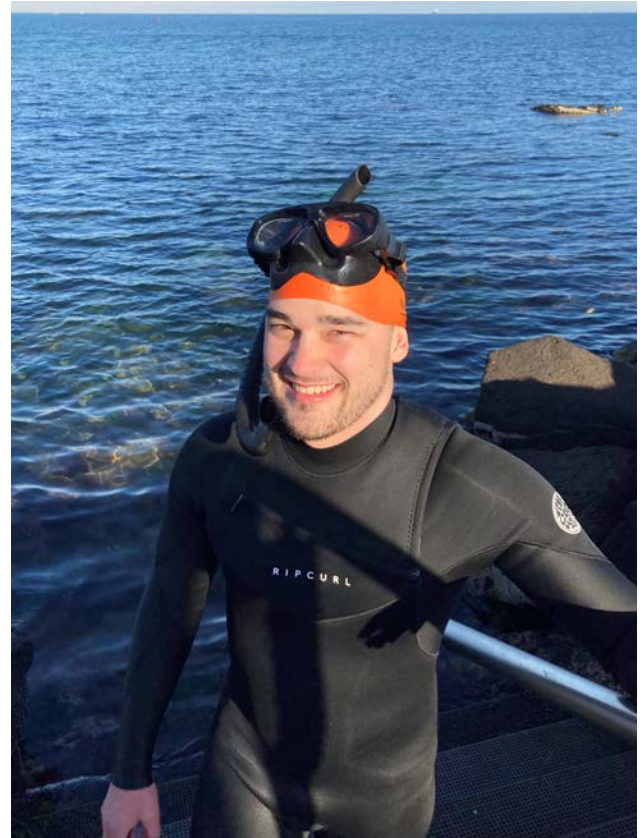
Thanks to the ongoing support from my department, supervisor, and fellow PhD students back in the UK, I've been able to work around the time difference to keep regularly attending virtual meetings and events. My unique circumstances in Australia also provided the opportunity to engage with my undergraduate university to give a seminar, participate in a mentoring program and make some local academic contacts. Beyond my research, I've also taken several opportunities to develop my skills as a teacher in higher education. I've supervised four undergraduate courses virtually and continued working for the university outreach program by developing video resources for the HE+ program. I also took on the role of Mentoring and Outreach Chair for the Women@CL committee this academic year.

Despite the unusual circumstances of the last year, I continue to be thankful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for the opportunity I've been given to be a research student at Cambridge. I'm hoping to return to the UK during the summer term and am looking forward to many more Cambridge experiences during the remaining years of my PhD.

Philip Erm
Clare College, 2019
PhD in Zoology. Comparing sea sparing and sea sharing for marine conservation
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

What truly can one say of 2020? The year began with a hurried exodus to Melbourne in March (airfare very generously provided by Cambridge Australia Scholarships) ahead of the great closing of the borders. Hotel quarantine was self-regulated in those days, so mine was next to the beautiful Jawbone wetland in Melbourne's west. Every morning my friends the purple swamphens would wander on over for a welfare check, and I like to think that tears were shed from many a beady-eye when I departed once my two weeks were up.

Being back in Melbourne came with other unexpected benefits. Unlike in Cambridge, which probably won't be close to the ocean for at least another 50 years, in Melbourne I was able to commune with the underwater flora and fauna of Port Phillip Bay between desk sessions. If you ever get the chance, head down to the Williamstown Crystals for a snorkel. You'll be shocked by the hidden world at the doorstep of the city.



Speaking of the PhD, things are progressing well. I was thankfully able to complete my first year report and its associated interview without incident, meaning that I am now a fully-fledged PhD Candidate. I've also been working on a paper showing when marine protected areas make sense as a conservation tool that I hope to have sent off for review very soon.

These days I'm now back in Cambridge and settling into university life once more. For me that means kayaking at every available opportunity on the Cam, which I've become more intimately acquainted with than I would have ever thought possible thanks to trips wider afield being off the table. On that note, I'm also pleased to say that a little piece of me will always be a part of Cambridge and the river – I accidentally dropped my watch in somewhere near Grantchester.

Catherine E. Richards

Peterhouse, 2017

PhD of Philosophy (Engineering)

"The existential threat of climate change: societal collapse as a novel lens for risk-based analysis and prioritisation of interventions"

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My multidisciplinary PhD employs systems science to map, model and monitor the relationship between climate change, food insecurity and societal collapse, thereby enabling risk-based prioritisation of interventions for individuals, businesses and governments. Based on this work, I have published one peer-reviewed journal article "Re-framing the threat of global warming: an empirical causal loop diagram of climate change, food insecurity and societal collapse" in *Climatic Change*, which is apparently 'already making waves' according to established experts in this field. I plan to produce 2-3 other peer-reviewed journal articles alongside my thesis. I recently received the British Federation of Women Graduates Prize for 'outstanding doctoral research'.

Aside from my PhD, I have taught students within the Department of Engineering. I continue to enjoy being on the Executive Committee of Cambridge University Polo Club (CUPC) and representing the University in polo (thanks to significant sums of financial support of CUPC and my College, Peterhouse); I have been selected to play in the Varsity Match (and will receive a Full Blue), which is the oldest continuing polo fixture in the world, held at the iconic Guards Polo Club in Windsor Great Park prior to a Queen's Cup match. The excitement of attending social events in centuries-old buildings with friends from polo, Peterhouse, my research group and fellow Australians has certainly not faded from my memory. I have also secured a role as RA to Lord Martin Rees OM FRS at the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk with a portfolio spanning asteroid impacts and solar flares, to climate change and pandemics, to 'error and terror' dimensions of biotechnology, nuclear weapons and AI.

I am sincerely grateful to the Cambridge Trust for supporting my PhD experience – from extending my knowledge and skills in my PhD, to being honoured as Forbes 30 Under 30 (Global Leaders), McKinsey NGWL (Women Leaders) and BCG PROUD (LGBTQ+ Leaders), to riding a horse for the first time and becoming an avid polo player, to breaking a world-record, to networking with distinguished individuals including CEOs, Prime Ministers, Lords, philanthropists, and Nobel Prize winners, to making friendships that will last a lifetime. In coming to the end of my PhD, I can wholeheartedly say that the past four years have been truly life changing. Not only has my experience at Cambridge been everything I hoped it would be for my personal and professional development but, additionally, in light of coronavirus disruptions over the past 14+ months and having left an abusive relationship in traumatic circumstances that added further disruptions for 6-9 months, I have learnt a lot about myself, particularly my values, integrity and resilience, rather unexpectedly - 'life' has been put into a different perspective and I am incredibly thankful to be safe in Cambridge with dear friends and colleagues, and to be returning to 'normal' activities with coronavirus restrictions lifting.

