



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA**

# Spring Ordinary Meeting 2023

Thursday 21 September 2023

6.30pm commencement  
Banquet Hall, University Club  
University of Western Australia



**Acknowledgements:**

Special thanks to Emeritus Professor John Melville-Jones AM who so generously volunteered and gave his time to proof-read and edit this set of minutes.

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# Agenda

**The Spring Ordinary Meeting of the Convocation of The University of Western Australia.  
6.30pm, Thursday, 21 September 2023. Meeting in person and online.**

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 23 March 2023
4. Presentations of Highlights from Reports
  - 4.1 Vice-Chancellor's Report
  - 4.2 Guild President's Report
  - 4.3 Warden's Report
5. Other Business
6. Special Business
  - 6.1 Presentation of Convocation Awards
  - 6.2. Presentation of Convocation Medals
  - 6.3. Keynote Speaker - Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia will give a talk on 'UWA, mining and the world's net zero future'.
  - 6.4 Q & A session
7. Close of meeting followed by drinks and canapés.

# Minutes

23 March 2023

## **The Autumn Ordinary Meeting of Convocation was held on Thursday 23 March 2023 commencing at 6:30pm in person and online.**

The meeting was attended by the following graduates and guests:

Thankam Abraham, Bassam Fadhil Hameed Al-Dulaimi, Ruth Arnel, Rachima Bannerman, Gabor Bedo, Maria Calabro, Ian Carr, Craig Carter, Amit Chakma, Malcolm Collier, Mary Conroy, Devon Cuneo, David Davidson, Brett Davies, Tim Dawe, Adrian De Graaf, Jane den Hollander, Ann Dunne, Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, Jocelyn Everett, Peter Farr, Arthur Ferres, Julian Figg, Chantelle Gaskell, Tim Gibbney, Helen Gibson, Trevor Glover, Graham Goerke, Barbara Goldflam, Jenny Gregory, David C. Griffiths, Jeff Gunningham, Nursen Guresin, Ollie Hanson, Sandra Harben, Christine Hetherington, Madison Holling, Alec Holm, Walter Horeb, Maureen Humpage, Geemal Jayawickrama, Bob Kelliher, Warren Kerr, Nelly Kleyn, Elva Kowol, Moira Maley, Jude Marinoni, Doug McGhie, John McGinniss, Edward McMillan, Rhoanna McNeill, Bob McWilliam, Nikolaos Millios, Aik Chern Ng, Kim Guan Ng, Brian Njamba, Juanita Perez, Fran Pesich, Joan Pope, Deidre Powell, Frederick Powell, Maryam Reyhani, Hilary Silbert, Ian Sims, Ric Stern, Manny Tamayo, Cathy Tang, Ray Tauss, Fiona Tremlett, Pauline Tremlett and Dylan Turner

The following members viewed the meeting online:

Richard Abas, Fiona Allan, Ro Birrell, Warwick Boardman, Thomas Braunl, Susanna Conradie, Jonathan Dodd, Mark Elliott, Lynette Fernandes, Anke Goldschmidt, David Goldschmidt, Karen Hofmann, Hwee Ping Koh, David MacKinlay, Kevin Morgan, Patricia Morgan, Damian Ng, Gordon Okyere, Susette Pow, Dan Quirante, Johan Salim, May Salim, Denise Sullivan, Jassie Tunstill, Xiaoqin Wang, Mae Wei, Roopa Whiteville and Lourdes Yapchiongco

The following members of Convocation asked that their apologies be recorded:

Hasanul Abdul Hamid, Kafayat Abdul Karim, Greg L. Acciaioli, Cihat Adsiz, Raksha Agarwalla, Catherine Akerman, Shaimaa Al Odeh, Hamed Al Sabti, Sara Al Zaim, Khyber Alam, Hawraa Al-Buthabhak, Gavin Alexander, David Ali, Eunice Alloo, Daniel Anderson, Maureen

Anderson, Carol Anderson, Larisa Andoh, Nola Andrews, Rob Antulov, Anne Appleton, ASHOK ARASU, Max Aravena-Roman, Mary Aris, Karen Armin-Grimm, Jeremy Armitage, Julie A. Armour, Moo Hsat K'Baw Soe Aung, Tyara Aung, Pam J. Bagworth, Liz Bailey, Alem Bajrovic, Georgia Baker, Mary Anne Baljic, Annette Barbetti, Jackie Barnwell, Hamed Basiri, Mary Basley, Nathan V. Batskos, Cedric S. Bauer, Mark Beadle, Wayne Beaumont, Amritha Behanan, Elise Bell, Liam Bettles, Brian Betts, Hanita Bhana, Naomi Bickley, Josephine Bienes, Kim Blacklock, Judith M. Bodger, Maureen Boland, Joel Bones, Deborah Bowen-Smith, Judy Bowman, Sue Boyd, Timothy Boykett, Gerard C. Boylan, Felicity J. Bradshaw, Don Bradshaw, Robert Bredemeyer, John Bremner, Ross Brennan, Anthony Bright, Justin L. Brockett, Douglas Brown, Myra Brown, Nicole Brown, Peter Bruechle, Bob B. Bucat, John Buddee, Buff Buffham, John Byrne, Lesley A. Cala, Greg A. Calcutt, Sam Callander, Teresa Canestrari, John Carlson, Joan Carney, Jennie Carter, Franchezka Rodriguez R. Carungcong, Angie Carvajal Munoz, George Cash, Kaelan Cash, Ornella Cavaliere, Walter Cerquetti-Lippi, Victor Chan, Kok-Foo Chang, Bernard Chapman, Hei Lim Cheung, Pamela Chia, Kathleen Chindarsi, Colin Chinnery, Asvin Chintakananda, Ace Choo, Tat Meng Chow, Lukas Christen, Chindy Christine, Alan Clarke, Graeme Clarke, Lynette Clayton, John Clema, Lauren Clift, Peter Clifton, Glenn Cockerton, Dolores Coffey RSM, Helena Coleman, Simone Collins, Arthur Conacher, Danica Cook, Sarah Cook, Geoff Cooper, Vida Corbett, Dale Cornell, Rochelle Cornell, Terry A. Cosgrove, Rachel L. Cottier, Jaynie Coulter, Peter Crayden, Lindsey Cregan, Christian Crisan, Kevin Crombie, Joseph Cullity, Shirley Daffen, Joe Dall, Akanksha Das, Neal Davis, Narayan Daw, Simon L. Dawkins, Reginald Dawson, David de Hoog, Susan Dean, Hanifa Deen, Tony Denford, Brian Devine, Michael Devine, Aditya Dharmawan, Vincent Di Lollo, Stephen Dierks, Caroline Dowling, Helen Dowzall, Jacqueline Doyle, George Drew, Rebekah D'Souza, Paul Duncan, John Dunne, Paula Dunne, Sonja J. Dunning, Tom Durkin, Linda Earl, Peter Eastlake, James Edelman, David Elliott, Jane Emberson, Frieda Evans, Tony Ewing, Wayne Fairhead, David Falconer, Lisa A. Fanciulli, Jiawei Fang, Ashkan Faramarzian Bakhtiaripour, Ernest Fardin, Eman Fath El Bab, Renae Fernandez, Santoso Ferry, Gavin Fielding, Michael Firth, Danielle Fisher, Deirdre Fitzgerald, Monica Flattery, Margaret Floyd, Vivian Forbes, Ann Forma, Alan Forsyth, Sandy Francas, Charles Frankpitt, Arno Franz, Shih Ching Fu, Ken Fung, Rohan A. Gaikwad, Ming Hui Gao, Rohan Gengatharen, Marina Gerzic, Nick Gianfrancesco, Hamish Gillespie, John Godfrey, David Goh, Lisa Goldacre, Sharon Goodchild, Kamulsen Gowrea, Robert Graieg, Stephen Graves, Fred Gravestock, Ruth Greble, Ross Gregory, Kenny Gu, Emily J. Gunson, Martin Habibi, Rada Haddadin, Joyce Hadley, Rosie Hagan, Ryan Hall, Jeff

Hamdorf, Lorraine Hams, Alec Hand,  
Hugh Hangchi, Pauline Hansen, Michael Happ, Donald  
Hardingham, Keiran Hargreaves, Chris Harkness, Fiona  
Harris, Gary Harris, Gaye Harvey, Greg Harvey, Shantale  
Hatangimana, Kerry Hawley, Sharon Hawley, Chelsea V.  
Hayes, Ragen Haythorpe, Dennis Hayward, Michelle Heah,  
Peter Healy, Auriol Heary, Judy Heath, Andrew Heng,  
Jonathan Heng, Bill Heseltine, Wendy Hillier, John  
Hirdman, James Hitchins, Jung A. Ho, Harold Hochstadt,  
Joe Hoe, Jennifer Hole, Liesel Hool, Joanne Hooper, Jo  
Horgan, Tony Iannello, Kenneth Ilett, Brigid Insall, Shingo  
Ishikawa, Norman M. Jacka, Philip Jacob, Verghese Jacob,  
Richard Jahn, Brian Janes, Douglas Janney, Gregory  
Jarosch, Dianne Jarvis, Pranav Jatkar, Francis Johnson,  
Darrell Jones, Rod Jones, Kath Jordan, Derek Jowle,  
Patrick Joyce, Paul Jung, Peter Kalmund, Kanakeswary  
Karisanan, Marie-Anne Kee, David Keeling, Jaxon S. J.  
Keogh, Joseph Keszi, Souksamone Khantry, Tomy  
Khayech, Ken Q. T. Khoo, Nalda Kingston, Hedley F.  
Kitchen, Christina Klisc, Julia Knapton, Joanna H. Knowles,  
Elaine Koh, Jeremy Koh, Joseph Kong, Genevieve Konig,  
Naomi Kottege, Fabian Krebs, Paul Krisnadi, Cheuk Lai,  
Patrick Lai, Peter Lai, Charmaine Lamprecht, Adam Lang,  
Bruce Langford, Dina Lankester, Jenny Larner, Michelle  
Lau, Peter Lau, Terence Lau, Brian Lauri, Jill Lawson,  
Verona Lea, Renan Marcelo LealCamposFonsecadaSilva,  
Kate Leaversuch, George Lee, Kyo Lee, Megan Lee, Sing-E  
Lee, Benjamin Leonard, See Mun Leong, See Cheng  
Leong, Pema Lethro, Ben Li, Cunlin Li, Yang Yang Li, Yu Li,  
Yao Liang, Valerie Liao, Bee Na Lim, Jeff Lim, Liat-Hong  
Lim, Michael Lim, Say Lim, Wei Lim, Jing Yi Lin, Milvert Yi  
Song Y. S. Ling, Li Xian Ling, Glen Lo, Erlene Lobo, Phoebe  
Long, Jan Lord, Neville Loudon, Yi Qing Q. Low, David Low,  
Gary Low, Stacey Low, Anthony N. Lowe, Alexandra  
Ludewig, Steve Lukan, Tara Lukan, Rodney Lukatelich,  
Cora Luo, Yingjie Luo, Sophie Lynch, Albert Lyons, Lindiwe  
Maboshe, Helen Macartney, Stephen MacCarthy, Angus  
MacDonald, Mary Ellen MacDonald, Unity Macdonald,  
Elizabeth Macknay, Richard MacWilliam, Annette  
Madayag, Ross Magno, Peter Maguire, Fiona M. Maley,  
Natalia Malinowski, John Malone, Stephanie Maltman,  
Nikki Man, Thomas Man, Odette Margot, Al Marsh,  
Graeme B. Martin, Timothy Martin, Sosthenes Massola,  
Danielle Masson, Joyce Matson, Rena Matsuda, Bruce  
Matthews, Mal Mauger, Narelle McAuliffe, Clive D.  
McCallum, Lucia McCauley, David McCloughry, Gordon  
McCull, Michael McElhinny, Kate F. McGee, Liz McGinnis,  
Rosamond McKitterick, Helen McLagan, Elizabeth  
McLaughlin, Pamela McLean, Jan McMillan, Stuart  
Mcwhinney, Kudrat Mehta, Rachel Meier, Bronwyn Mellor,  
John R. Melville-Jones, Robert Merrells, Iris Messmer,  
David Michael, Bruce Middleton, John Millett, Robert  
Milliner, Ann Minister, Alina K. Miranda, Darryn Mitchell,  
John Mitchell, Eddie Moala, Peta Monley, Richard Moore,

