

ANNUAL REPORT

2010 – 2011

Cambridge Australia
Scholarships Limited
ACN 146 517 336



INTRODUCTION

Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited (CAS), ACN 146 517 366, was incorporated on 24 September 2010 as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

Its Constitution, and details of its operations, are available on the website:

www.cambridgeaustralia.org.au.

As a result of 2010 changes to the *Corporations Act 2001*, CAS is considered a small company limited by guarantee with consolidated revenue less than the statutory threshold of \$250,000. As such it is not required, unless directed to do so under specified circumstances, to:

- prepare a financial report or have it audited;
- prepare a directors' report; or
- notify members of annual reports.

However, given that the directors of CAS intend it to operate, wherever possible, in accordance with good corporate governance principles, CAS has published this Annual Report.

CAS has a close relationship with the Australian National University (ANU) formalised by an agreement dated 19 October 2010 between CAS, ANU and the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. By this agreement, CAS and ANU agree to co-operate for the purposes of Cambridge scholarships in Australia. The ANU Endowment for Excellence holds most scholarship funds, as it has done since the early 1980s, and is audited by the Australian National Audit Office.

It is important to emphasize that, notwithstanding this association with the ANU, CAS operates independently of all universities, and has close ties across Australia. Our selection panels, both for Ph.D and Masters awards, are made up of eminent academics from across the country. We are always looking for ways to extend these relationships.

Abbreviations used in this Report

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| • | CAS | Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited |
| • | CCT | Cambridge Commonwealth and Overseas Trusts |
| • | CAT | Cambridge Australia Trust (predecessor organisation to CAS) |
| • | ANU | Australian National University |

CHAIR'S REPORT

"Creating an organisation for the future"

It is a privilege to chair Cambridge Australia Scholarships (CAS).

CAS exists for one purpose: to support the best and brightest Australians to study at one of the world's leading universities. Nearly 1,000 Australians have been, directly or indirectly, supported by CAS (and its predecessor, the Cambridge Australia Trust) since the mid 1980s. These alumni are now in significant positions of global leadership across a range of areas including Government, business, the professions, academia and science.

We should be collectively proud of this, and grateful to the generous donors who have made these achievements possible. CAS receives no public support; what has been achieved to date – and will be in the future – depends solely on the generosity of individuals and organisations.

We still have challenges ahead to establish CAS as a sustainable and effective organisation. In particular, the board and I would like to increase the level of representation from NSW and WA in particular.

If you feel able to assist CAS in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Richard Dammary
Chair
(Trinity, Ph.D, 1987)

DIRECTORS

The Constitution of CAS states that the Company must have a minimum of four, and not more than twelve, directors. Directors are appointed for a period of 2 years, and may be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms.

Where possible, the Board should be nationally representative: i.e. have a representative who is resident in each State and Territory.

During 2010-11, the directors of CAS were:

Dr Richard Dammary, Chair (VIC)

Richard completed a Ph.D at Trinity College between 1987 to 1990. He is currently a corporate partner of Minter Ellison Lawyers, based in Melbourne.

Professor Allan Barton (ACT)

Allan has been involved with the Cambridge Australia Trust since its inception in the mid 1980s, acting as its Treasurer from 1996-2010. He is a Visiting Fellow and Emeritus Professor in the College of Business and Economics at the ANU, and a former Pro Vice-Chancellor and Treasurer of ANU (1984-96). He undertook his Ph.D in economics at Christ's College 1956-59, and is a regular Visiting Fellow to Wolfson College.

Dr James Forrest (VIC)

James completed a Ph.D in Engineering at Pembroke College from 1995 to 1999, as a Packer Cambridge Australia scholar. He is now a senior research scientist at the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) in Melbourne.

Mrs Taruna Heuzenroeder (SA)

Taruna completed an LLM at Gonville and Caius College in 2007, supported by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. She is currently an Associate at Lipman Karas, a specialist legal practice.

Dr Dominic Katter (QLD)

Dominic read for an MPhil at St Edmund's College in 1998-1999. He was a Wakefield Scholar and received a bursary from the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. Dominic is at the Queensland Bar, where he has a commercial practice.

Mr Patrick Moore (Vic)

Patrick is a donor to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, having established the Masters scholarship program in Victoria. He matriculated in 1963 as an undergraduate at St Catharine's College. He read Economics and Law. He is a keen oarsman, having rowed for the university in the 1965 Blue Boat.

Hon Justice Michael Pembroke (NSW)

Michael completed the LL.B. at Cambridge in 1978-79. He is a Governor of WWF-Australia, a published author, fly fisherman and a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Professor Nic Peterson (ACT)

Nic is Professor of Anthropology at ANU, and Secretary of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Ltd. He was at King's from 1960-1963 reading archaeology and anthropology.

Dr Paul Schreier (ACT)

Paul is a Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He was an undergraduate and Ph.D student at Queens' between 1987 and 1994, subsequently serving in the Royal Navy and working as a partner at McKinsey & Co.