Elizabeth Kyran
Peterhouse, 2019
PhD in Medical Science – Functional Genomics of Ovarian Cancer
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

This has been a very odd year to be a student at Cambridge. Despite the tyranny of distance, I have been supported by Cambridge Australia Scholarships, Peterhouse and the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute (CRUK CI) to continue my studies from afar, in Melbourne. With their support, I took up an honorary PhD position at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI). This allowed me to continue my experimental work in a laboratory setting, after a few months of computer-based work immediately after return from the UK to Australia when the pandemic saw the closure of campus in Cambridge. While I have been working physically in Melbourne, I also continue to benefit from professional relationships established at the CRUK CI, and feel part of the dedicated scientific community that Cambridge offers.



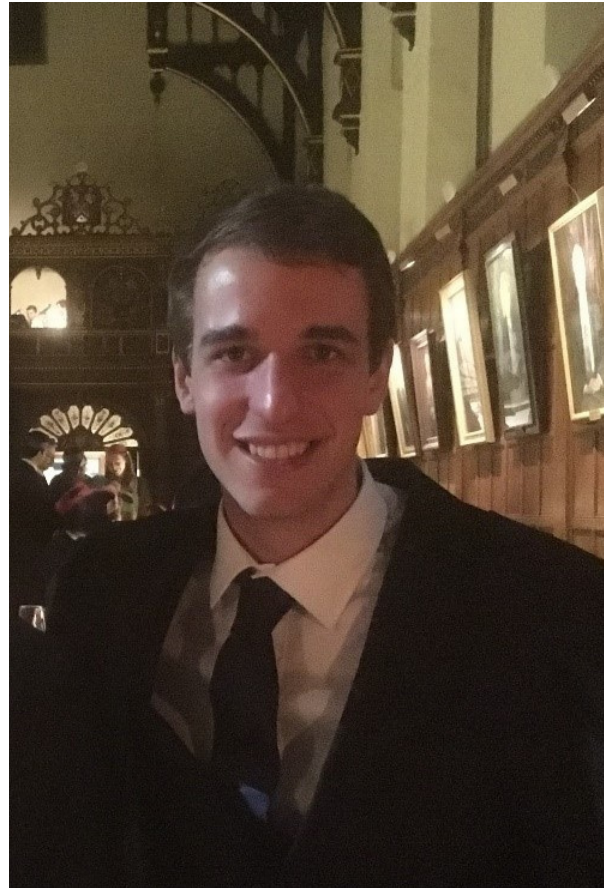
During my time in the lab at WEHI, I focused on establishing cell lines and organoid models of high grade serous ovarian carcinoma. I also received training to develop my mouse surgery skills. Alongside this advancement of my PhD research, I worked with colleagues on submission of a manuscript. Overall, my time at WEHI has provided a great opportunity to work collaboratively.

My year has been more disrupted than most, however: in early December my partner David and I welcomed our daughter Charlotte into the world at 25 weeks' gestation. Arriving so early meant a lengthy stay in hospital for Charlotte, and so my time has been devoted to a maternity leave I could never have imagined. While the time in hospital with Charlotte has been extremely difficult, I am grateful for the generous paid maternity leave I have received as a Cambridge Trust Scholar. I look forward to returning to my studies in late 2021.

Marc Bonaventura
Trinity College, 2017
PhD – Classics
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My PhD thesis examines the texts attributed to Dares Phrygius and Dictys Cretensis, which claim to be genuine eyewitness accounts of the Trojan War. This year, I have examined how they fit within the late antique context of Greek-to-Latin translations, as well as the extent to which they were influenced by the pseudepigraphic tradition in late antiquity. Since this is my final year, I am currently in the process of writing up and adding the final touches to my thesis.

As in previous years, I continued to teach and supervise. Over the summer, I taught for the classics faculty's prelims Latin summer school, as well as the Cambridge Greek summer school. In Michaelmas term, I taught an intensive Greek class, reading Lysias and Plato, and gave supervisions for Sidney Sussex, Jesus, and Homerton college. Although the online classes presented some challenges, I enjoyed learning how to adapt my teaching style to suit the new format and ensure the material was still presented in an engaging manner.



In terms of extra-curricular activities, this year I am the captain of the men's real tennis team. While player recruitment has been hampered by the lockdowns, I have enjoyed organising training sessions and preparing for the upcoming varsity match, which is a milestone occasion, as it will be the 150th held at Lord's Cricket Ground. I have also continued to play for the Trinity College mixed netball team, which is still in the top division of the college league. For me, sport provides a refreshing break from my studies and takes my mind off the stresses of thesis writing.

I would like to thank Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their support and for enabling me to pursue my studies in Cambridge. It has been a thoroughly rewarding experience, made possible only by the generosity of the donors.

Guy Baldwin
Clare College, 2020
PhD in Law – Religious freedom in constitutional law
Cambridge Australia Poynton International Scholarship

My first year as a PhD student in the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge has been a little different from what I expected. I was granted permission by the university and my college, Clare, to work remotely from Australia due to the coronavirus pandemic, so I have been experiencing Cambridge life remotely from my coastal hometown of Newcastle. And, though I have missed out on some of my intended time with the beautiful sights of Cambridge, working online has still been a rich experience, because so much has migrated to the online world during these past months.

Over the internet I have been able to audit three LLM courses relevant to my studies, attend discussion groups from the Centre for Public Law and assist with that Centre's submission to the UK government's Independent Human Rights Act Review, and write two blog posts for the UK Constitutional Law Association Blog on balancing the pandemic response with protections for religious freedom



.My doctoral project, on the limits of religious freedom claims in constitutional law, has also progressed well, thanks in large part to frequent online meetings with my supervisor. It was a particular relief to have recently submitted my 15,000 word first-year thesis for assessment.

I am looking forward to finally flying to the UK once vaccinated against COVID-19. I have booked flights from Sydney to London for the end of September 2021 and I am excited to become further involved in life at Cambridge and Clare in person from my second year on. Perhaps it is idealized, but I would like to spend a solid portion of the next two years of the PhD borrowing books from the Squire Law Library and reading them on the banks of the River Cam.

Daniel Muthukrishna
Clare College, 2017
PhD in Astrophysics
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

I have just submitted my PhD thesis and can't believe that this amazing chapter in my life is coming to an end. Despite the last year being a challenging experience for everyone, I have very much enjoyed my time at Cambridge over the past three and a half years. My academic career has progressed very well thanks to my experiences at Cambridge. I have been fortunate to receive several post-doctoral job offers from esteemed places such as Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and CalTech. I have accepted a job offer to continue my research in Machine Learning applied to Astrophysics at MIT in the other Cambridge (in Massachusetts) in the USA. I will be leaving Cambridge in August to begin the next chapter in my life, and while I am excited, I am also nostalgic about my time at Cambridge.