Beverley Moriarty, Stephen N. Morris, Sarah Morris Adams,  
John Mortimer, Hannah Mowday, Henk Mulder, Peter  
Murphy, Denise Murray, Malcolm Murray, Patricia  
Mwiragua, Antonia Naarstig, Sue Nash, Alfred Naude,  
Christopher Newall, Isabella Ng, Joshua Ngai Mun Ng,  
Suzanne Ng, Quoc Viet Nguyen, Son Tung Nguyen, Ethan  
P. Nicholas, Jennifer Nicolao, Meta S. Njamba, Ray Nojek,  
David Nolan, Pat Nottle, Mariam E. Nwelue, Ilse O'Ferrall,  
Diane O'Flaherty, Julie A. Olick, Bob Olivier, Nee Nee Ong,  
Chow-Loo Ong, Chuan Ong, Jeanne Jin-Hui Ong, Daniel  
Ow, Marjan Oxley, Amrik Pala, Sally Pamberger, Peter  
Pang, Bianca M. Panizza, Paull Parker, Jannette Parr, Colin  
Paterson, Nilupuli Paththini Kapuralalage, Rosalie Pech  
Eva, Vikki M. Pedalina, Cameron Percival, Robert Perriam,  
Rayma Pervan, Gabriela Pestell, Monique Pettavino, Paula  
Phillips, Amanda Phoon Nguyen, Haydn Pickersgill, Paul  
Pielage, Diane Piper, Geoff Playford, Michael Poli, Therese  
Pollett, Robert Powell, Cheryl Praeger, Christine Prince,  
Neville Pringle, Carol Prosser, Janis L. Purdy, Arletta Ralph,  
Pradeep Ramalingam, Dexter Ramsay, Donalda Ramsden,  
Sally Rankin, Stefano Renzi, Graciela Rhodes, Janette  
Richards, John Rickard, Leonora Ritter, Gina Rockett,  
Peter Rogers, Ted Rollinson, Elisabeth Rosinel-Paniperis,  
Robin Routley, Jeff Russell, Margaret Ryan, Avijit Saha,  
Mark Sampson, Valerie Saunders, Lida Sayadelmi, Jane  
Scanlon, Eugene Schlusser, Nikki Schonfeldt, Rosalie  
Schultz, Michelle Schwager, David Sciarrone, Diana Scott,  
Tony Scott, Pamela Seaman, Hee Seo, John Seotis,  
Deniese Sequeira, Heather Sergeant, Tim Setter, Md  
Shahin Uz Zaman, Susan Sharpe, Ruth Shean, Duncan  
Shearwood, Saeedreza Shehnepoor, Rupert Sherwood,  
Dan Shi, Adeleh Shirangi, Steven Sia, Yiing Sleight, Ben  
Smith, Brian Smith, Leslie Smith, Madison Smith, Patricia  
Smith, Diane Smith-Gander, Shane Soo, Terry Sor, Bryce E.  
H. Soraru, Brian Sova, Graeme L. Speak, Cornelia Staats,  
Jenni Stallwood, Pamela Statham-Drew, Rodney Steed,  
Colette Steer, Michelle Stephenson, Rohan Stevenson,  
Sandra Stevenson, Jennifer Stewart, Lalla Stewart, Trevor  
Still, Ellen Stoddart, Bernd Striewski, Janette Stuart,  
Yoshiki Sugai, Mario Sugianto, David Survepalli, Sutomo  
Sutomo, Murray Swain, Howe Synnott, Teresa Szunejko,  
Emily S. E. Tan, Jason J. Tan, Doreen Tan, Eugene Tan,  
Joseph Tan, Jun Tan, Lucas Tan, Shi Ming Tan, Ke Tian T.  
Tay, Kiam Pin Tay, Samantha Tay, Noel Taylor, Tracy Taylor,  
Michael Teare-Williams, John Templeman, Diana Teplyj,  
Lam Thai, Amelia Theodore, Michael Thomas, Judith  
Thomson, Neville Threlfall, Julia Thurloe, Ray Thurloe, Joan  
Tobias, Albert Tognolini, Manish Tomar, Linda Tompkins,  
Geoff Totterdell, Heath Townsend, Natalya Townson, Glen  
Travers, Alan True, Jill True, Wing Ki Tse, Geoffrey Tually,  
Gyula Turchanyi, Kari Maria Tveit, Morly Uttam, Victoria C.  
Valdebenito, Ingrid H. Van Bremen, Benn S. van den Ende,  
Selenee VanDerSteen, Helen S. Vaughan, Tania Vojnovic,  
Fui Ling Voon, Petar Vujovic, Magda Wajrak, Aidan Walsh,

Yiqun Wang, Lawrence Wapnah, Jo A. Ward, Lisa Ward, Heidi M. Wares, Carol Warren, Clinton Watkins, Ken Watson, Julie Waylen, Farai Webb, Maxwell Weedon, Roy Weerasekera, Greg Wells, Martin West, Kallen White, Krysta L. Whittingslow, Janet Williams, Anthea Williamson, John Williamson, Anne L. Willox, John Willox, Steve Wilson, Vanitha Wimalasiri, Danielle A. Winzenried, Grace Wong, Henry Wong, Wan Hoong Wong, Wanwisa Wongchalard, Margaret Woon, Peter Wreford, Paulina Wroblewski, Xiaoyan Wu, Ray B. Wyatt, Caitlin S. Wyrwoll, Haoran Xu, Lu Xu, Ryan Xu, Qingyin Yang, Janifer J. Yap, Yii Fun Yap, Adrian Yeung, Season Yeung, John Yiannakis, Jonathan Yii, Georga Yordanov, Maureen Young, Dong Yu, Isabelle Yuen, Zainul Rahim Zain, Mharvie Zayco, Leo Zaza, Graham Zemunik, Yiting Zeng, Jason Zhang, Betty Zhang, Ziyun Zhang, Hermione Zhou, and Eliana Zurhaar

**Ms Juanita Perez, Convocation Officer as Secretary**

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Welcome to Country was delivered by Sandra Harben, Whadjuk Noongar Elder with connections to Ballardong Noongar country

## 1. WELCOME

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In opening the Autumn Ordinary Meeting for 2023, the Warden of Convocation, Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory AM, welcomed the following guests:

- The Vice Chancellor, Professor Amit Chakma
- The Guild President, Mr Geemal Jayawickrama
- Guest speaker, Professor Emerita Dr Jane den Hollander AO
- Chief Advancement Officer, Ms Fiona Allan
- Members of Senate
- Members of Convocation Council; and
- All the members of Convocation, including their guests and friends.
- All the members of Convocation from regional WA, interstate and overseas, including:
  - Canada
  - Chile
  - China
  - Ghana
  - Japan
  - Malaysia
  - Philippines
  - Singapore
  - Turkey; and
  - United Kingdom

The Warden then declared the meeting open at 6.46pm.

## 2. APOLOGIES

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The Warden noted apologies from over 500 graduates, and asked that if anyone wished to convey any additional apologies, they should provide these to the Convocation Officer, Ms Juanita Perez, who would record the details.

## 3. MINUTES OF THE SPRING ORDINARY MEETING 2022

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A copy of the minutes of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2022 held on Thursday, 15 September 2022 appeared as **Attachment A** of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2023 booklet which was posted on the Convocation website.

No requests to amend the minutes had been received.

A motion to accept the minutes of the Spring Ordinary Meeting 2022 held on Thursday, 15 September 2022 was proposed by Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr AM and seconded by Mr Jeff Gunningham. The motion was accepted by show of hands.

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING

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No matters for any business arising had been received.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

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The Warden reported that the Convocation office received a great deal of correspondence on many matters, both as emails and letters and they were largely addressed by the Convocation Officer and the Warden. The Warden thanked all the members of Convocation who took the time to contact her and Convocation Council in that period, as the Council values members' views on issues important to Convocation.

## 6. RESULTS OF CONVOCATION ELECTIONS FOR WARDEN, DEPUTY WARDEN, AND NINE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF CONVOCATION

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In accordance with the University of Western Australia Act 1911 and University of Western Australia Statutes Chapter 4, the annual Convocation Elections were held this year to fill the following positions

- Warden of Convocation
- Deputy Warden of Convocation
- Nine Ordinary Members of the Council of Convocation (Six of whom are elected for three years, one elected for two years, and two of whom are elected for one year.)

To ensure the utmost probity in the conduct of these elections, Convocation Council took the decision to outsource the conduct of these elections. This year Convocation Council appointed CorpVote Pty Ltd to undertake the election process.

At the close of ballots on Thursday, 1 December 2022, the following were elected unopposed:

- Warden of Convocation – Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory AM (1-year term)
- Deputy Warden – Dr David Griffiths (1-year term)

Convocation Councillors elected unopposed were (in alphabetical order):

- Matthew Budge (3 years)
- Harriet Calverley (3 years)
- Devon Cuneo (3 years)
- David Davidson (1 year)
- Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis (3 years)
- Graham Goerke (2 years)
- Warren Kerr AM (3 years)
- Bob Olivier (3 years)

As there were only eight candidates for the 9 positions of Ordinary Convocation Councillor, this meant that there was now one vacancy on the Council for a 1-year term ending at the conclusion of the next Ordinary meeting in March 2024.

Anyone interested in nominating for this position was asked to contact the Convocation Officer.

On behalf of Convocation Council, the Warden expressed thanks to the retiring Convocation Councillors for their contributions over the time they had been on the Council:

- Immediate Past Warden Clinical Professor Lesley Cala
- Ms Emily Bailey
- Dr Simon Dawkins
- Mr Jeff Gunningham
- Dr Nin Kirkham

The Warden then congratulated those elected and re-elected.

Special thanks and a round of applause was given to Immediate Past Warden Clinical Professor Lesley Cala, in acknowledgement of her long commitment and service to the University. Clinical Professor Cala served on the UWA Senate from 1995 to 2010, and then on the Convocation Council from 2010 to 2023; she was Warden of Convocation Council from 2020-2022.

## 7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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The Vice-Chancellor's written report was provided as Attachment B of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2023 Booklet.

The Vice-Chancellor took his written report as read.

The Vice-Chancellor was delighted that members were able to hold the meeting in person and was grateful that many members were also able to join the meeting online from interstate and overseas. He expressed his gratitude for everyone's continued interest in the University.

In addition to his written report, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted some matters of the past year in context, and then reported on some emerging issues.

He said that he had arrived in Perth during the COVID pandemic, but COVID was the least of the University's problems. The problem was deeper for historic reasons. There were two major problems amongst many others – declining student enrolment, and the magnitude of the state of UWA's finances – it was 'in bad shape'. The University was living beyond its means. The Vice-Chancellor was then delighted to advise that it had finally 'turned the page'. It was no longer spending money that it did not have. Unfortunately, due to financial difficulties, the University had also stopped investing in infrastructure. It had taken small steps in rectifying physical and digital infrastructure, but there was still a long way to go. The University had now embarked on a growth journey.

The Vice-Chancellor declared that the University was a comprehensive university with great expectations from the citizens of the state. It had been created to serve the people of WA. In some instances, the University had done an outstanding job, but in other instances, there was a lot more to do. To maintain its comprehensive nature, it required a budget model which could continue to grow its student enrolments. He was delighted to report that students were now returning. In particular, the number of domestic students had grown. There were more domestic students now than in 2019 and 2020 on campus. Nevertheless, the domestic market was still a small market with 2.6 million people in WA. It also had one of the lower participation rates in tertiary education. Because of the quality of our institution – meaning we required higher achieving students – that market is shrinking. Despite that, the University is still intending to grow its market share and intends to retain its leadership role in the state as the premier university of WA.

Most of the growth had come from international students.

This year had seen a significant growth as borders had opened. There were still some challenges in some countries for example China, but the demand for high quality education is very strong – and this institution offers high quality education.

Growth, however, had created other challenges as well, such as the accommodation problem. In anticipation of a housing crisis, UWA had managed to secure 500 beds from local providers. The University had also secured support from Australian Homestay and many of our graduate community had contributed to that.

The University, in anticipating a similar problem for 2024, was in the process of securing one thousand beds for the long-term basis. The University is also putting a plan together to build an additional thousand beds on the main campus (Crawley).

He said that we had a beautiful campus, however, it was empty in the evening. He was planning to revitalise the campus by providing more residences on campus. A professional firm had just been recruited to assist with this plan.

The Vice-Chancellor then reported that the Commonwealth government was undertaking a Higher Education Review to develop an Australian Universities Accord. He welcomed this review. He and the Chancellor were actively participating in it. He was a member of the Board of the Group of Eight, and the Chancellor was a member of the University Chancellors' Council. The Accord Panel was currently still receiving submissions, so there is no outcome yet, but the Vice-Chancellor said that he would keep the members posted on its progress.

Another review would be undertaken by the State Government (WA) which would examine the structure of Western Australia's four public universities. The process had just begun. The introductory meeting with the Vice-Chancellors of all WA universities would take place on 5 April 2023.

He welcomed the State Government's independent review into the State's four public universities and intended to engage constructively with it, giving key consideration to the best interests of our State. The University's mission was very much aligned to Western Australia's interests. He said, 'What is good for the State is good for UWA'.

