



KATHLEEN LUMLEY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER: VOLUME 1

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FROM THE CHAIR

We are pleased to introduce the first edition of the annual Kathleen Lumley Foundation stakeholder newsletter, via which we will bring you updates on the Foundation’s activities, programs and new initiatives.

The last 18 months have seen the Foundation finalise its transition from College to Foundation, developing the new Foundation Constitution that provides a framework – outlined further in this newsletter – for continuing the work of the former Kathleen Lumley College in supporting higher degree and post-doctoral researchers associated with a public South Australian university.

In finalising the College property sales in October last year, the Council was particularly pleased that the purchaser of all but one of the former College properties is continuing to provide student accommodation. We also acknowledge the work of Emma Johnson, Eston Property and her associate Bill Waterhouse for their work over two years, setting and following through on the sales strategy and property management that both maintained an income stream and also maximised the resultant sales proceeds.

The additional appointment of Ms Jennifer Duncan of Uncommon Good in February 2024 to lead secretariat support to the Foundation has facilitated the development and implementation of the inaugural strategic plan, along with the creation and adoption of a suite of policies, and the establishment of the Finance and Investment; Scholarships Criteria and Assessment; and History Committees, to guide both decision making and operations.



From left to right: Professor Deborah Turnbull, Mr Chris Gent, Dr Alex Cowie, Mrs Julia McKay, Ms Sue Pitman, Mr Nigel Stevenson, Mrs Wendy Wills, Associate Professor Kath McEvoy, Ms Nicole Borrelli, Mr Geoffrey Heithersay AO.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING






The Foundation’s AGM was held on 28 June, and we were pleased to share our biggest milestones over the past year with so many of our valued life members (pictured above). True to tradition, the AGM was held at The British in North Adelaide, a familiar haunt for many of Kathleen Lumley College's former residents and a place holding years of fond memories.

SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

The Scholarships Criteria and Assessment Committee, Chaired by Professor Deborah Turnbull, have confirmed the focus and criteria for the Foundation’s inaugural scholarships round.

We look forward to supporting up to five PhD students studying at Flinders or Adelaide University, who are working on a topic aligned with at least three of the agreed Sustainable Development Goals with the potential to contribute to systemic change for health access and welfare outcomes. Scholarships will provide \$18,000 per student per year for up to 3.5 years.

The Council acknowledges external member Professor Tim Cavagnaro for bringing his knowledge, expertise and Flinders University perspective to the Committee.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT
<p>The Finance and Investment Committee, Chaired by Nigel Stevenson, oversaw the finalisation of sale for the former College properties, and the appointment of Macquarie as the Foundation’s investment advisors to implement and deliver on the agreed investment strategy.</p> <p>Following the consolidation of the sale proceeds with the existing investments, the Foundation has been able to establish an investment corpus of approximately \$20million, which will generate sufficient returns to fund scholarships, grants and operating expenses in perpetuity, ensuring lasting impact in our areas of focus.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges external Committee member Ben Wilson for sharing his investment and finance, knowledge and expertise.</p>
HISTORY AND COMMUNICATIONS
<p>The History Committee, Chaired by Sue Pitman, worked with Adelaide-based Living Stories to capture, recognise and celebrate the College’s achievements since its inception in 1967, through the development of a series of historical videos.</p> <p>These powerful films tell the story of the former College and more importantly – its residents – whilst also progressing the groundwork for the future direction of the Foundation. Being able to identify and reconnect with past College residents from each decade throughout this process has been an honour.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges everyone who has connected with us throughout these activities, and we look forward to sharing the finished films with you and increasing our engagement over the coming months.</p>
FUTURE FORWARD
<p>As 2025 progresses the Council are focussed on and looking forward to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Formalising and announcing our new patron→ Launching the Foundation’s history video and announcing the new scholarships program→ Engaging with College alumni and other supporters through social media and the Foundation’s website→ Finalising agreements with both Flinders University and the new Adelaide University to support the administration of the Foundation’s inaugural scholarship round, and→ Progressing the development of a complementary grants program for postdoctoral researchers at Flinders and Adelaide universities. <p>To keep up to date on these activities and more, connect with us via our social accounts in the footer.</p>
MEMBERSHIP CHANGES
<p>In April 2025 the Council farewelled long standing members Dr Alex Cowie, Chris Gent, and Sue Pitman, recognising their sustained effort and commitment through the award of Life Membership to each of them. Sue will also maintain her association as the Foundation’s honorary Historian and Alex as the honorary Archivist, continuing their work to document the history of the Foundation and Kathleen Lumley College in their new voluntary roles.</p> <p>We also farewelled Stuart Matthews, who provided valuable administrative support and advice whilst we finalised preparation of the former College’s records for accessioning into the Adelaide University’s archives.</p>
KEEPING CONNECTED
<p>The Foundation has re-established the College’s former social media channels and will be increasing its engagement through its social and new website platforms. We invite you to like, follow, share and connect with us.</p> <div></div>
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