Over the past year, I have remained at Cambridge despite the ongoing pandemic. While the university has been closed for the majority of the academic year, while it has been opened, I have continued to enjoy several non-academic pursuits. I have rowed for the Clare College Boat Club, played cricket for Clare College in the intercollegiate Cuppers tournament, and have been an active member of the Clare College MCR (Graduate Society) and engaged in organizing many of the college social events. I have made so many great mates that I'm sure will continue as lifelong friends during my time at Cambridge, and it will be very difficult to say goodbye.

Academically, I have also presented my research at numerous conferences, published many co-authored research papers, and have another first author research paper about to be submitted for publication. Last year, I also used my skills to develop an online web application to model the spread of the coronavirus (<https://lowhighcovid.herokuapp.com>) that is being used by several people around the world.

I am deeply appreciative of Cambridge Australia Scholarships for funding me throughout my PhD. I can hardly express my gratitude for making this incredible opportunity to study at Cambridge possible. I will always remember CAS for allowing me to enjoy the Cambridge experience and I hope that I will be able to give back one day.



Nina Cass
St Edmunds, 2019
PhD in Education
Charlie Perkins Cambridge Australia Scholarship

I am currently in my second year of the PhD program in the Faculty of Education. I returned home to Australia due to COVID-19 in March 2020 and am still studying from Australia.

The past year has been busy. After returning home I continued working on my first-year essays and in October 2020 I submitted my first-year registration report. In November I had my viva online, due to the time difference it was at 10pm at night. I am a morning person, so this was a challenge for me. But I passed my viva and was able to enjoy a break over Christmas. This was an important milestone and has assisted with my preparation for fieldwork. In the next couple of months, I will begin my fieldwork here in Australia where I will undertake interviews. I am currently in the process of arranging the interviews and am hopeful that I will be able to conduct these in person. I am also working on collating other data, including statistics for my research.

Next month I will be presenting an overview of my research ideas at a conference at the University of Cambridge. My presentation title is: Inside Australian universities: The participation of Indigenous peoples in higher education. I have recorded my presentation via Zoom and am look forward to participating in this conference.

I am hopeful to be able to return to Cambridge in the next academic year. I am currently awaiting advice around this but very much hope it will be possible.



Sally Montgomery
Newnham College, 2020
MRES/PhD in Social Anthropology, Sustainable Citizenship in the Wake of Covid-19
Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship

My first year as a Cambridge Trust Scholar has been intellectually stimulating and has cemented my passion for my chosen discipline of Social Anthropology. Joining the Department as a MRes student has given me the opportunity to consolidate my research skills while developing my research project further.

I have honed my interests and reacted to the changing circumstances of the world we currently face to envisage a revised research project. My research focuses on inquiring into the popularisation of environmental action in Copenhagen, Denmark through movements which seek to unify pursuits of pleasure and ethical environmental citizenship. In this research, I hope to consider how the COVID-19 crisis and the ongoing environmental crisis intersect and what effect the pandemic is having on attitudes and responses to sustainability and activism. It is this research I will pursue as I progress from my MRes to PhD studies, which are also generously funded by the Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship.

I have also been focused on engaging in the community that Cambridge, Newnham College and the Cambridge Australia Trust offers. Getting to know my fellow CAS scholars has been a highlight as has been meeting the diverse range of people at Cambridge. Keen to experience the culture of rowing, I joined the Newnham College Boat Club and was excited to make the Novice 1st crew. We didn't have the chance to get on the water before the lockdowns ensued, but I look forward to rowing in a boat in Easter term. I also volunteered as the Welfare Officer for the Newnham MCR – a role which has proved challenging but ever so important during the ongoing pandemic and lockdowns which continue to effect student's mental health. I look forward to continuing in this role as more opportunities for in-person welfare events become available.



Alex Rafaniello
Wolfson College, 2020
PhD in Chemistry, Novel Synthetic Methodologies in Organic Chemistry
Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Within hours of arriving in Cambridge last September, I was approached by no fewer than three individuals who recognised the logo of my Australian alma mater on my jumper. They each had connections to Melbourne in some way and went out of their way to strike up a conversation and make me feel welcomed. I understood in that moment what it means to be a part of the 'international community' of Cambridge – in just six months I have already met a host of intelligent and worldly people, many of whom I am sure will be life-long connections.

Under the supervision of Prof. Matthew Gaunt, I have been working on developing new methods in synthetic organic chemistry, more specifically in the field of photoredox catalysis. This is a rapidly evolving field of chemistry which involves harnessing the energy from light sources to carry out unique chemical transformations and access drug-like scaffolds in milder and more efficient ways, in comparison with traditional chemical techniques. It is well established that drug candidate compounds with greater three-dimensionality often exhibit improved properties, hence my project has also involved investigating various novel approaches in asymmetric synthesis.

I have been heartened by the fortitude of Cambridge and its University in the face of adversity this year. I am extremely fortunate to enjoy unrestricted access to the laboratory and research facilities. Other opportunities such as undergraduate teaching, attending research seminars and college events have continued this year in alternative ways, now with the hope of safely returning to in-person formats.

Perhaps most of all I look forward to returning to performing as a tenor in the St John's Voices choir at our weekly evensong services. Being a member of SJV this year has been a wonderful experience – including regular performances throughout Michaelmas term, being a part of the Yuletide tradition in Cambridge, and participating in my first ever virtual choir performance during this year's lockdown.

I must thank the Cambridge Australia Scholarships and their generous donors for their unwavering support of my studies. Thanks also to this year's cohort of incredible scholars – all this social distancing has only brought us closer together.



Mitchell Chiew
Corpus Christi College, 2020
PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics
Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Studies

The first few months of my PhD saw me read intensively on hybrid quantum-classical algorithms – a particular kind of plan for a quantum computer that accommodates the limitations of current technology. I have studied the ways that quantum computers could use excess data resources to help keep themselves stable and protect against noisy environments. I have also read about how the same techniques could also help quantum computers mimic the behaviour of groups of interacting particles. Separately, I studied famous solutions to problems in a branch of mathematics known as graph theory. I have started writing a paper linking the mathematical problems to interacting particles, which may be able to provide more efficient blueprints for quantum computers than the existing world standard.



Hobbies

In the 14 months since the first lockdown in the UK, I have been expanding my palette and cooking skills with the help of an entire street of Asian and middle-eastern shops in Cambridge. Now that summer has come around again, sports in the Corpus Christi fields are on the rise, and I am keen to get back into some tennis on the lawn with old friends. Finally, I have been practising my long-time hobby of Rubik's Cube speedsolving, holding out for the eventual and triumphant return of in-person competitions across England.