## 8. GUILD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The Guild President's written report was provided as **Attachment C** of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2023 Booklet.

The Guild President reported that the main goal for this year would be to increase campus engagement. There had been very positive results through their various initiatives and activities.

### **ORIENTATION DAY (O-DAY)**

The O-Day event brought about 12,000 students to campus. There were over 250 stalls on that day, the greatest number of stalls they have had in a while for an O-Day event.

### **PROSH**

PROSH was held on 22 March this year with 300 – 400 students participating in selling the newspaper. Currently they had raised \$33,000 which was \$11,000 more than had been raised in 2022. The figures were not final yet as they had not yet counted the online donations.

Some new initiatives introduced this year were:

### **SUNDOWNERS AT OAK LAWN**

Sundowners were brought back in a safer and more inclusive way this year. The aim of Sundowners was to provide 'freshers' with a safe and enjoyable platform to socialise and meet new friends within the campus grounds.

### **TAV WEDNESDAYS**

Tav Wednesdays was a weekly event organised by the Guild for students to catch up and socialise.

Other services the Guild was very proud of having introduced in the last year and a half were:

### **UDUB RADIO STATION**

The UWA Radio station was up and running. They had been able to attract some students who were pursuing a career in radio to run that station.

### **STUDENT LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE (SLAC)**

The Student Legal Advice Centre (SLAC) was up and running this semester and was a not-for-profit entity. UWA Law students were volunteering to facilitate access to justice for all UWA students. It provided legal advice to students in the areas of tenancy law, employment law, and workplace discrimination. The Guild was looking into the long term with a view that it could be an internship unit that would be recognised by the University.



## VENTURE

The Guild Innovation centre, Venture, had an overwhelming response from students over the last few years. It had served more than 900 students and 57 businesses in 2022. Venture as an organisation helped capture and cater to the grassroots level of entrepreneurship within the University, and they looked to expanding its services and reach to more passionate students throughout 2023.

## STUDENT SAFETY ON CAMPUS

The Guild had been working very closely with the University in terms of improving the sexual harm mitigation and reporting processes. Its Residential Students' Department President and the Women's Department Officer had been working hard to educate as many students as possible.

## GUILD PRECINCT MASTERPLAN

The Guild was currently working on updating its Masterplan. The main goal of this project was to revitalise its spaces and make the place more accessible, attracting more students to the area. Many students were consulted in the process, to come up with the best design to cater to students' needs.

## 9. WARDEN'S REPORT

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The Warden's written report was provided as Attachment D of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2023 Booklet.

In addition to her written report, the Warden highlighted the following:

### GENERAL THANKS

The Warden thanked all the Council's Committee members, particularly the Committee Chairs, for their work over the past 6 months. She also thanked Fiona

Allan, Chief Advancement Officer, Development and Alumni Relations (DAR) and her team for their support. The Convocation Council had worked closely with DAR through the Chancellor's Joint Committee of Convocation Council and DAR. In 2022, the Warden and Fiona alternately chaired the Joint Committee. With the endorsement of the Chancellor, Dr David Griffiths, Deputy Warden, would be chairing the Joint Committee for 2023.

## ENGAGEMENT

The Convocation Council's key focus since the last General Meeting had been engagement with members. The Council had organised and successfully held four major events in the space of six months, attracting almost 400 Convocation members back to UWA. Normally the events were spread over the year, but the impact of COVID resulted in some rescheduling, which made it an extremely demanding time for the Events Committee and Convocation Officer. Hence, the support provided by the Engagement team led by Keiran Hargreaves in Development and Alumni Relations (DAR) was very much appreciated.

## CONVOCATION DAY

Convocation Day is one of our major events. It marks the first meeting of Convocation in March 1913, and its recognition began a century later in 2013, when members of Convocation came together to celebrate at the original site of the University in Irwin Street in the city. In the following two years celebrations were held in the original Irwin St building that today overlooks James Oval.

Two Convocation Day celebrations had been held in the past six months, as the 2022 Convocation Day had to be postponed due to COVID. It was especially notable, for its three trees, three Guild Presidents, a Warden and a Deputy Warden. UWA Campus Management had three white





jacarandas available for planting and was keen to complete the avenue of trees that made up Convocation Walk along Saw Ave. No tree had been planted in 2014 and 2015, so this was a good opportunity to give the Guild Presidents and Wardens of those years (who had previously missed out on planting a tree), as well as the 2022 Guild President and Warden, the opportunity to plant a tree. A very special event, especially as one Guild President Lizzy O’Shea, had flown over from Sydney for the event.



The 2023 Convocation Day celebration was held recently on 26 February 2023. Convocation Walk was completed in 2022, so this year, just one tree – a *Eucalyptus Victrix*, the Western Coolibah – was planted near the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery by the 2023 Guild President, Geemal Jayawickrama and the Warden.

A re-enactment of a short segment from *Oedipus Rex* was also performed to commemorate this memorable day. This was the first play performed in the Sunken Garden in 1948 – 75 years ago. We were thrilled to find that one of the original actors – Douglas Brown – was with us. We had a very large audience who enjoyed the brilliant performance of present-day actors Madelaine Page and Felix Malcolm from the Graduate Dramatic Society immensely.



Convocation, representing UWA’s graduates, was one of the four pillars of this university, together with the Senate, the UWA Student Guild and the Staff. As time goes on, Convocation Day was becoming more and more important as a day when we remembered its work over more than a century, engaging with our partners in the UWA Student Guild and with our present members.

**Top:** Convocation Day 2022: Senator Warren Kerr AM, Guild President 2015 Lizzy O’Shea, Guild President 2023, Amitabh Jeganathan, Warden Jenny Gregory AM, Guild President 2014 Tom Henderson, and Senator Brett Davies.

**Above left:** Convocation Day 2023: Warden and Guild President planting a tree.

**Far left:** 2023 production of *Oedipus Rex* with Madelaine Page and Felix Malcolm as Jocasta and Oedipus.

**Left:** Douglas Brown, High Priest in the 1948 production.

**Below:** Convocation Day 2023: Waiting for the performance.



## AWARDS

Convocation had been presenting prizes and awards to UWA students for over 70 years. It was one of the Council's most important activities. The Warden presented a pre-recorded video of Penny York reporting on the positive impact Convocation awards had had on her, and on other postgraduates and their research.

The Warden then shared the disappointing news that the number of awards this year would have to be reduced, as the Graduate Research School was no longer able to provide financial support for the Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Awards. This means that Convocation would be forced to reduce the number of awards from 20 to only 14. These awards, presently valued at \$3000 each, would not go far. Airfares have risen and these are essential for students to travel overseas or interstate to attend conferences or conduct research.

The Convocation Council would like to restore the number of awards to 20 and to increase their value. They were for UWA's brightest and best, whose research made a difference to the world we lived in. The Warden made a plea to the members of Convocation to help our postgraduates by making a donation. Donations could be made by post, phone, or online.

## PLANS FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

Convocation Council's Governance Committee will be focusing on preparing changes to the Statute to accommodate initiatives in Council's Strategic Plan, which can be viewed on the Convocation web page.

The Mentoring and Internship Committee, having scoped the extent of work going on at UWA in this space, will be focusing on several pilot projects.

The Advocacy Committee would be working towards launching an e-bulletin for members focusing on changes in higher education.

The Working Group with DAR, which was established last year, would continue to reflect on current activities and develop new ways to *celebrate our graduates* for meaningful two-way interactions.

## 10. CONVOCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

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The Convocation Officer's report appeared as **Attachment E** of the Autumn Ordinary Meeting 2023 booklet. This report contained a list of graduates whose whereabouts had become unknown since the last Ordinary Meeting. The Warden asked members to review the list and to notify the Convocation Officer, Ms Juanita Perez, if the contact details of any graduates listed in this report were known to them.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

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A Convocation Medal was presented to Ms Madison Holling and Mr Dylan Turner – for winning the 2022 Convocation Outstanding Student Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ms Holling and Mr Turner were Co-Chairs for *Relay for Life*. They had overseen the entire Relay for Life event which was the biggest community fundraising event at UWA. The Event raised vital funds for the Cancer Council WA; funding research, support and education programs. More than fundraising, the event had a significant impact on the students' culture at UWA by providing an opportunity for clubs, faculty societies and other student groups to give back. They led a large committee of students overseeing all the portfolios such as fundraising, marketing and logistics. They had both planned and ran new fundraisers in the lead up to the event at local gyms, which had created a great way to raise money and promote a healthy lifestyle. Relay for Life had raised \$84,300 and engaged over 300 students!

## 12. PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR EMERITA DR JANE DEN HOLLANDER AO

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The Warden then introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Professor Emerita Dr Jane den Hollander AO, who gave a talk on: "Where to from here: In a world recovering from a pandemic, living in a region where our largest trading partner has hit peak population growth and in a State where every aspect of climate change is confronting, what is our purpose as educators and do these clouds we confront have silver linings?"

## 13. Q & A SESSION

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### Q & A PANEL MEMBERS:

**Professor Amit Chakma**

Vice-Chancellor

**Mr Geemal Jayawickrama**

Guild President

**Professor Emerita Dr Jane den Hollander AO,**

Guest Speaker

**Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory AM**

Warden of Convocation

(This section is verbatim so that panel members are not misquoted.)

### Question 1

**Mr Gavin Alexander**

*The original idea behind universities was to create places of calm and contemplation, so that people interested in understanding the world could do so. Money, since its invention, has always been important, but recently it has become an end in itself, and this is slowly corroding these places of reflection. UWA, to my knowledge, is the only such place with a reflection pool. What is being done about this problem?*

### Response

**Vice Chancellor**

I've been to many campuses and worked in a few. It is indeed true that this place is special. It's not just the Reflection Pond, it's all the other things that we have. We have seen some pictures of the Sunken Garden and the other gardens. My best spot actually is the river front. Whenever I have some spare time during lunch and others are in a meeting, I go and I have my sandwich and walk along there. I find that I am amazed that only a handful of my colleagues are having their lunch there. They're missing out. So I think we have that physical environment and space. The challenge for us is to create equal intellectual opportunity for the community to be able to contemplate, so we do some of it, but we surely can do more, so I certainly thank you for your question.

And one of the reasons we would like to revitalize our campus life is to create that intellectual environment to be added to the physical environment that we have. Thank you.

### Response

**Guest Speaker**

I married a Western Australian, that's how I got here. He had been away for 17 years in the UK as an academic. And he said you'll have to come and see UWA. We walked in, and then I saw the Reflection Pond. It is the most beautiful place. When you see it you do actually understand the importance of the University, a place that is beautiful, and its tradition, and I think whatever you do, we should always maintain it beautifully. I know there are often fish in it. I love the ducks. I know there's often debate about whether there should be ducks on the Reflection Pond, but we should get over that because it is such a beautiful place and reflects what this university is, which is a place of learning.

### Response

**Guild President**

I'm not sure whether everyone knows this but I think 1932 was when the Reflection Pond was made and I think that, just a few days before some foreign diplomat was supposed to come to the University, the workers who were making the Reflection Pond went on strike and next day, the Guild Councillors and the students were out there digging the Reflection Pond, and that was how I think it was completed. The Guild sees the Reflection Pond as a sign of the relationship we have with the University, the strong bond we as students and the University have. We have a big picture of the students digging the Reflection Pond in the Guild office even now.

### Response

**Warden**

We're so lucky to have such a beautiful campus and I'd just like to add that reflection is something we don't seem to have much time for these days, you know, the world seems to be such a busy place and thinking time becomes very important. So to have this beautiful campus to think and reflect is just wonderful.

## Question 2

**Mrs Pauline Tremlett**

*Could the VC (or Chancellor if present) please bring Convocation up to date about any discussions or proposals to merge the WA Universities as recently mentioned in the media?*

### Response

#### Vice-Chancellor

I think I covered that adequately. There are these stages. We have received the terms of reference for the panel. We know who the panellists are, but beyond that, we are not there yet. I shared with you our philosophical approach for you to approach it from the point of view of what is it good for WA, others may or may not believe that we're capable of doing that as UWA, but we'll try.

What we are doing right now to add to that, is we are doing research, so that any discussion that we participate in, can be informed by data and evidence, and obviously government has articulated what the terms of reference are, and you can infer what they're looking at. I'll just highlight two of the seven items listed. One, there is concern, and I personally share that, WA is not able to secure our pro rata share, if you will, of national research funding. So herein lies the problem. Research funding in this country is already not adequate. We are way below the list of major industrial countries in terms of R&D expenditure, and within Australia, WA on a per capita basis, is the lowest, we are below Tasmania. So that obviously is not good, and government has noted that, so that's one area.

Second area, subject to interpretation, government is interested in financial sustainability. Our business model, you know, I personally don't like it, but it is what it is, is based on enrolment.