Board Committees

The board has formed a number of committees to focus on its key activities. These are as follows:

- Finance (Chair: Paul Schreier)
- Ph.D Scholarship (Chair: Nic Peterson)
- Masters Scholarship (Chair: James Forrest)
- Alumni and Promotions (Chair: Patrick Moore)

SNAPSHOT: PAST YEAR 2010-11

GETTING MOVING

2011 has been the 'establishment phase' of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Ltd (CAS). Highlights include:

"Establishing CAS to enhance the availability of Cambridge scholarships to Australians"

- launching a new website (www.cambridgeaustralia.org.au)
- Integrating this with our scholar/alumni database so we can keep in touch with past and current scholars
- Establishing and refreshing the board of directors
- Strengthening the relationship with the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust and the Cambridge University Development Office
- Having Australia's achievements recognised by Cambridge University through the induction of CAS as a Companion of the 'Guild of Cambridge Benefactors'.

PH.D SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2011, nine Ph.D Scholarships were awarded. The selected scholars will join/replace 36 Australians currently resident in Cambridge and supported by CAS.

MASTERS DEGREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Only one Masters scholarship was awarded by CAS in 2011 (with one deferred), due largely to fewer applicants than in past years. Since CAS has the capacity to award up to five Masters' scholarships a year, this was a little disappointing.

OUR ALUMNI NETWORK

Having established a database of all CAS/Cambridge Australia Trust alumni, we are well placed to establish a more vibrant scholar alumni network.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CAMBRIDGE

Our relationship with the Cambridge Commonwealth and Overseas Trusts, and the University of Cambridge generally, has never been stronger. It was extremely pleasing that the University saw fit to honour CAS in March 2011 by inducting it as a Companion of the Guild of Cambridge Benefactors.

SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Ph.D Scholarships

Ten of the applicants received an offer of a scholarship. One of these decided to defer until 2012. The final nine CAS Ph.D scholars for 2011 are listed below:

Name	Subject	Scholarship
Mr Gareth Ainsworth	Pure Mathematics	R A Fisher Cambridge Australia Scholarship
Miss Madeleine Yates	Engineering	Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholarship
Ms Alysia Blackham	Legal Studies	Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholarship
Mr Matthew Dunstan	Chemistry	Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholarship
Ms Anne Hanley	History	Allen Cambridge Australia Scholarship
Mr Brendan McConnell	Chemistry	Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholarship
Mr Jonathan Scarlett	Engineering	Poynton Cambridge Australia International Scholarship
Miss Michelle Wallis	History and Philosophy of Science	Poynton Cambridge Australia International Scholarship
Mr Matthew Young	Astronomy	Poynton Cambridge Australia Scholarship

The membership of the selection committee was the Professor John Love (ANU, Chair), Professor Andrew Dzurak (UNSW), Professor Jan Anderson (ANU), Professor Andrew Holmes (University of Melbourne), Professor Nicolas Peterson (ANU) and Professor Anona Armstrong (Victoria University). Ms Liz Walters assisted the committee.

The committee considered 34 applications provided by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. These were ranked individually by the committee members, and submitted to Professor Love who collated the various assessments. The committee met on 25 March 2011 at the ANU in Canberra to discuss any differences in the rating and arrived at a consensus.

Masters Selection 2011

Details of nine candidates were provided to the selection panel by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. This was a smaller number than prior years, in which there have been up to about 30 eligible candidates for these scholarships. The scholarships are currently open to Victorians or graduates of Victorian universities.

Five candidates were shortlisted for interview on 6 June 2011, following a preliminary assessment of candidates conducted on 26 May 2011. One shortlisted candidate decided to defer, and so was not interviewed. The panel was impressed by the quality of the remaining four candidates and considered that they all fulfilled the selection criteria for the Masters scholarships. Therefore all four interviewed applicants received offers of a scholarship.

Subsequently, one candidate accepted an alternative scholarship, another declined the offer of a place at Cambridge, and a third decided to defer until 2012. Given the small field this year, the selection panel decided that only one Patrick Moore / Charles Allen scholarship would be awarded, to Ms Liane Hartnett for an MPhil in International Relations.

The members of the selection panel for the CAS Victorian Masters Scholarships this year were Dr James Forrest (chair), Professor Anona Armstrong and Mr Jerry Platt. Mr Patrick Moore assisted in the shortlisting and final review processes.

Other Scholarships

In addition to the scholars noted above, 16 other Australians were awarded other scholarships under the auspices of the CCT. This includes six Ph.D scholarships, five Masters scholarships and five undergraduate scholarships. Including the scholarships awarded by CAS, this means a total of 26 outstanding Australian scholars have been supported this year.

THANKS

Donors

- Charles Allen AO
- Patrick Moore
- The 67 donors who responded to the 2010 annual appeal (names withheld for privacy reasons)

Support

- Cambridge Commonwealth and Overseas Trusts, Director Michael O'Sullivan and team
- Australian National University
- ANU Endowment for Excellence, Director Joan Uhr and team
- Minter Ellison Lawyers
- Stuart Gill, British Consul-General Victoria, and Mrs Maggie Gill
- James Forrest, Brian Cherry, Jerry Platt, Anona Armstrong, Sally Gras, Mie Gregson, Maurice Chiodo (Victoria), Liz Waters (ACT)

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