Outside of academia

Exploring rural Scotland has given me a welcome chance to explore the UK beyond the crenellations and finely-mowed lawns of Cambridge. One of the ways I have managed my PhD-from-home so far is to mix it up with exploration of the untamed wilderness and the great outdoors.

Richard Chen

Pembroke College, 2019

PhD (Chemistry), Multinuclear NMR study of aluminium oxide coatings on nickel rich layered transition metal oxides

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Having chosen to remain in Cambridge over the entire duration of the pandemic in the United Kingdom, I have certainly had an interesting year in my program. Though I haven't visited family and friends in a year and a half, remaining has been invaluable towards my experience and training in science. It was extremely satisfying to be able to restart experiments again without being at the mercy of travel restrictions.

In my project I have been able to design experiments to collect unique data that will contribute to new science and this has really been accelerated by the diverse range of expertise and mentors in the research group. With this work, I am extremely excited to develop a fundamental understanding of how coatings on battery cathode materials evolve with electrochemical cycling and subsequently explain the observed improvements to cycling life. I envision the data I have collected can be used in at least two first author papers!

This past year I have also taken the opportunity to undertake demonstration work with the department which turned out to be a rewarding experience despite labs not being in person. I got to help educate undergraduate Chemistry students whilst revising fundamental concepts myself. I look forward to continuing demonstrations and even potentially supervisions.

During the lockdown I embraced the additional available time to learn how to cook many Chinese dishes – my proudest new skill being how to make dumplings completely from scratch! It has been a lot of fun but as lockdown restrictions in England finally loosen, I look forward to enjoying Cambridge in the Summer with activities like punting and seeing friends again.

It has been a challenging year but I'm confident that I will continue to make progress and continue to benefit from being at Cambridge.



Sophie Philip
Trinity College, 2020
MPhil in Criminological Research
Cambridge Australia Allen Masters Scholarship

I entered the MPhil in Criminological Research with no background whatsoever in social science, having studied law as an undergraduate. I have been rapidly immersed in criminological theory and research methods. More importantly, however, I have learnt to think empirically about many of the key questions concerning criminal justice that my prior legal work had already raised, and which the law approaches very differently. I came into the course keenly interested in domestic and family violence and the criminal law's development in this area. This interest has been greatly expanded by engagement with the sociology of punishment, which seeks empirically-founded answers to questions like: to what ends do states criminalise certain behaviours, and in respect of whom? My dissertation focuses on England and Wales' ground-breaking criminal offence of coercive control in an intimate or family relationship, introduced in late 2015. I am researching the official discourses that surrounded the legislation's introduction and the manner in which English and Welsh courts are sentencing under it.



The opportunities for non-academic expansion have, of course, been limited by COVID. I was fortunate that my college ran an in-person Freshers Week and, in Michaelmas term, my classes were in person. As such, I had the opportunity to make many friends from wildly varying disciplines early in the academic year. We have sustained each other through various iterations of lockdown. The mass shift to Zoom has also made it possible to attend a great variety of talks – I've watched everything from Judith Butler ruminating on the pandemic's effects to a presentation on the souvenir trade that once accompanied hangings in England and Wales.

This year has been challenging, wonderful in unexpected ways, and profoundly important to my trajectory. I cannot thank Mr Charles Allen AO and Cambridge Australia Scholarships enough for making it possible.

Kulunu Dharmakeerthi
Darwin College, 2020
MAST in Mathematical Statistics
Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Over the course of the past year I have had the opportunity to engage with the renowned mathematics faculty at the University of Cambridge. While certainly the conditions haven't been ideal this year, even virtually immersing myself in the mathematics department, through online lectures and virtual calls with the talented cohort, has been an invaluable experience. It has been difficult to meet other students and work collaboratively, but not impossible. Through zoom calls and working in small groups, as a cohort we have tried to retain the collaborative spirit that is so essential when studying mathematics.

The subjects I have taken this year are mostly in the areas of probability and mathematical statistics. In particular, I have just completed an essay on recent research concerning optimal transport methods and their applications to statistical theory. The opportunity to explore work at the frontier of mathematics and exposure to blossoming areas of research has been vital in defining my own interests as I look towards continuing my studies through a PhD. Next year I plan to undertake a PhD at the University of Chicago.

I have been fortunate to have incredible housemates and a welcoming college community that has made this tumultuous year easier. Currently, I am busy studying for my final examinations in mid- June. But the social atmosphere here at Darwin and its interesting international community certainly makes it easy to detach myself from work and distress – either at the Darwin Bar or the beautiful college gardens. With the end of lockdown and the easing of restrictions just around the corner, I intend to make up for lost time and do as much sight-seeing as possible before returning home.



Audrey McInnerney
Darwin College, 2020
MPhil in Biological Sciences (Plant Science)
Charlie Perkins Cambridge Scholarship

Over the past seven months I have been investigating the genetic basis of nitrate-responsive shoot branching plasticity in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. I have found the Sainsbury Laboratory to be a fantastic site to work within, fitted out with the best scientific equipment and fantastic academic minds. It is a very collaborative environment where I have been able to learn about other work happening in the plant science field. I am part of a friendly team who has worked hard to ensure that I integrated in well and have provided me with excellent academic support. I have spent many hours in the glasshouse space, growing and maintaining experiments. Throughout April I counted almost 10,000 branches and over 180,000 siliques for a large experiment. While it is robust data that forms the basis for half of my thesis, I would gladly never count another silique ever again.



Throughout the periods of national lockdown, I became very familiar with the walk to and from Grantchester, and Jack's Gelato (despite the cold). I am also fortunate to have friendly housemates to have shared this time with, playing card games, baking, and watching all of the Star Wars movies in chronological order.

With the end of lockdown and easing of restrictions, I am back on the water as a Darwin novice rower, and otherwise to be found at Fort St George or Jack's Gelato with the other CAS scholars. Recently having made time for day trips I have bathed in the sunlight on Brighton Beach, explored London's central district and admired the views of the stunning Ely Cathedral. As the term continues I am looking forward to participating in team sports and enjoying the many museums Cambridge has to offer. Most of all, I am excited to share quintessentially Cambridge experiences with my friends and fellow scholars and make the most of my time left here.

Deborah White
Pembroke College, 2021
MPhil in Criminological Research
Cambridge Australia Davis McCaughey Scholarship



I arrived in Cambridge in September 2020 full of cautious optimism for the uncertain year ahead. Whilst the pandemic has certainly impacted the traditional "Cambridge experience", like many students, I have endeavoured to make the most of my time here and embrace the remarkable opportunities Cambridge has to offer.