If you don't have students, you don't have enough resources to support what you do, and the math is very clear. And on this particular issue, I'm happy to go public by saying we just don't have enough students to serve the business needs or resources needs of five universities. So these are the sorts of things that government is interested in. It's not up to us to make the decision. The mandate is given to the panel, and panel give the advice to the government. And of course, it'll be up to the government to decide. Once the decision is made or some direction pointed out, we certainly can react to it. So what your University is doing – the Administration is looking at scenarios. What we can do to make the best of it if *this* happens, how we're going to make the best of it if *that* happens. So anyway, so this is our stage. I will keep you posted.

## Question 3

**Dr Joan Pope OAM**

*What is inhibiting the replacement of the Sundial on Professor Shann's memorial in the Sunken Garden. Does his family know?*

### Response

#### Vice-Chancellor

We are working on it. I have been advised that we have some challenges in putting certain materials there, so we are looking at a more durable material. A consultant is working on it. Once we have a plan, we'll share it with the family to see whether it meets their approval, and if it does, then we'll proceed with that. Thank you.

**One response was made for Question 4 and Question 5 as they related to similar matter.**

## Question 4

**Dr Ingrid van Bremen**

Senior Lecturer in architectural conservation,  
School of Design, UWA

*I have a question about the Park Ave development boards that have been displayed publicly, and the levels of significance attributed to various parts of the place.*

*The lecture theatre is part of the original building design and construction and the oldest intact lecture theatre on the University campus, yet it is attributed only 'some' significance and then shown on the development proposals as demolished for new development right up to the back of the north facing verandahs. This also cuts the building off from the light, air and Kings Park views that are part of the value of the place. Who made these assessments and on what basis. If there is a conservation plan that explains this, where is it please?*

*PS I have been studying this site with students since 2016 for conservation planning and we have primary sources and first-generation documents to demonstrate the age, authenticity and value of the lecture theatre.*

## Question 5

**Dr Joan Pope OAM**

*The construction of the internationally renowned Callaway Music Centre on UWA's Park Ave site was funded by UWA and two major ARC Linkage Grants in 2003. It includes significant archival collections that make up a valuable sociological and anthropological record of Australia's musical history. One of its major collections was acquired for UWA by well-known Japanese philanthropist Haruhisa Handa. In the event of the Senate accepting the proposal regarding the development of the Park Avenue site, will the Vice Chancellor indicate the future of the unique Callaway Music Archive; its staffing; potential venue; and financial support?*

### Response

**Vice-Chancellor**

First of all, I thank both of the questioners for raising important issues and making suggestions. A little bit of context. The University went through an exercise to look at our Master Plan. There are some underpinnings to the Master Plan. For the size of the University that we are today, notwithstanding that we're going to grow, we have way more space than what is required. So let me look locally, you'll find that you have space challenges. This conclusion is drawn from the total amount of space and number buildings that we have. So that's data point number one. Data point number two, most of the buildings that we have are in bad shape. So we have a lot of properties; we don't have capacity to maintain them; we have financial challenges. So even for this university, we just don't have enough resources to maintain the buildings that we have, and with the number of students you have today, the formulaic conclusion will lead us to think that we don't need that many buildings. So whether that's true or not, we have to look at it School by School – what their needs are – but generally that's what it is. So, second one is we feel that it is better for us to consolidate our operations because we have a lot of things – a little bit here, a little bit there. So the Master Plan calls for, where possible, bringing those back to Crawley campus. So those are the two drivers.

If we do that, then the question becomes what do we do with some of the lands that we have? You know again, it's subject to debate, but depending on your criteria, we may conclude that some of the lands that we have, they're not quite attached to the Crawley campus. We may not need them. So, the assumption at this point in time, is that Park Avenue is one of those sites that the University will not need - and then we have this financial need to refurbish our buildings. Just to give you a sense of the cost that we're looking at, we estimate that just to modernise our existing facilities, we are looking at an \$800 million plus

type of investment – so these are rough numbers. Just to rebuild our Medical School buildings, they're very old now, at some point in time sooner than later, we must do something about it. We estimate it to be about \$400 million. So this \$800 million just to renovate what we have, but we also have to build new facilities. So, there is that incentive. Now, the process.

We need to rezone that site, and to rezone it, we have to give them some indication what we have in mind. So the pictures of the diagram that you have, it's really a concept, to convey the concept to city planners. Why we are trying to rezone it, has mixed ears. If we get that rezoning approved, the next stage, where we have this detail plan, that again will create opportunity for the community to provide input, including university community. We will certainly take the observations into account. I just want to share that the message will be heard clearly, and loudly because there are five members of Senate here, including yours truly. I'm ex-officio member, and four senators are present in this room. This will not be lost. We'll certainly take this into account as we look at how that site is developed. The key point here is that no decision has yet been made. The only decision our Senate has made is to go to the city to try to rezone it. The next stage of the process has yet to unfold. Thank you.

### Response

**Warden**

We are very happy that the old Vice Chancellor's house is valued and the Park Avenue buildings, plus lecture theatre, are on the State Heritage register. So they're safe. And I know you have a particular view about the need to look after the historic buildings that the university has.

## Question 6

**Dr Mary Daley**

*How can Governments, globally, change from continual growth economics to steady state, or replacement economics?*

### Response

**Guest Speaker**

I was listening to one of the economists on the radio talking about how governments are progressing now – democratic governments. We're not talking about those that don't have democracies. And one of the problems we have is tax. Nobody wants to pay more tax. Nobody wants to pay more tax to do anything, you know, education. We could have a superb education system if there was slightly more money for education that was from the public purse, but no one's prepared to put that money in, and they only want to put money in for themselves. And I think that's exactly what the continual growth economics is.

I'm not an economist, I'm just a plain humble scientist. It always seemed to me that we've put our money in some odd places. Educating us all to the appropriate standard to take care of ourselves might be one of the ways to go, but it's not affordable. And so we are in this situation where our current students are paying more money than any of us ever did for our education. And we expect them to not only do that, but then work. I was talking to a couple of very good students the other day who've decided that they will never own their own house because they have debts, and now they have children. They will never own property in WA, because they simply can't afford it with the salary that they get, with the kind of wage deflation.

So I think these kinds of questions are simplistic because you've got to put them into the democracy and democracy matters because we vote. And we vote regularly against inflation of taxes, and that's what pays for education. The kind of things we talk about at the moment are the stage three tax cuts that the current Prime Minister has inherited. As part of the election, to get elected, he said I'll honour them when we all know we should not be honouring them. We should take that money and put it back in the corpus and use it for education for children and for all the other things that we need.

Unless we follow the Norwegian and the Finnish, and to an extent, the Swedish way of living where there's a much more equitable society. In Norway, there are no private schools, there are only public schools. They've taken the money from their oil reserves, unlike us with our iron ore reserves, and put it into a fund, which will make them one of the wealthiest countries forever in the world. I've forgotten the name of the fund. We have not taken that approach. We need to change our view and philosophical view, but we're a democracy. And right now, we lose that option every time we have an election because we vote against it.

## **Response**

### **Vice-Chancellor**

I'd like to take the liberty of applying that question at the risk of actually not answering the question. So whether it addresses the question or not, I think you would be interested in this. The current model of public university funding is not sustainable because it depends on growth, but there's a limit to growth. The only reason we are contemplating growing, is that in the past, we haven't grown. Had we grown in the past, we would not have that capacity. Many universities in this country actually have reached, in my view, the maximum. So the challenge for us, for UWA, is to use this limited growth, and find another way of sustaining our operations. So what that could be? We haven't discussed this because it's a

complex issue. But I do have models that I can look to, where growth is not the main driver.

If you look at great private universities or elite universities, if you look at Harvard, if you look at Oxford, their business model is not driven by growth. In fact, Harvard will not grow because if they grow their student body, endowment per student declines. At least one third or more is funded by endowment. So we are not going to be a private university for sure. We are a public university. One of the solutions that we have, is really to build our endowment. So our endowment right now, in the capital part or the corpus part of it, we have land assets and liquid assets. Liquid assets about are about \$400 million land assets are \$400 million. It's not enough, but it's not a bad position to be in.

So what do we need for our current budget? We actually need a \$10 billion endowment. So the question is can this University grow its endowment by \$10 billion? I'll give you my aspirational answer to that.

As I walk along the river. I have not seen as many expensive boats in one city as I have seen in Perth. And most of those are actually owned by graduates of this University. So I tend to believe that we have great capacity in the state to follow that path at least for one of the universities. And I'm optimistic, and the reason I'm optimistic is within a very short period of time, the community, our graduates and community supporters, have helped us create nine and endowed chairs.

Let me just share one powerful story with you, and you should be proud of your fellow graduate. The graduate of this University who moved to the States (USA) a long time ago, learned through the grapevines, probably through some of you, this University is trying to create this endowed chair program through a matching fund. We had no contact with this graduate of ours, a PhD in chemistry. So he reached out to DAR. He said, "I would like to create an endowment in Medicine, Chemistry, or Biological Chemistry".

So no 'ask' (*by the University*). Somebody just finds out that his university may need some help and calls us up. And now we have a Chair. We haven't filled it, so I think that's what we need to do. But there are other things universities can contemplate doing, difficult because we haven't had the conversation.

So what has happened over the years?

You know when you look at UWA, this is what you find. If you look at macro level how many students we have, how

many academic staff we have, and compare us with our peers across the country, within WA. We have actually more staff for our students than any other place.

Curtin University, for example, teaches almost twice the number of students with the same number of staff. All right, so that's one data point.

Data point number two, when you go to our schools, most of our schools, we don't have enough professors. So why is that we have so many disciplines that we cover, and we don't have enough students?

So one of the problem with the academy from my perspective, you know answering this question we have proliferated. Specialization, you know, we have this, we have that. So one thing we can do, it will require a lot of debate, actually is to ask do we really need the sub-specialties? Can we consolidate it. Our university actually had gone through some of these debates in the past. There are so many different ways of looking at it, and not one will lead us to that sustainable model.

Just going back to the endowment. A model – something of the following kind might work - one third of our resources coming from students, one third from government tax dollars, and one third from endowment.

So, when you look at Harvard, and I'm inside the little, a bit on the higher side. So currently we get about \$20 million from our endowment. It's not bad \$20 million. Our operating budget is about \$650 million. So if we can grow that \$20 million into \$200 million, now we are talking.

The Warden then concluded the Q & A session and said that she was very grateful for the willingness of panellists to answer questions in such depth which was really valuable. She emphasized that this is one of the important things about Convocation's General Meetings, that we have the opportunity to have our Vice-Chancellor, our Guild President and Guest Speaker in front of us ready to answer all sorts of questions that we can throw at them. Not many universities provide quite that sort of opportunity. Convocation is very fortunate for that and she thanked the panellists.

### **End of Q&A Session**

## **CONCLUSION**

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The Warden thanked all the people who had assisted her in the preparation of this event.

A special thank you to Ms Juanita Perez, Convocation Officer; and to Ashleigh Bradshaw and Keiran Hargreaves – who had all played a major role coordinating the arrangements for this Ordinary Meeting.

The Warden also thanked:

Manny Tamayo Photography. Photos taken by Manny Tamayo of Convocation events were used in the meeting booklet and slides for this meeting.

University Function Caterers who provided the catering for this meeting.

Brightside Live who had recorded this meeting so that it could be made available online.

The Warden declared the Autumn Ordinary Meeting of Convocation for 2023 closed at 8.20 pm.



# Vice-Chancellor's report

2023 Spring Ordinary Meeting of Convocation



## INTRODUCTION

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I am pleased to provide my report to the Spring Ordinary Meeting of Convocation 2023 and update you on University and alma mater developments.

It has been great to see our campus so activated over the past few months through Semester commencements and graduations. My heartfelt thanks to all of the staff and participants who make our graduation activities so successful, it is a special day for our students and their families and those who contribute make a real impact on those lifelong memories. The arrival of Spring brings with it a renewed energy for our summer seasonal events which invites our valued community to our campus, I encourage our alumni to keep an eye out for these in the coming months.

In October, I will again meet with our UK alumni to provide them with an update on our activities and achievements over the last year. I always welcome the opportunity to engage with our valued alumni and make efforts to do so where opportunity arises. One such opportunity arose when I was requested to participate in a Ministerial Investment and Trade mission of the Western Australian Government from May 29th to June 6th. The mission, with a strong focus on international education, covered Bangladesh, India, and Bhutan. The Minister requested me to lead the Bangladesh segment of the mission which I was honoured and pleased to oblige. High Commissioner Bruer hosted a reception dinner at his residence in honour of graduates of WA universities in Dhaka. I had the pleasure of meeting several UWA graduates at the event, including Professor Hasina Sheykh, Chairperson of the Department of Banking and Insurance at the University of Dhaka and a recent PhD graduate (2019) of UWA. Seeing our graduates making such important contributions to other countries and Australia is a very gratifying part of my role.