Having worked as a prosecutor for several years, the MPhil in Criminological Research has broadened my conception of crime beyond a legal standpoint and has prompted a more critical and multi-disciplinary approach to the justice system. Throughout my coursework I have engaged with a diversity of criminological issues ranging from legitimacy theory in policing, the politics of public interest litigation to the sociology of prison life. From professors to probation officers, I have gained important insights from leading academics and practitioners in the field that have shaped my understanding of criminal justice.

My dissertation focuses on the changing discourses of punishment, risk and rehabilitation in the criminal justice system through a historical analysis of Pre-Sentence Reports from 1960s to 2020. My research traces the shifting fault lines of criminal sentencing from the 'penal welfarism' of the 1960s to the rise of the 'preventative state' and actuarial justice in 2020.

Beyond my studies, I have immersed myself the vibrant student and sporting life at Cambridge. I have been active in the Pembroke College Boat Club and Tennis Club. I was elected by my peers to the Cambridge Graduate Law Society Executive and have organised events for the postgraduate law cohort, from speaker events to a summer garden party at Madingley Hall this June.

My favourite aspect of Cambridge is meeting students from a diversity of disciplines and backgrounds who are passionate about their respective fields and striving to make a positive difference in their community.

I am truly grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the donors of the Davis McCaughey Scholarship for supporting my education at Cambridge.

Adaena Sinclair-Blakemore
Trinity Hall, 2020
LLM (International Law)
Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship

My time at Cambridge has progressed well, despite the more challenging circumstances this academic year. The LLM has been academically rigorous yet very rewarding. I have specialised in international law and have taken papers in International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law, the Law of Armed Conflict and International Investment Law. For International Human Rights Law I have opted to write a dissertation in lieu of sitting the exam and have written about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women's rights under international law, which has allowed me to engage with very recent scholarship on human rights law during the pandemic and to analyse the responses of UN human rights treaty bodies and the measures adopted by states to address the disproportionately adverse impacts of the pandemic on women's rights. I have thoroughly enjoyed my other courses as well. In International Criminal Law, Judge Henderson of the International Criminal Court ('ICC') led one of our classes on ICC procedure and a legal advisor to the UK armed forces led two workshops for the Law of Armed Conflict on the regulation of cyber warfare, drones and autonomous weapons systems under international law.



Outside of my studies I have been a researcher for the Cambridge Pro Bono Project for which I worked with other graduate law students to research and write a report for an NGO about the prohibition against cruel and inhumane treatment under international law. I was also a General Editor for the Cambridge International Law Journal.

After the LLM, I will be staying in Cambridge for a few months to undertake some research work at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, where I will be assisting academics with projects relating to international criminal law, the law of armed conflict and women's rights under international law.

I am extremely grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the sponsors of the Frank Downing Scholarship for funding my LLM and making this year possible

Daniel Thambar
St Edmund's College, 2020
Master of Law (LLM)
Cambridge Australia Scholarship for Queensland

My time in Cambridge has been a rewarding and transformative experience. I arrived in Cambridge last September, after working as a public lawyer for several years.

I elected to take papers in International Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, Legislation and Law, Medicine and Life Sciences. In these papers, I learnt about some of the most topical and challenging issues facing our society today, including the normative and legal basis for the UK government's lockdown policies; the ethics of rationing life-saving medical treatment during the pandemic; and the international community's response to climate change, biodiversity loss, and water pollution. These courses provided me with the opportunity to learn from some of the world's leading academics and will deeply enrich my practice in public law and international law.

Outside of my studies, I co-managed a team of researchers for the Cambridge Pro Bono Project. Our client was International Lawyers for West Papua – an organisation that promotes West Papua's right to self-determination. We prepared submissions to several UN Special Rapporteurs, drawing their attention to the human rights violations in West Papua. During the project, we were fortunate enough to meet with the interim President for West Papua, and to work for one of the leading international law barristers at the London bar.



Despite the pandemic, there were so many highlights during the year that I will always treasure, including rowing for the first time along the River Cam, cycling through Cambridge's beautiful streets, and attending guest lectures on a range of interesting topics. I've also been fortunate enough to forge close friendships with some wonderful people from all over the world.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Justice Anthe Philippides for making this experience possible, and for supporting me throughout my time at Cambridge.

Michaela Glass
Jesus, 2020
Masters in Corporate Law (MCL)
Cambridge Australia Patrick Moore Scholarship

My year studying the MCL was incredible, both personally and professionally. I took four electives across Michaelmas and Lent — Comparative Corporate Governance, The Law Firm as a Business, Shareholder Litigation and International Merger Control. These challenged me to think not only about how the law operates, but how this interacts with economic and social principles and shapes commercial behaviour. These classes prepared me for being a leader as well as a lawyer. I was awarded three Firsts.

I also studied two year-long modules, Deals and Competition Law. Deals considers the legal and economic framework behind mergers and acquisitions. I loved this unit because it was highly interactive, featuring guest lecturers from major international firms. Finally, Competition Law built on my undergraduate studies, adding a lot of depth about regulatory enforcement and EU law.

Outside my studies I was actively involved in sport. I competed for Cambridge in Varsity and BUCS Triathlon and Cycling championships and was a member of the Jesus College rowing team. I was elected to the Cambridge University Graduate Law Society. In that role I organised guest speakers, including Professor the Honourable Marilyn Warren AC QC (former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria). Finally, I was the Jesus College representative on the Law Faculty Staff-Student Consultative Committee.

Overall, my Cambridge experience was extraordinary. I loved my courses, met mentors and peers from across the world and extended myself beyond what I thought possible. I improved as an athlete and represented a wonderful team at major competitions. Finally, I made friends I'll carry with me throughout the rest of my life. My time at Cambridge opened so many doors and gave me a glimpse of what is possible for the future. I can't thank you enough for making this possible — it truly has been life changing.



Dr Elina T Ziukelis
Clare Hall, 2020
MPhil Basic and Translational Neuroscience
Cambridge Australia Patrick Moore Scholarship

While prolonged lockdown dramatically changed the expected trajectory of the year, it also brought a calmness to Cambridge to be savoured following a demanding rotation on Melbourne's COVID-19 wards. Clare Hall became a serene haven from which I could read, deliberate and write without distraction, with a plethora of expertise and visionary perspective flexibly available at the other end of a Zoom call, amid a beautiful landscape completely unobscured by tourists.

My research project is supervised by Professor John O'Brien and Dr Elijah Mak in the Department of Psychiatry. We are investigating an emerging brain imaging marker called fractal dimension. The project will contribute to both the PREVENT study and NiAD study, two cohort studies aiming to identify biomarkers of pre-symptomatic Alzheimer's Disease. Early markers of the disease will be required to initiate new treatments when they are likely to be most impactful. Under my supervisors' guidance I have also written my first systematic review, recently submitted for publication. This is on the topic of fractal dimension of the brain in neurodegenerative disease and dementia.

The extended essay requirement of my course allowed me to explore psychiatric manifestations of neurological disease from a different angle. I investigated the origin of post-stroke depression, scrutinising evidence of both "endogenous" and "reactive" underpinnings and highlighting complex interactions between biological and environmental contributors that should be considered in both research and clinical practice.

After travelling to Manchester for a socially distanced clinical examination, I recently obtained UK medical registration. I look forward to beginning some locum work in the NHS. I hope to gain clinical experience in both old age psychiatry and neuropsychiatry to complement my academic work.



2021 PHD SCHOLARS

Five PhD Scholarships were awarded in 2021.

The CAS PhD Selection Committee convened on Thursday 26th March online via ZOOM. The PhD selection committee consisted of Dr Madeline Mitchell, Mr Jeremy Newman, Dr Peng Yu, Dr Olivia Meehan, Professor David Williams, Dr Christopher Gregory.

The committee carefully reviewed 41 high-quality applications from Australian candidates.

THE 2021 PHD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE:

Alaric Sanders

Cambridge Australia McCrum Scholarship

PhD in Physics

Alaric is most interested in studying collective quantum phenomena, with particular emphasis on topological states of matter. He has taken pure mathematics courses in differentiable manifolds and topology, both of which he would count among his most rewarding academic endeavours.

Alaric aspires to have a career in academia. He is seeking a position at the frontier of human knowledge in a dynamic environment filled with students and colleagues whose work is driven by passion and the belief that certain things demand study because they are intrinsically interesting. He sees himself pursuing the field of theoretical condensed matter physics, because of the huge potential for model building and proximity to experimental verification. It is his greatest desire to develop some formalism, computer code or theory that will be of real use to future researchers in their studies, such that he may leave some tool-mark on the body of science.

Joel Hochstetter

Cambridge Australia Kater Scholarship

PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics

Joel aspires for a career in academia with his end goal as a Professor in Physics at a top Australian university. Throughout his research career, Joel plans to work at the interface of physics and biology, focusing on theory and modelling in close collaboration with experimentalists.

A PhD in the DAMTP at Cambridge will teach him to design and perform quality scientific studies. Joel will efficiently unfamiliar material from stem cell biology and meet essential research collaborators for his career.

Postdoctoral appointments will enable him to increase his diversity of connections. He plans to expand his horizons by working at universities in Europe and the United States.

On return to Australia, Joel aims to foster vibrant international collaborations with the United Kingdom and Europe. By leveraging his connections, he will facilitate the mobility of research students between world-class institutions. Joel hopes his legacy will contribute to increasing Australia's standing in the global research arena.

Lorrie Jacob**Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship****PhD in Chemistry**

Lorrie's long-term career plans are to become an influential leader, progressive academic, and active science communicator. She wants to lead a research group to continue to grow the field of atmospheric chemistry. There is still much that is left to be understood and discovered in climate science. Lorrie would love to be able to continue to propel this research forward.

Lorrie aims to become a University lecturer, helping to develop the next generation of scientists. Quality education is important for the advancement of society, and critical thinkers are needed in a range of positions. Lorrie wants to be able to encourage, nurture and develop the future thinkers of our society.

Finally, Lorrie aims to become a science communicator to inform the public about the need for climate action and promote discourse. Many policymakers' decisions rely on the opinions of the public, and she believes that scientists have a role to play in helping to shape the public's views.

Aman King**Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship****PhD in Archaeology**

Aman's long term goal is to teach and research as an archaeological scientist at the university level. Undertaking a PhD with a specific focus on ZooMS is a necessary step that will stimulate her intellectual pursuit to attain this goal. As ZooMS is a young and rapidly developing field of inquiry within archaeological science, Aman is of the conviction that she will contribute to cross-disciplinary collaboration between the sciences and humanities. She is also aware that we live in a fractured world yet to grasp the long term effects of COVID-19. Thus, her lifelong ambition is to use a privileged position at Cambridge to improve the lives of the disadvantaged. Aman wishes to dedicate a portion of her working life to teach and engage with disadvantaged youth in Punjab (India) and make archaeology/heritage accessible. This revolves around her passion for studying the human past that unites us in our shared collective experience to help us understand how we as a society have evolved and will continue to.

Olivia Formby**Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship****PhD in History**

Olivia's training in history thus far, as an Honours and MPhil student, has led her to this point. Olivia has developed the historiographical and research skills needed to meet the rigorous intellectual demands of her PhD at Cambridge. She has a passion for her subject and for the research process that will take her deep into the archives and out again, to challenge her ways of thinking. Olivia's PhD project represents the pinnacle of her graduate training and will provide the opportunities she needs to research, to learn from the greatest minds in her field (especially Alex Walsham), to develop her academic network, and to define herself as a worthy early modern historian. Then, Olivia will pursue a post-doctoral position in the UK or Australia and publish her first monograph. She envisages a public dimension to her work in the form of public lectures, collaborations, and media engagement. Ultimately, she wants to research, to teach, and to eventually pay forward the mentorship that she has been privileged to receive herself.

2021 MASTERS SCHOLARS

This year, selection panels assembled online via ZOOM to consider candidates from Victoria, New South Wales, ACT, Queensland and Western Australia for the CAS Masters scholarships. These scholarships are open to Australian graduate students with proven academic ability who also demonstrate achievement in other fields, contribute to the community, possess excellent character and demonstrate leadership ability.

Some individual scholarships have criteria that goes beyond the standard CAS Masters requirements. These criteria are below:

Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship (VIC)

For Australian citizens who have graduated from a Victorian university or were born in Victoria. Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship holders must show proven academic ability, demonstrate achievements in other fields, and be of excellent character.

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship (VIC)

For Australian citizens who have graduated from an Australian university. Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship holders must show proven academic ability, demonstrate achievements in other fields, and be of excellent character.

Cambridge Australia Allen STEM Scholarship

For Australian citizens who have graduated from an Australian university. Cambridge Australia Allen STEM Scholarship holders must be pursuing a STEM subject, show proven academic ability, demonstrate achievements in other fields, and be of excellent character.

Cambridge Australia Frank Downing scholarship (WA)

For candidates, who have graduated from a Western Australian university or were born in WA. This scholarship may be awarded in preference for study in law.

Davis McCaughey scholarship

For candidates Australia-wide. This scholarship is tenable at Pembroke College and may be awarded in preference to candidates already accepted by Pembroke.