We continue to have strong engagement with Federal and State government. Our series of inspiring guest

speakers across public sector and government continues; we have welcomed and hosted the Hon Madeline King MP, Member for Brand, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Minister Templeman, Minister for Culture and the Arts; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage, and Dr David Russell-Weisz, Director General, WA Department of Health. We will also welcome Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Hydrogen Industry; Industrial Relations, the Hon Bill Johnston in September.

Since my last report there have been many sector developments.

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ACCORD

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The Australian Government has committed to an Australian Universities Accord to drive lasting and transformative reform in Australia's higher education system. The Accord is an opportunity to build a visionary plan for Australia's universities and higher education sector. The Government has invested \$2.7 million over two years from 2022-23 to deliver the Australian Universities Accord through a 12-month review of Australia's higher education system, led by a Panel of eminent Australians. The objective of the Accord is to devise recommendations and performance targets that will improve the quality, accessibility, affordability and sustainability of higher education, in order to achieve long term security and prosperity for the sector and the nation.

On Wednesday, 19 July 2023, Education Minister Jason Clare released the Australian Universities Accord interim report. The interim report contains several key action items, spanning equity and access, student funding arrangements, and governance. The interim report also looks at some big picture challenges and ideas to frame further discussion and consultation over the coming months. The core themes governing the interim report inform a vision for the future of Australia's higher education and tertiary education sectors in responding

to projected and anticipated socio-cultural and economic challenges and opportunities. These themes centre on:

- recognising and representing Indigenous Australia as core to the tertiary education sector,
- equity, access, and opportunities for all Australians to access tertiary education,
- ensuring funding arrangements are long-term focussed and provide stability to meet local, regional and national needs,
- ensuring governance structures are fit for purpose,
- ensuring the sustainability of Australian universities' world-class research, and
- promoting robust mechanisms for teaching and retaining international students so that Australia's international education remains one of the strongest in the world.

The government has made five key announcements in releasing the interim report:

1. Establish up to 20 additional Regional University Study Hubs (formerly Regional University Centres), building on the 34 existing Regional University Study Hubs currently operating across the country, and establish up to 14 Suburban University Study Hubs.
2. Abolish the 50 percent pass rule, introduced as part of the Job-ready Graduates Scheme, which has had a disproportionately negative impact on students from poor backgrounds and from the regions, and require increased reporting on student progress.
3. Extend demand driven funding to all First Nations students who are eligible for the course they apply for. Currently this only applies to First Nations students in regional and remote Australia.
4. Extend the Higher Education Continuity Guarantee for a further two years to provide funding certainty to universities as the Accord process rolls out, and as part of this, require universities to invest any remaining funding from their grant each year on additional academic and learning support for students from poor backgrounds, from the regions and from other under-represented groups.

Work with State and Territory governments through National Cabinet to improve university governance. This

includes university governing bodies having more people with expertise in the business of universities, and a focus on student and staff safety and making sure universities are good employers.

The interim report discusses several key challenges for the sector and presents ideas on how these might be overcome, for further discussion with stakeholders over the coming months. The panel is expected to deliver its final report to government in December this year.

## **STATE REVIEW OF WA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

In February, the State Government announced an independent University Sector Review Panel to examine the structure of Western Australia's four public universities, to support and strengthen the higher education sector.

The Review offers an opportunity for our public universities to collaborate with the State Government, the broader WA community, and industry, to effectively address our shared needs.

Following initial targeted consultations, the University Sector Review Panel released a Discussion Paper on 1 May 2023, seeking input from stakeholders. The University submitted a response to the University Sector Review Panel Discussion Paper which is available on the WA University Sector Review webpage. We have responded through the lens of what is best for our State, in alignment with our founding mission to advance the prosperity and welfare of Western Australia through our teaching, research, scholarship and knowledge translation.

The panel were to provide an interim progress report to the Minister in July with final report expected in September/October.

As I have reiterated to staff, I am confident of UWA's integral role in underpinning our State's strengths into the future and remain committed to the continued pursuit and delivery of our ambitious strategic growth agenda. We do not expect there will be any interruption to the University's teaching, research or operations.

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## **EDUCATION**

### **UWA TALENT HUB**

The UWA Talent Hub has been launched. This innovative module combines the UniHub Careers and Employability jobs board, industry and recruitment events, and comprehensive range of resources to support student

employability with a focus on ensuring students have excellent job application documentation in the platform available to employers on request.

### **EINSTEIN-FIRST PROGRAM**

Funding over the next three years from WA resource company, International Graphite, will support the Einstein-First program in schools in the Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe region. The funds provided by International Graphite, which is developing a graphite mine at Hopetoun and downstream processing at Collie, will provide training and support materials for local teachers, activity equipment for schools, and new learning videos, particularly around climate science modules in the curriculum for Years 6 to 10.

### **TECHNOLOGY HUB**

The University of Western Australia has partnered with the Commonwealth Bank Group to launch Perth's latest technology hub, to foster the next generation of talent. The Bankwest and CBA Perth Tech Hub is designed to support a growing cohort of digitally skilled workers and provide a boost to the digital economy in Western Australia.

## **RESEARCH**

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Our QS ranking has improved 18 places from 90 to 72. While this partly reflects a change in how the ranking is calculated, it also reflects the great efforts of UWA staff in maintaining and improving metrics that count towards this. This places us in a strong position to attract top researchers and prospective domestic and international students.

### **ARC FUNDING**

Seven researchers from The University of Western Australia have received grants to investigate projects ranging from reducing plastic pollution to understanding the importance of rock art heritage sites and developing offshore renewable energy. Professor Marco Fiorentini, from the School of Earth Sciences, received \$5 million from the Australian Research Council (ARC) Industrial Transformation Training Centres scheme. The UWA-led ARC Training Centre in Critical Resources for the Future will train the next generation of geoscientists and engineers to meet the demands of transitioning to renewable energy.

Professor Jacqui Batley, from the School of Biological Sciences, is part of a team that received \$5 million from the ARC Training Centre in Predictive Breeding for Agricultural Futures scheme. Led by The University of

Queensland, the centre aims to develop the advanced capacity needed to secure Australia's food and fibre production and export value into the future.

Five mid-career researchers' projects received almost \$5 million in funding from the ARC Future Fellowships scheme:

- Professor Serena Dipierro, from the School of Physics, Mathematics and Computing, received more than \$1 million to tackle problems in maths analysis.
- Dr Georg Fritz, from the School of Molecular Sciences, received \$972,670 to genetically engineer a marine bacterium into a bioproduction platform for valuable chemicals and bioplastics.
- Dr Karen Filbee-Dexter, from the School of Biological Sciences, received \$838,627 to understand the benefits of the Great Southern Reef ecosystem and how kelp forests provide nature-based solutions to reduce emissions and improve coastal water quality.
- Associate Professor Martin Porr, from the School of Social Sciences, received more than \$1 million to examine how contemporary heritage is created, find out what motivates tourists to visit rock art sites and what preconceptions tourists and Traditional Owners have about each other.
- Dr Wenhua Zhao, from the Oceans Graduate School, received \$944,606 to develop precise prediction models for the next generation offshore infrastructure.

### **WA YOUNG TALL POPPY SCIENCE AWARD**

Five scientists from The University of Western Australia have received a WA Young Tall Poppy Science Award for their outstanding early career research. The recipients are Dr Jessica Kretzmann, from UWA's School of Molecular Sciences; Dr Karen Lee-Waddell, from the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR) and CSIRO Space and Astronomy; Professor Chan Cheah, from UWA Medical School and Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital; Dr Dona Jayakody, from UWA Medical School and Ear Science Institute Australia; and Forrest Fellow Dr David Gozzard, from ICRAR.

### **RESEARCH ON THE RECORD**

In July we launched a podcast series called Research on the Record. Our Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research kicked off the series and shares her own journey through academia – from her early years in medical oncology, to what inspired her to pursue a career in research, to

her recent breakthrough mesothelioma work which has pioneered the combination chemotherapy with immunology to treat patients. Our August podcast features Eloise Moore has recently completed her master's degree. Eloise made headlines last year when she took command of the Zadko telescope to capture the final images of the booster rocket for a Chinese lunar mission before it crashed into the dark side of the moon, after spending eight years in orbit.

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Clinical psychology students from UWA, **Megan Ansell** and **Phoebe Carrington-Jones**, will be involved in the first ever rural and remote placement in the Pilbara which aims to improve mental health in remote Australia.
- **Gabriella Nel** (BSci '19, MBBS '22), a UWA graduate and Joondalup Hospital junior medical doctor submitted the highest mountain in the world, Mt Everest. This making her the youngest medical doctor in the world to have conquered Mt Everest.
- A cutting-edge project using synthetic biology to create a special type of manufacturing platform using fungi is one of five projects at The University of Western Australia **awarded nearly \$3 million in Federal Government funding**. The grants, awarded under the Australian Research Council's Industry Fellowship Scheme, will be used for research ranging from a new system to measure stress in Australian Defence Force employees to a study predicting the future resilience of reef-fronted coastal habitats in marine parks.
- Breakthrough technology that can diagnose antibiotic resistance within hours has received \$500,000 of commercial funding to accelerate its path to clinical use. The technology grew out of research led by **The University of Western Australia's Medical School** and **School of Biomedical Science at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research** and will be funded by CUREator, a commercial acceleration incubator that specialises in health security and is funded by the Federal Government via the CSIRO and administered by Brandon BioCatalyst.
- Telethon Kids Institute and The University of Western Australia have appointed internationally renowned genetic disease researcher, **Professor Aleksandra Filipovska**, as the inaugural Lou Landau Chair of Child Health Research.
- **UWA Public Policy Institute** partnered with the **UWA Law School** and the **Australian Association of Constitutional Law** to host an event to discuss 'What The Voice will really mean for Australians'. Panel speakers included former Minister for Indigenous Australians the Honourable Ken Wyatt, UWA Chancellor and former High Court Chief Justice Robert French, UWA Law School lecturer Aurora Milroy and First Nations leader, columnist and legal academic Emma Garlett, while UWA Law School's Associate Professor Murray Wesson will moderate the discussion.

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Professor Siddique** was presented the Sanqin Friendship Award for his outstanding contribution to the economic construction and society development of Shaanxi Province.
- UWA Centre for Rural Health (WACRH) Geraldton Senior Lecturer **Kathryn Fitzgerald** was joint winner of the Rural Researcher or Educator category at the annual WA Rural Health Excellence Awards.
- Director, entrepreneur and SIS alumni **Katina Law** is one of six First Nations women inducted into the Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame in 2023.
- **Professor Akshay Venkatesh**, the youngest-ever student to enrol at The University of Western Australia, has been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences.
- **Abigail Gregorio** has been awarded this year's Ciara Glennon Memorial Law Scholarship at The University of Western Australia.
- A team of students from the **Business School** won the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Marketing Case Competition. UWA's team, The Recyclables, included Kayla Eileff, Daniella De Rozario, Lachlan Brown and Ross Ferguson as well as subs Xinyu Huang and Tiffany Low.
- WA Centre for Rural Health of The University of Western Australia's Research Fellow **Dr Charmaine Papertalk Green** has been awarded the 2023 Red Room Poetry Fellowship
- Rural Clinical School of WA (RCSWA) Kununurra medical coordinator and senior lecturer **Dr Jared Watts** was named the Specialist of the Year. Dr Watts is the director for Obstetrics and Gynaecology at

WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and heads the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department in the Kimberley.

- **Associate Professor Bronwyn Peirce** was awarded the Rural Researcher or Educator of the Year jointly with Kathryn Fitzgerald.
- **Emeritus Professor Marcus Atlas AM**, Professor Andrew Whitehouse, and Dr Iain Grandage received accolades for their exceptional contributions in their respective fields at Western Australian of the Year awards.
- UWA Fine Arts graduate **Agatha Okon** received the Schenberg Art Commendation at Hatched 2023: The National Graduate exhibition.
- **Professor Sergey Shabala** has been appointed as a Chair in Plant Physiology at The University of Western Australia.
- **William McDonald**, a Masters student at UWA and the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR), took out the Astronomical Society of Australia's Bok Prize 2023 for outstanding research by an Honours student or eligible Masters student.
- **The International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR)** has been awarded a Gold Pleiades Award for its work in promoting diversity and inclusion initiatives.
- **PhD student Natasha Harrison**, from the School of Biological Sciences, collaborated on a project quantifying anti-predator responses in critically endangered woylies that won the 2023 Ecological Impact Award.
- **The Executive Director of West Australian Opera, Ms Carolyn Chard AM**, was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music at our winter graduation ceremony.

## KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

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This year, 25 UWA-affiliated staff and alumni recognised in the King's Birthday Honours.

- **Emeritus Professor Carol Bower**, whose landmark research and advocacy around the link between low folate levels and birth defects led to the mandatory fortification of flour in 2009, was named a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) – the nation's highest honour.
- **The Honourable Colin Barnett**, BEc '73, MEd '83 and an **Adjunct Professor at UWA's Business School**, received an AC for eminent service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia: as premier; for economic and infrastructure development; social welfare reform; and to the Indigenous community.
- **Professor Kingsley Dixon, BSc '76, PhD '82** and a former staff member, received an Office of the Order of Australia (AO), which recognises distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or to humanity at large.
- **Dr Cassandra Goldie**, BJuris '86, LLB '87, was recognised with an AO for distinguished service to social justice through leadership and advocacy to promote the rights of people marginalised and disadvantaged in the community.
- **Dr David Blacker**, from UWA's Medical School and Perron Institute's Medical Director, received a Member for the Order of Australia (AM), which recognise service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group.
- **Former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research Emeritus Professor Robyn Owens**, from UWA's School of Physics, Mathematics and Computing, was recognised with an AM for significant service to science in the fields of computer vision and mathematics.
- **Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua**, MBBS '83, received an AM for significant service to patient care, to medicine and as a role model to women.
- **Dr George Galvin** RFD, BSc '65, MBBS '73, was recognised with an AM for significant service to military history, to governance in sport and to emergency medicine.
- **Professor Warren Harding**, BSc(Agric) '79, received an AM for significant service to business, to community health and to the information technology industry.
- **Mr Terry Hill**, BSc(Agric) '80, received an AM for significant service to primary industry, to public administration and to the agricultural sector.
- **Ms Joanna Horgan**, BA '89, DLitt '17, was recognised with an AM for significant service to retail business, and to women in executive roles.
- **The late Mr Robert Meadows KC**, LLB '64, received an AM for significant service to the law and the legal profession in WA.

- **Professor Josephine Ward**, BSc '76, received an AM for significant service to tertiary education and to science.
- **Professor Alice Pebay**, an Adjunct Associate Professor for the Centre for Ophthalmology and Visual Science at UWA, received an AM for significant service to science, particularly through stem cell and neuroscience research.
- **Mr Nicolo Catania**, BEc '71, received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), which are awarded for service worthy of particular recognition, for service to the community through a range of roles.
- **Ms Vanya Cullen**, BSc '83, was recognised with an OAM for service to viticulture and oenology.
- **Dr Andrew Davies**, MBBS '97, received an OAM for service to medicine and to the community.
- **Mr David De Vos**, BA '66, received an OAM for service to the broadcast media as a journalist.
- **Mr Norbert Fandry**, BScEd '76, was recognised with an OAM for service to secondary education.
- **Ms Susan Hayes**, BA '93, MPhil '94, received an OAM for service to literature, particularly as an administrator.
- **Ms Eugenie Jelly**, MEdMan '92, received an OAM for service to nursing as a clinician and an educator
- **Ms Kathleen McGurk**, BA '86, was recognised with an OAM for service to the visual arts through administrative roles.
- **Mrs Esme Moulds**, BSW '98, received an OAM, for service to social welfare support.
- **Mr Stephen Reynolds**, BSc '86, GradDipEd '97, received an OAM for service to the community through a range of organisations.
- **Dr Fergus Gardiner**, an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at UWA Medical School and the Rural Clinical School, received an OAM for service to medicine.

**Professor Amit Chakma**

Vice Chancellor

# Guild President's report



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## Introduction

It is a pleasure to report to the Second Ordinary Meeting of the Convocation of UWA Graduates for 2023. As both a UWA graduate and President of the Guild I understand the value and importance of the relationship between the Convocation and the Student Guild. I hope to have continued to strengthen this relationship this year.

Throughout 2023 it has been a privilege to serve UWA students as the 110<sup>th</sup> Guild President. My focal point, as the university's peak student representative, has been acting as the student voice in university decision making. Secondly, as the head of the Guild as its own independent organisation, I have focused on providing services and amenities to the entire student cohort. My motivation in these duties has always been to enhance students' university experience, both on and off campus, and ensure everyone has access to the resources that they need to achieve their best.

This year has been an extremely busy year for the 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council. As my term enters its final quarter, I am excited to share the work that has been undertaken by the 110<sup>th</sup> Guild

Council so far, as well as the projects we wish to complete in the remainder of the year.

## ENGAGEMENT

This year, the Guild's main goal was to increase student engagement on campus and bring back the numbers we saw prior to the COVID pandemic. As more students got involved with campus activities and engaged with the Guild, we believed it would help students to meet new people and make new friendships allowing them to have a more enjoyable and memorable experience at UWA.

We aimed to foster this engagement in multiple ways this year:

### 1. Increased Club Grants by \$25,000.

The increase in club grants aims to provide extra opportunities for the 121 clubs to engage with even more students throughout the year. The Guild believes its clubs are the lifeline of campus engagement, and hence why it has taken these steps to encourage clubs to pursue different avenues to connect with students.

## 2. Introduced Tav Wednesdays.

This is a weekly event organised by the Guild and UDub Radio station held at The Tavern. The event aims to bring students together and provide them with a platform to socialise, network, and unwind after a long day of classes. The Tav Wednesday events have been highly successful in 2023, and well attended, with more and more students through the doors each week. I'm proud to say we've managed to hold the momentum throughout the year, and this weekly event has had a positive financial impact on the Tavern.

## 3. Theme Weeks.

The Guild Departments including Women's, Pride, Access and the Public Affairs Council (PAC) held multiple Theme Weeks through out the year to celebrate and represent students from all around campus. These weeks were heavily attended by students. The following Theme Weeks were held by the Guild thus far:

- Fringe Week by PAC
- Pride Week by the Pride Department
- Access Week by the Access Department
- Research Week by the Postgraduate Students' Association
- Faith Week by PAC
- Women's Week by the Women's Department
- National Volunteering Week by the Guild Volunteering
- Social Impact Week by PAC
- Wellbeing Week by the Wellbeing Department
- Sustainability Week by Environment Department

## 4. Sundowners

After a few years' hiatus, Sundowners were brought back this year with more than 10 clubs getting involved in the weeklong event on Oak Lawn. The aim of Sundowners is to provide freshers with a safe and enjoyable platform to

socialise and meet new friends. The Guild understands the importance of creating an inclusive and secure environment on campus for all students, and that is why the event was redesigned, catering to everyone with the inclusion of security and fencing at the event. The Guild believes that these initiatives are vital for the holistic development of students and will continue to work towards promoting student engagement on campus.

## 5. Increasing Social Media Engagement

This year the Guild utilised its social media platforms quite well especially the Instagram handle of the Guild. We focused on a style of creating content that is more relevant and relatable for the average university student, so that it encourages students to reach out and engage with the Guild more often.

Our number of followers on Instagram have increased by 3,600 people this year, with overall engagement for 2023 increasing by 52.3% compared to 2022.

## 6. Screening of the Matildas' Semifinal Game at the Tavern.

The recent Matildas' match (Australia vs England Semifinal match, as part of the FIFA Women's World Cup) was televised live in the Tavern and saw about 450 students through the doors that afternoon and evening. It must be noted that the students who showed up to attend the event, at relatively short notice, definitely brought a sense of community and inclusion to the Tavern for all those who attended it.

These are just a few initiatives we have carried out during the year to achieve our goal of enhancing the student experience and improving campus engagement. Our Student Departments, Guild Councillors, Guild Affiliated Clubs and Faculty Societies have organised multiple





inclusive events and initiatives that have made students feel a better sense of belonging in the UWA community.

So far this year, the number of Events organised by the Guild, Clubs and the Faculty Societies year to date in 2023 is 1771.

Furthermore, the following notable Guild events are yet to take place this year;

- CruickshankRoutley Memorial Guild Ball
- Spring Feast
- Relay 4 Life Fundraiser in collaboration with the Cancer Council.

## STUDENT ASSIST

Since the beginning of the year up to July 2023, Guild's Student Assist team has supported 1,198 students facing either Welfare, Academic or Financial struggles. It can be understood that with the current economic climate in the country more students are facing more financial and welfare related issues.

SERVICE	January-July 2023
ACADEMIC ADVOCACY	634
FINANCIAL	96
WELFARE	468
TOTAL CASES YTD	1,198

The usage of the Food Pantry service has significantly increased as well, during the year compared to 2022. In Semester 1 of this year 363 students used the service compared to just 59 students in Semester 1 of 2022. This significant rise in its usage has introduced new budgetary pressures to Student Assist and the Guild, and we are looking for alternative sources to keep funding this essential service.

The Student Assist team has collaborated with all the Student Offices across campus to organise a Food Drive among staff. We have received numerous donations from various locations on campus, courtesy of the University staff. Similar initiatives have also been implemented in the University administrative buildings. Additionally, the UWA Marketing team included a post in their staff newsletter, requesting donations for Student Assist.

As a Guild Council, we aim to work with key stakeholders across the campus and put all our efforts together to continue these services for students, especially in the current economic climate.

## CONTAINERS 4 CHANGE INITIATIVE

This year we introduced the Containers 4 Change Initiative to all our Guild Outlets (all Cafes, Tavern and the Refectory). The Guild partnered up with the City of Perth to bring this initiative onto campus and so far, this has been received well by the students. The funds raised by the initiative will be donated to the Food Pantry service of the Guild's Student Assist.

### Guild Village

#### 1. Guild Masterplan

The Guild worked with the architectural firm Taylor Robinson Chaney Broderick (TRCB) on finalising its new Masterplan. Many students were consulted in the process, ensuring we come up with the best design to cater to students' needs now and in the future. The Masterplan is designed to achieve the following 4 core goals:

- Improve the facilities for students to study, explore and experience UWA.
- Drive oncampus student engagement and support UWA's unique club and society culture. (In 2022 the Guild had over 121 clubs and societies and oversaw 3,000+ events at UWA.)
- Support the expected growth in student numbers and increasingly diversifying needs of the UWA Student cohort.
- Significantly improve accessibility requirements, lighting, safety for students, security and meet compliance requirements.

The Masterplan was presented to the UWA Senate at the July Meeting by Viknash VM (Postgraduate Students' Association President), Tony Goodman (Managing Director of the Guild) and myself. There was a common agreement among the Senators that it is important for both the University and its students that a project of this scale should go ahead.

The Guild does not have the capacity to fully commit financially to funding all of the works listed in the Masterplan. At this stage the Guild is in discussions with the University for financial support to actualise these plans into reality and further improve the student experience at UWA.

#### 2. New Vendors in the Guild Precinct

This year the Guild has managed to secure multiple external vendors in the Guild Precinct. We have introduced a new barber; a new pizza vendor and a new frozen yogurt outlet which will commence operations on the August 31. Further, we have observed that the usage of the Guild Village Precinct and its services have significantly increased this year compared to 2022.

## WA UNIVERSITY SECTOR REVIEW

During the recent WA University Sector Review, the Guild was invited to make a submission regarding the discussion paper that was released on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023. We did an extensive amount of consultation among student leaders and UWA students before our submission was made, ensuring our views resonated with what our students at UWA really wanted out of a review of this sorts.

I had the opportunity to meet with the Review Panel led by Emeritus Professor Sandra Harding AO (Panel Chair), in June. There were many conversations about international student enrolments, the influence of university rankings and discussions around the problems of the current systems.

Our submission to the panel can be viewed on the Guild's website: [www.uwastudentguild.com](http://www.uwastudentguild.com).

## Venture

Venture UWA stands as the Innovation Centre of the Student Guild, a visionary response to the transformative impact of automation and innovation on the global employment landscape. Venture emerged from a proactive collaboration between UWA students and the Guild, driven by the shared goal of equipping UWA's future graduates with the skills and mindset vital for the evolving world of work.

In the present year, Venture has made a profound impact, reaching out to over 1,400 students through its three flagship initiatives. The innovative spirit of Venture gave rise to the "Venture Starter" program, and the "incubator program". Venture Starter is tailored to students who are in the nascent stages of shaping their business concepts. The Venture Incubator program was launched to provide a platform for students with established businesses to propel their ventures to the next level. This saw the successful inclusion of 18 teams across these initiatives, receiving invaluable guidance from a global panel of 25 mentors. The internship program also took flight this year. This exceptional program not only granted students the opportunity to intern with our incubator entrepreneurs but also granted them access to exclusive workshops and hands-on experiences.



## PLAGIARISM AND FRAUDULENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE CAMPAIGN

Recently, the Education Council of the Guild, led by Education Council President Holly Mellor, carried out a social media campaign on Plagiarism and Fraudulent Medical Certificates. It has been noted by the University that there has been an increase in the number of students engaged in activities that questions the academic integrity of the University. In response to this, our Education Council ran a campaign which focused on the consequences of such actions, offering advice on ways of avoiding situations that may increase the likelihood of students' making wrong choices. This was well received by students and was much appreciated by the University.

## STUDENT LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE (SLAC)

The Student Legal Advice Centre (SLAC) is up and running this year and is a notforprofit entity that aims to empower law students at the university and facilitate access to justice for all UWA students. SLAC will be providing legal advice to students in the areas of tenancy law, employment law, and workplace discrimination. The centre is located in the Guild Village and offers advice appointments of up to 40 minutes with a qualified lawyer.

Thus far this year there have been more than 20 students that have utilised the service, mainly in tenancy and workplace areas. The Centre is looking to further expand its services and secure more partnerships with external stakeholders to sustain its operations.

## STUDENT SAFETY ON CAMPUS

Following the National Student Safety Survey in 2022, this year's Guild Council have prioritised making sure all students are feeling comfortable and safe on campus, at all times.

To address the issue at hand, the Guild has introduced and implemented the following policies and practices in the last 12 months;

- Upgraded the Student Leadership Team to address more sexual harm mitigation and reporting mechanisms.
- Introduction of the Safer Events Officer for every club
- Introduction of the Sexual Health Hub on the Guild Website
- Expansion of the "Wellbean Volunteer" Program

Recently, the University launched the UWA's new Respectful Relationships online module. Respectful Relationships has been a collaborative effort between UWA Health Promotion Unit and the Guild over several years. As a Guild we encourage all our student leaders

and students to complete this online module in order to gain a much better understanding of awareness of sexual harm and referral options for survivors.

From 2024, the Guild will make the module mandatory for all students taking part in the Student Leadership Training run by the Guild. Furthermore, we will advocate and work alongside the University to make it a mandatory unit for all students at UWA, so that we can educate all our students and create a more respectful and responsible student community.

### **Relationship with the NTEU**

The Guild, as an activist body, has and will always advocate and fight for what is best for our students. This year we are working closely with the UWA branch of the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), to make sure that staff rights are protected and respected by the University during their discussions for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. As the NTEU slogan states: *“Staff working conditions are student learning conditions.”*

### **Updates to regulations and constitutions**


This year, our Chair of Guild Council, Rob Whitehurst has reviewed and updated 9 regulations and constitutions within the Guild, including the Women’s Department, Tenancy and Wellbeing Department to name a few. As many of the Guild Regulations had not been updated in years (with some last reviewed in 2013) we are very grateful for all of Rob’s efforts. We are looking forward to going through the rest of our documents (Regulations, Rules, Constitutions and Terms of Reference) in 2023, and bringing them all up to date for better operation of the Guild in the future.

### **Conclusion**

I am proud to say the 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council has been able to make a very positive impact on this campus throughout the year. Mentioned above are only few key highlights for the year, with many more projects and initiatives carried out by both our students and Guild staff members alike.

I would like to thank Convocation for its support of the Guild throughout the year and hope this relationship will continue for many years to come. Thank you again for the opportunity to present this report. I look forward to interacting with the Convocation as a graduate after my term.

**Geemal Jayawickrama**  
110<sup>th</sup> Guild President



# Warden's report

Autumn General Meeting 23 March 2023



It gives me great pleasure to present a report of our activities and initiatives since our last Ordinary General meeting in March 2023.

I acknowledge the support provided by the Chancellor the Honourable Robert French AC CitWA and the Vice-Chancellor Professor Amit Chakma, the SDVC Professor Tim Colmer, the DVC Education, Professor David Sadler, and the DVC Research, Professor Anna Nowak, and the Chief Advancement Officer, Ms Fiona Allen, with whom the Deputy Warden, Dr David Griffiths and I, have continued to meet regularly. To serve the University and its graduates, it is essential that Convocation Council has strong

relationships within the University and to this end we have also met with several Heads of Schools to discuss various projects. All have welcomed our engagement and provided valuable advice.

In July, I and several Councillors were privileged to deliver the Warden's speech at seven Graduation Ceremonies. I was grateful for the assistance of Senator Adjunct Professor Dr Brett Davies, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, Ms Nee Nee Ong and Winthrop Professor Marc Tennant AM – who all assisted me in carrying out the Warden's historic role in welcoming graduates as new members of Convocation.



Official photo after one of the July Graduations.

**L-R back row:** Professor Tony Hughes D'Aeth (School of Humanities), Emeritus Professor Chris Wortham, Professor Natalie Skead (Dean & Head, UWA Law School), Emeritus Professor Krishna Sen, Emeritus Professor Peter Handford, Emeritus Professor John Kinder

**Middle row:** Winthrop Professor Marc Tennant AM (Deputy Chair, Academic Board), Professor Amanda Davies (Head, School of Social Sciences), Professor Imelda Whelehan (Dean, Graduate Research School), Ms Sue Murphy AO (Pro-Chancellor), Mr Oral McGuire (Noongar leader, entrepreneur & landholder)

**Front row:** Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory AM (Warden of Convocation), Professor David Sadler (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education), Ms Alexandra Allan (Guest Speaker), Winthrop Professor Michael Blakeney LLD (Higher Doctorate recipient), The Hon. Robert French AC CitWA (Chancellor), Racheline Tantular (Valedictory Speaker), Nick Veugen (Mace Bearer & President of Arts Union)



Official photo at one of the July Graduations.

*Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, Convocation Councillor, delivering the Warden's Welcome at one of the the July Graduation Ceremonies.*

## CHANCELLOR'S JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION COUNCIL AND DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Chancellor's Joint Committee of Convocation Council and DAR continues to be an invaluable asset. This year, the Deputy Warden, Dr David Griffiths, accepted the role of Chair. Council elected Professor Marc Tennant AM, Dr Fran Pesich and Senator Dr Bob Olivier, with myself ex officio as Warden, as its representatives. DAR representatives are Mr Keiran Hargreaves, Associate Director, Alumni Engagement, Mr Milos Vaskovic, Associate Director, Advancement Services, and Ms Jenn Parsons, Senior Alumni Engagement Manager, Ms Juanita Perez, Convocation Officer, with Ms Fiona Allan, Chief Advancement Officer, ex officio. There are six meetings scheduled each year.

The Chancellor's Joint Committee has been a wonderful vehicle that has enabled Convocation and DAR to work together and share resources in a way that has not previously been possible. We are particularly grateful to Ms Fiona Allen and Mr Keiran Hargreaves for the ongoing interest, commitment and support that they have shown towards Convocation.

For information and to assist Convocation Council's planning processes, DAR staff are now sharing with us their six-monthly Graduate Reports, as well as quarterly Alumni Engagement & Participation and Philanthropy Reports and the triennial UWA Alumni Attitudinal survey. DAR has adopted CASE global best practice on alumni engagement accounting involving four ways to connect with alumni, including events, communications (click throughs), volunteering, and philanthropy. The DAR Governance Structure has also been provided for our Council Induction Pack.

They are also supporting the regular surveys we now undertake after each event to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our members. Convocation events are now included in the internal DAR Activity report so that clashes are avoided as much as possible. As well, support for the adoption of SharePoint by Councillors is being provided, however different systems are creating some difficulties in widespread adoption.

Noting our interest in UWA's overseas Alumni groups, DAR staff are also keeping us updated on their new 'Grad Launch Pad', UWA's recently developed Global Network website which enables graduates to find out more about 'a global network near you.'

In terms of our liaison with different sectors of the university, senior DAR staff have supported our liaison with UWA's College of Schools, Financial Services and Information Technology. Most recently, they have also provided valuable comments focussing on the operational aspects of our draft revised Statute.

As an offshoot of this collaboration through the Joint Committee, each month, the Deputy Warden, David Griffiths, and I meet with the Chief Advancement Officer, Ms Fiona Allan, and she regularly attends Council meetings. Her senior staff also give presentations on aspects of their work to Council.

A further offshoot has been the establishment of a Working Party called 'Celebrating our Graduates' facilitated by Ms Jenn Parsons, Senior Alumni Engagement Manager. The working Party includes Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, Chair of our Events Committee, Senator Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr AM, Chair of our Honours and Resources Committees, and myself as Warden. We have had several meetings, and an initial outcome will be the Inaugural Chancellor's Awards Reception to be held next year to honour those UWA Graduates who have been awarded Australian and Western Australian Honours this year.

## CONVOCATION COMMITTEES: REIMAGINING, INSPIRING, ENGAGING AND CONTRIBUTING

Much of Council's work since the March Ordinary General Meeting has involved planning and preparation for activities held later in the year. New Councillors are inducted and settle in, awards are judged, and events such as the Spring meeting, Convocation Senate Dinner, 50th Reunion are all organised. As well as these, we have been focussing on the implementation of items in our Strategic Plan.

## ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### Councillors:

- Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory AM (Chair)
- Associate Professor Estie Kruger
- Associate Professor Nin Kirkham
- Senator Dr Bob Olivier
- Ms Nee Nee Ong
- Dr Simon Dawkins (Co-optee)
- Dr David Griffiths (Ex officio Deputy Warden)

One of the key items in our Strategic Plan is the development of a Higher Education e-bulletin or digest, as we believe many of members will be keen to keep abreast of the changes that are occurring in tertiary education that affect UWA. This has required considerable investigation to ensure that in reporting information from other sources we are compliant with copyright regulations etc. It is likely that it will be distributed through the Convocation of UWA Graduates LinkedIn page [linkedin.com/groups/78667/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/78667/).

In the lead up to this we have begun posting *Convocation Connecting* e-bulletin on LinkedIn. We were already very pleased that the analytics we receive show that 55% of members who regularly receive this e-bulletin, open and engage with it. A link to the e-bulletin is also now provided in *Alumni Connection* which is emailed to all graduates and other UWA alumni. Posting *Convocation Connecting* on Linked In will make it accessible to even more members.

You may recall that the August *Convocation Connecting* included an item on the coming referendum to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Council has discussed the issue and the majority indicated their support for the Yes vote. We recognised, however, that there will be a range of views within our membership. Nevertheless, we have been concerned by the amount of misinformation that has been spread widely. To ensure that members have easy access to reliable information, we provided links to the relevant Commonwealth Government and Australian Electoral Commission web pages in *Convocation Connecting*.

As Warden I also sent a separate message to members recently that provided information on the WA Government's Review of Higher Education in this state. This was sent to some 80,000 members for whom we hold email addresses. Many of us receive so many emails that we often just delete any email that doesn't interest us. I was delighted to receive the analytics for this particular email, which showed that 49%, some 39,000 of you, opened and engaged with the email. Even if you simply

skimmed the text, this demonstrates a considerable interest in higher education issues as they affect your university amongst many Convocation members.

Convocation Council also supported the UWA's Academic Staff Association who recently held a panel discussion on the WA Review of Higher Education. There was an excellent turnout of staff and a goodly number of Convocation members in attendance to hear the panel. It included Professors Peter Klinken, WA's Chief Scientist, Ray da Silva Rosa, Chair of Academic Board and Anna Nowak, DVC Research who each provided a spirited discussion of the issues.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

### Councillors:

- Ms Nee Nee Ong (Chair)
- Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis
- Ms Devon Cuneo
- Associate Professor Estie Kruger
- Dr Raj Kurup
- Dr Moira Maley
- Warden ex officio
- Deputy Warden ex officio.

The winners of the 2023 Postgraduate Research Travel Awards (PGRTAs) and the Matilda Award for Cultural Excellence, will be presented with certificates at the Spring Ordinary General Meeting.

Last year our awards were presented at an online ceremony. Whilst this was very successful in many respects, our survey of those who attended, including recipients and their families, showed that for many it was disappointing, lacking the enthusiasm, elation, and jubilation of pre-Covid award ceremonies. We anticipate that holding presentations during the Spring meeting will restore that sense of excitement and give the awards and its winners a larger audience, both in-person and online, as well as increase the profile of the awards.



Warden at Presentation of Convocation Undergraduate Prize in Commerce to Bryan Ng Tung-Chen

As explained at our Autumn Ordinary General Meeting, funding for our Awards has been reduced and thus the number has been reduced. We would be very pleased to receive donations to help restore the funding of these awards and are extremely grateful to those individuals and their families who have responded to past calls for donations. Their generous support has supplemented Convocation funds and enabled us to present many Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Awards, the Matilda Award for Cultural Excellence, Convocation Undergraduate Prizes, Sports Scholarships and Sports Star of the Year Award to students over the years. We also are very appreciative of the annual funding provided by the Postgraduate Students Association to support our awards. To donate please go to [uwa.edu.au/online-giving?Id=7b2d9d47-d108-4e73-857f-908d1c53e369](https://uwa.edu.au/online-giving?Id=7b2d9d47-d108-4e73-857f-908d1c53e369)

## EVENTS COMMITTEE

### Councillors:

- Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis (chair),
- Ms Devon Cuneo,
- Mr Ric Stern,
- Mr Keiran Hargreaves DAR co-optee
- Warden ex officio
- Deputy Warden ex officio.