Queensland Australia Scholarship

For Australian citizens who have graduated from a Queensland university or who were born in Queensland. The Queensland Australia Scholarship holders must be pursuing an LLM Master of Law. Consideration will be given to candidates personal circumstances where some kind of disadvantage (past or present) exists.

The application papers of 78 Australian Masters candidates were provided to CAS by the Cambridge Trust. These were split into, state groups and considered by the selection panels.

Masters Scholarship Selection

For 2021 we made some changes to the process used to select Scholars to make the approach fairer, faster, simpler.

The new approach leveraged technology to conduct all interviews online via ZOOM and utilised a single national selection panel (augmented with additional interviewers as required) in place of the previous multiple (state-based) panels.

The selection panel consisted of Lindsay Jones, Katrina Crooks, Raul Sanchez-Urribarri and Anna Lee.

The panel convened to interview candidates from

Western Australia on the 11th of May

Victoria on the 26th of May

NSW & ACT on the 2nd of June

QLD on the 3rd of June

The 2021 Masters Scholarship Recipients are:

Madeleine Durand

Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship

Master of Law

Madeleine aims to become a pre-eminent public law lawyer, either as a government advocate or a private counsel. Apart from her time as an associate to the Chief Justice of Australia (in 2023), from 2021 she will work as a solicitor at the State Solicitor's Office. If she later becomes a private counsel, Madeleine will maintain her interest in public service, by using her skills to engage in a substantial pro bono practice. In the long term, she hopes to gain appointment to a role such as Solicitor-General of Western Australia or Australia.

Further, Madeleine hopes to also contribute to Australia's legal and justice system through academic writing and engagement. It is only through principled academic analysis that a proper assessment can be made about whether our legal system and legislative framework properly serves the community. Consequently, in the last 10 months, she has published papers (two being co-authored), which contain a detailed analysis of the law and consider whether it is legally consistent and just.



Dr Katherine Suter
Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship
MPhil in Population Health Science

Medicine has been a wondrous career – Katherine has been fortunate to meet and interact with people from all walks of life – from patients to professors, from Australia to East Timor, each experience has allowed her to grow. This universality of medicine has been the strong driving influence on the direction of her career.

As a general and trauma surgeon in training, Katherine continues to aspire for mastery of surgical technique and knowledge. As a researcher, she wants to further contribute to the culture of innovation in building healthier communities, with this Masters as a stepping stone to further research degrees. Furthermore, Katherine would like to continue her global approach to her practice with on-going volunteer work at the grass roots level. As a teacher, she will continue to pass on her knowledge with daily bedside teaching and other formal roles such as lecturing. Another goal is to maintain a well-balanced life by taking the time to enjoy her life pursuits such as running and rock climbing.

Germain Tobar
Cambridge Australia Allen STEM Scholarship
MASt in Applied Mathematics

Understanding the foundations of quantum mechanics and its application in quantum computation presents itself as the ultimate challenge to understanding the laws of the natural world and how they can be applied to improve the world. Germain is currently looking to begin a research career in quantum foundations and quantum information theory. Over his career, he hopes to contribute to the development of our understanding of quantum mechanics from an information-theoretic perspective. Germain's career goals can be summarised into two key aims. Firstly he'd like to investigate whether an understanding of quantum mechanics from an information-theoretic perspective can lead to the development of our understanding of foundational aspects of quantum physics such as entanglement and the quantisation of gravity.

Secondly, Germain like to apply his soon to be developed knowledge of quantum information theory to the advancement of quantum computation technological capabilities.



Adrian David**Cambridge Australia Erich Narev Scholarship****MPhil Criminology**

Adrian's career goal is to maximise his criminological knowledge, research and critical analysis skills in order to apply it in a contemporary, practical context. Specifically, it is to facilitate the collaborative relationship between academia and government law enforcement organisations.

During his professional experience with the New South Wales Police Force, Adrian has observed gaps in research, criminological knowledge and an inability to evaluate theoretical and empirical research relating to criminal justice. Adrian's goals are to become an expert in the field of policing, particularly relating to the policing of ethnic identities and sharing this knowledge to facilitate policy and cultural shifts in the field. By completing further research, Adrian thinks he will be better positioned to increase the awareness of current shortfalls and debates in the field of policing. His aim is to use theoretical knowledge to communicate synthesised criminological knowledge to specialist and non specialist audience.

Patrick Cook**Cambridge Australia Davis McCaughey Scholarship****MPhil in Population Health Science**

Patrick is inspired to study the MPhil in Population Health Sciences to meaningfully change healthcare. The MPhil is a crucial link to become a public health physician, as a training requirement for the Royal Australian College of Physicians, Faculty of Public Health Medicine. This Masters will formally establish and enhance his understanding of research methods and population health, developing capacity to produce evidence and agitate for change in healthcare research and policy.

Patrick's goal is to work within population health operations, advocacy and research within governments and organisations within Australia and internationally. Now, more than ever, strong public health is needed promote health and wellbeing.



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All CAS scholarships are funded by individual donations in conjunction with the Cambridge Trust.

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OUR PRIORITIES

Cambridge Australia Scholarships Ltd (CAS) is the main Australian funding body for talented Australians to study at the University of Cambridge.

While the Cambridge Societies around Australia act as a social hub for Cambridge alumni in Australia, CAS works with the University of Cambridge, in particular the Cambridge Trust, to ensure that the best and brightest Australians have the opportunity to study in Cambridge.

We do this by focusing on the following priority areas:

- Information: we provide accurate and timely information to interested scholars via our website.
- Partnering with Cambridge: we liaise regularly with the University of Cambridge, in particular the Cambridge Trust, to ensure our activities align with the University's objectives.
- Promotion of scholarships: we promote CAS scholarships widely to maximise the number of applicants
- Fundraising: we seek to raise funds to expand the number of scholarships available. (CAS still receives more applications each year than we can support).
- Building the CAS alumni community: we seek to facilitate relationships between CAS scholars while they are in residence at Cambridge and beyond the completion of their degree.
- Partnering with other organisations: we look for ways to advance our objectives by partnering with other organisations, for example in relation to the indigenous scholarship programmes.
- Good governance: we ensure best practice governance in relation to the administration of CAS and the management of our resources and investments.



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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Revenue	2a 257,687	209,598
Interest Revenue	25	51
Administration expenses	2b (42,364)	(43,457)
Donation expenses	(44,643)	-
Travel expenses	(26,545)	(4,613)
Accounting expenses	(1,980)	(1,980)
Other expenses	2c (2,092)	(13,086)
Surplus for the year	140,088	146,513
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	140,088	146,513

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	302,969	171,844
Other receivables	4	15,900	15,900
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		318,869	187,744
TOTAL ASSETS		318,869	187,744
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	-	8,963
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	8,963
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	8,963
NET ASSETS		318,869	178,781
EQUITY			
Accumulated surpluses		318,869	178,781
TOTAL EQUITY		318,869	178,781

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

2020

	Accumulated surpluses	Total
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 2020	178,781	178,781
Surplus for the year	140,088	140,088
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>318,869</u>	<u>318,869</u>

2019

	Accumulated surpluses	Total
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 2019	32,268	32,268
Surplus for the year	146,513	146,513
Balance at 31 December 2019	<u>178,781</u>	<u>178,781</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers, donors and others	257,687	209,566
Payments to suppliers and employees	(126,587)	(55,652)
Interest received	25	51
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	6 <u>131,125</u>	<u>153,965</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	131,125	153,965
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>171,844</u>	<u>17,879</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	3 <u><u>302,969</u></u>	<u><u>171,844</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Reporting Framework

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared to meet the requirement of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under the Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the basis of accounting specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107: Statement of Cashflows, AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures.

The company has concluded that the requirements set out in AASB 10 and AASB 128 are not applicable as the initial assessment on its interests in other entities indicated that it does not have any subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.

These special purpose financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when control of the performance obligations are transferred to the customer.

Each agreement is analysed to determine the revenue recognition in accordance with the five step model. Where performance obligations have not been met, it will result in unearned income at year end.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand and short-term deposits held with banks which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(c) Income Tax

A provision for income tax is not necessary as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(d) Economic Dependence

Under an arrangement with the Australian National University (ANU), the assets that enable scholarships to be granted over time are held by the ANU Endowment for Excellence in trust. The Board of Directors have no reason to believe the relationship with the ANU will change materially in the next twelve months.

(e) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

2 Income and Expenses from Ordinary Activities

2a Donations revenue consists of transfers from funds held by ANU Endowment for Excellence \$88,600 and donations received through Cambridge Australia's DGR account \$169,087.

2b Administration expense of \$42,364 includes \$42,341 of fees paid to the administrator.

2c Other expenses are made up of miscellaneous expenses such as catering costs and other incidental expenses.

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3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	302,969	171,844
	<u>302,969</u>	<u>171,844</u>

4 Trade and Other Receivables

CURRENT

Other receivables	15,900	15,900
	<u>15,900</u>	<u>15,900</u>

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

5 Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued expense	-	8,963
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,963</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

6 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of operating result for the year to net cash flows provided by operating activities

Operating surplus for the year	140,088	146,513
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	-	19
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(8,963)	7,433
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	<u>131,125</u>	<u>153,965</u>

7 Contingencies

In the opinion of those charged with governance, the company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2020 (31 December 2019: None).

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8 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The COVID-19 Pandemic began in early 2020 and continues to affect organisations after December 2020. The future impact of the pandemic on the company is unknown, however the Board is satisfied on its ability to continue as a going concern during the year ending 31 December 2021. On this basis the Board are currently satisfied that the short term implications will not materially or adversely affect the company ability to continue as a going concern.

There are no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operation of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

9 Statutory Information

- Registered office and Principal place of business

Cambridge Australia Scholarships Ltd
Ormond College
Parkville VIC 3052

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10 Australian National University Endowment for Excellence - Cambridge Australia Scholarship Fund

As outlined in note 1(d) to the financial statements, funds held in relation to the company's scholarships are held by the ANU Endowment for Excellence in trust in the Cambridge Australia Scholarship Fund. The ANU Endowment for Excellence is audited by the Australian National Audit Office. This fund has net tangible assets as at 31 December 2020 totalling \$14,816,244. During the year ended 31 December 2020, the fund's financial performance was as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Investment Income	574,257	600,061
Donations received	480,091	651,496
Total revenue	1,054,348	1,251,557
Expenses		
Scholarship expense	(530,347)	(767,835)
Secretarial expense	(63,600)	(56,365)
Realised gain/loss on foreign exchange translation	-	(16,551)
Other	(1,000)	-
Total costs	(594,947)	(840,751)
Net surplus	459,401	410,806

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Poynton bequest made up 88% of total donations received, and Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited has an entitlement of 50% of income from this bequest in perpetuity.

The company's directors and/or the nominees provide guidance in relation to the scholarships to be awarded as required by the Company's Constitution.

At the end of 2020, Cambridge Australia Scholarships supported 35 scholars and honorary scholars in residence. The combined group's capacity to provide scholarships rests on the following key issues:

- Level of ongoing donor support
- Level of investment income generated on endowment funds
- Changes to Cambridge University and college costs
- \$A / Sterling exchange rate
- Administration expenditure

Total annual cost of supporting a scholar in Cambridge annually depends upon:

- The fee level, which varies by degree
- The \$A/ Sterling exchange rate

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10 Australian National University Endowment for Excellence - Cambridge Australia Scholarship Fund

- Maintenance - which is different for degrees three terms' residence - e.g., the LLM - versus the other master's degrees and the PhD degrees which require residence across the full year, including long vacations

To illustrate the total, for scholars entering the University in 2020, the total annual cost of support could vary from £36,000 to £42,000, to which would be added some other additional minor expenses in the form of contributions towards thesis binding, settling in and airfares. The variance in cost of support is driven by the different fee levels for each subject area in Cambridge.

The company's directors continue to work towards a seamless and transparent financial reporting solution for the combined group and its stakeholders.

11 Administrative Expenses

11a Annual reimbursements of £10,000 are received from the Cambridge Trust to Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited for administrative cost.

11b Total administrative expenses represented 6% of the total fund earnings in 2020 (4.5% in 2019)

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Directors' Declaration

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that these special purpose financial statements should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

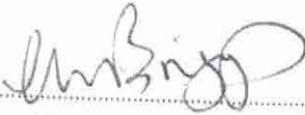
The directors of the company declare that:

- the financial statements and notes, are in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, as described in Note 1 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.


Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

Director

Dated:


CHRIS BRIGGS
24/6/21

Director


AMRITA BANRA
25-6-21


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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2020, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the review; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.


Saward Dawson


Jeffrey Tulk
Partner

Blackburn, VIC

Dated: 28 June 2021

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Independent Auditor's Review Report to the members of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited

Report on the Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC Regulation). ASRE 2415 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

Note 10

The information disclosed in Note 10 *Australian National University Endowment for Excellence - Cambridge Australia Scholarship Fund* was provided directly from the Australian National University. No supporting information to enable verification of this information was provided. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain sufficient supporting evidence in relation to the accuracy of the information in Note 10. As such, we are required to modify our conclusion in relation to this matter.

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Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, with the exception of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note , and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Saward Dawson



Jeffrey Tulk
Partner

Blackburn, VIC

Dated this.....28.....day of.....June.....2021



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