Our annual Convocation Senate Dinner venue has been booked for 30 October in the University Club of WA Formal Dining Room.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion is to be held on Saturday 25 November in the Club Restaurant, Level 1, University Club of WA. This year we have decided to hold a High Tea rather than a lunch to reduce ticket prices for the 1973 graduates and their guests. This also assists us in coping with increased

numbers – a reflection of the increase in graduate numbers in the 1970s. Invitations have been sent and we are very pleased that former Premier, the Hon Colin Barnett AC, an honours graduate of 1973, has agreed to be our guest speaker.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for Convocation Day to be held in the late afternoon of Sunday 3 March 2024. This will in part commemorate the centenary of building the Park Ave Building, which originally housed the natural sciences – Geology and Zoology – and is the University’s first permanent building on the Crawley site. It will also include an excerpt from a new play by Ms Julia Jarel about Western Australia’s Spider Lady, arachnologist Dr Barbara York Main, UWA’s first ever female Zoology PhD, a student and later lecturer in the building.

As I write this report, the build-up to this event has already begun. The history of the building was remembered on Friday 1 September 2023, at a ceremony organised by the UWA Historical Society to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone. At the event, representing Convocation, I reflected on the hopes and aspirations of the University’s early years, while Ms Sandy Anghie, WA President of the Institute of Architects, referred to the innovative design and construction of the Park Avenue Building and the impact that these innovations have had since that time. The UWA Historical Society Choir, all members of the UWA Choral Society, delighted those present with a rendition of the irreverent ‘University Anthem’ sung by students a hundred years ago, when the foundation stone was laid, to the tune of the old student drinking song, Gaudeamus igitur.

*The Park Avenue Building. (Photo courtesy of Mr Burke Hugo, Head of Division of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, School of Allied Health.)*





*Ceremony commemorating laying the foundation stone of the first UWA building constructed at Crawley in 1923. (Photo courtesy of Mr Kevin Keneally.)*

Since its opening as the first permanent building of the University of WA, the Park Avenue Building has been included on the State's Heritage Register, classified by the National Trust (WA) and included in the Municipal Heritage Register of the City of Perth. With its future assured, this will not be its only centenary celebrations, similar ceremonies will take place in the future every hundred years.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Councillors**

- Deputy Warden Dr David Griffiths (Chair)
- Mr Matt Budge,
- Dr Brett Davies
- Dr Fran Pesich
- Warden ex officio.

The Finance Committee, ably led by Deputy Warden Dr David Griffiths, has undertaken considerable work in ensuring that Convocation's various financial accounts, ranging from funds held in the University's Short Term Pool to those held in the University's Long Term Pool, all under the control of the University Financial Services, will be better aligned with the University's system to maximise our income, while complying with our statutory responsibilities. Account names and terminology used by Convocation have also been reviewed to ensure consistency with the names used across UWA's accounting and treasury system to reduce the possibility of confusion and errors in postings. The committee has received considerable assistance from Ms Juanita Perez, Convocation Officer, Mr Milos Vaskovic, Associate Director, Advancement Services, and Ms Fiona Allan, Chief Advancement Officer, Development and Alumni Relations, as well as members of Financial Services.



*The UWA Historical Society Choir signing the 1923 University Anthem. (Photo courtesy of Mr Kevin Keneally.)*

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Councillors:**

- Mr Graham Goerke (Chair)
- Senator Adjunct Professor Dr Brett Davies
- Senator Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr AM
- Mr Greg Calcutt AM co-optee,
- Warden and Deputy Warden ex officio.

The Governance Committee has been finalising the changes to the Statute recommended in our Strategic Plan and posted on the Convocation website last year for the information of members. This is an extremely important and complex task, and we are fortunate to have three lawyers on the Committee. The revised Statute is now almost complete ready for forwarding to the University's Director of Governance and General Counsel, Mr Paul Shanahan, and later the Senate for consideration.



## HONOURS COMMITTEE

### Councillors:

- Senator Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr AM (Chair)
- Senator Adjunct Professor Dr Brett Davies
- Winthrop Professor Marc Tennant AM
- Warden and Deputy Warden ex officio.

Each year our Honours Committee nominates and supports nominations of UWA graduates for Australian honours awarded by the Governor General and the Australian Honours Secretariat. We are delighted to congratulate members who have been awarded Honours.

### King's Birthday Australian honours

- Hon. Colin James Barnett AC
- Emeritus Professor Caroline Isabel Bower AC
- Professor Kingsley Dixon AO
- Dr Cassandra Goldie AO
- Emeritus Professor Robyn Anne Owens AM
- Professor Josephine Anne Ward AM
- Mr Nicolo Catania OAM
- Clinical Professor David James Blacker AM
- Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua AM
- Dr George Michael Galvin RFD AM
- Professor Warren John Harding AM
- Mr Terry Hill AM
- Ms Joanna Elizabeth Horgan AM
- The late Mr Robert John Meadows KC AM
- Ms Vanya Alexandra Cullen OAM
- Dr Andrew Paul Davies OAM
- Mr David Maurits De Vos OAM
- Mr Norbert Fandry OAM
- Ms Susan Hayes OAM
- Ms Eugenie Anne Jelly OAM
- Ms Kathleen Patricia McGurk OAM
- Mrs Esme Shirley Moulds OAM
- Mr Stephen Benedict Reynolds OAM

### WA Citizen of the Year Awards

- Dr Iain Grandage – Arts & Culture Award
- Professor Andrew Whitehouse – Professions Award

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### Councillors:

- Professor Marc Tennant AM
- Associate Professor Estie Kruger
- Dr Raj Kurup
- Dr Moira Maley
- Dr Fran Pesich
- Warden and Deputy Warden ex officio.

The committee has been undertaking background work to prepare for the migration of the Convocation website

to Sitecore, UWA's new digital platform. This is a university-wide project and migration of the Convocation website has been delayed as the work required to upgrade all university websites is immense. This has meant that unfortunately the present Convocation website is 'content heavy' and not completely up to date. We are hoping that migration will take place later this year.

In the meantime, the committee is moving Convocation Council and its subcommittees to use the university's contemporary document systems to reduce the movement of paper and emails. Statutory documents are now kept on HP Content (TRIM).

## MENTORING/INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

### Councillors:

- Dr Raj Kurup (Chair)
- Ms Nee Nee Ong
- Associate Professor Nin Kirkham
- Warden and Deputy Warden ex officio.

The need for mentoring and internship has increased considerably, with UWA's focus on ensuring student employability. After identifying at least fourteen parts of the university involved in these areas, the Committee has remained engaged with the University while it continues its consolidation and reorganisation following the appointment of Director, Education Innovation and Enterprise in the DVC Education's portfolio.

In the meantime, some of us have taken up student mentoring opportunities and others, early career researcher opportunities, through a new programme being trialled by the DVC Research. We have also investigated the Work Integrated Learning programme and the Postgraduate Internship Scheme. As a result, an arrangement has been brokered with the College of Schools to develop connections and assist a number of Schools on a pilot basis; Senator and Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr AM, an architect, with the School of Design, Ms Nee Nee Ong and Dr Raj Kurup, both engineers, with the School of Engineering, and myself, as an historian, with my alma mater the School of Humanities. Through this means we hope to be able to respond to their needs as required.

We have also begun a Convocation Speakers programme with the Residential Colleges, who frequently require speakers at student dinners and various events that they hold. A call for expressions of interest resulted in more than ten offers of assistance from our members who have a wide variety of career experiences to draw upon. We hope to develop this further over the next twelve months. Other members interested in speaking opportunities should contact [convocation@uwa.edu.au](mailto:convocation@uwa.edu.au).

## RESOURCES

### Councillors:

- Senator Adjunct Professor Warren Kerr AM (Chair),
- Senator Adjunct Professor Dr Brett Davies
- Ms Devon Cuneo
- Ms Harriet Caverley
- Dr Joan Pope OAM co-optee
- Warden and Deputy Warden ex officio.

In view of the reduction in Convocation's funding, considerable thought has gone into methods of sourcing increased funds. Among several alternatives fund raising through the sale of memorabilia is presently being thoroughly investigated.

## ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

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In the five years prior to Covid, attendance at the two annual Convocation Ordinary General Meetings required by the UWA Statute, generally varied between 190 and 250 members. During Covid, meetings were held online, and it was difficult to obtain an accurate figure of the number of members who logged in, as many logged in for only part of the meeting. The number who logged in for the whole meeting is estimated to be at least 90. As we began to emerge from Covid in Autumn 2022, we held our first hybrid meeting (in-person and online) and each meeting since then has continued to be in hybrid format. Since then, the number of members who attend in person or online have been similar, totalling about 150, lower than in pre-Covid years.

Council has been considering ways to increase attendance at Convocation General Meetings, both in person and online. Pre-Covid we found that securing a well-known UWA graduate or staff member as a guest speaker attracted members. Nevertheless, a great speaker, plus reports from the Vice Chancellor, Guild President and Warden, and a Q&A session can make for a lengthy meeting. Moreover, while the advent of hybrid meetings has made it easy for members to log in from all over the world, it has also become very easy to log in even if you live five minutes away from UWA – tempting if you've had a busy day! I'm told that the Online Meeting Syndrome, if I can call it that, in which in-person attendance is low, is affecting meetings of many organisations whether it be the AGM of a large corporation or a small not-for-profit.

There has been much Council discussion about the best way forward and we have decided that rather than trying to do everything at every General Meeting, we would test the waters with a new format in 2024.

Assuming our proposed changes to the Statute are accepted by Senate, the obsolete word 'Ordinary' will be dropped, but we will continue to hold two General Meetings each year.

The Autumn General meeting 2024 will include the announcement of Council election results, presentation of Convocation Medals, and a speaker or panel or debate on a topical issue.

The Spring General Meeting 2024 will be a formal business meeting, rather like an AGM, with Annual Reports from the Vice Chancellor, Guild President and Warden, an audited Financial Report, and a Q&A, followed by the presentation of Convocation Student Awards. This will allow sufficient time for the preparation and auditing of financial reports and for the nomination and judging process of awards in the months preceding the Spring General Meeting.

## CONCLUSION

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In conclusion, I thank all members of Convocation Council for their commitment and support over the past six months. I am particularly appreciative of the contribution of Deputy Warden Dr David Griffiths, and members of Council Executive, Chairs of Committees and Councillors who all play such an important role in achieving our vision. Special thanks to our Convocation Officer, Ms Juanita Perez, who is always of great assistance to us all.



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**Treasurer's Report - 31 December 2022**

## Treasurer's Report

This Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements for Convocation for the year ended 31 December 2022 are presented by the Acting Convocation Treasurer.

Convocation exists through the University of Western Australia Act 1911 and its amendments.

### Principal activities of Convocation in 2022

Activities undertaken by Convocation during 2022 included Convocation Day, the 50 Year Reunion, the Convocation Awards program, the Awards Ceremony and the two Ordinary General Meeting of members. These events were supported by the Development and Alumni Relations Office and the Convocation Office. The "Convocation Council Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026" designed to revitalize Convocation and its activities was completed during the year and made available to members for comment. The Strategic Plan includes a range of changes to the way Council operates and to the management of Convocation's finances. Council is now drafting the changes in the UWA Statute which will be required to accommodate the Strategic Plan to table at Senate for approval.

As in previous years, the University covered the costs of what it defines as Convocation's statutory activities. These include Ordinary Meetings, Elections, Convocation Office facilities and the Convocation Officer. The Office of Development and Alumni Relations has also provided \$3,000 towards the cost of the 2022 Convocation Day event.

### Review of operations

Convocation operates through three major funds:  
Convocation Long Term Investment Pool fund  
General Reserve fund  
General Purpose fund

Within the Long-Term Investment Pool there are unrestricted funds held in the Development Fund and restricted funds which are generally held for awards and scholarships and can only be used for a particular designated purpose. Unrestricted funds can be used for general purposes by Convocation.

Convocations' unrestricted funds are held in 3 accounts:

	2022	2021	Change
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Purpose Fund	141,282	264,336	(123,054)
General Reserve Fund	427,288	426,178	1,110
Development Fund	497,791	446,570	51,221
Sub Total	1,066,361	1,137,084	(70,723)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	962,999	974,799	(11,800)
<b>Total Funds</b>	2,029,361*	2,111,883	(82,522)

\*rounding up to nearest decimals

The funds in Convocation's General Reserve Fund and General Purposes Fund were held in the University's Short Term Pool. (STP). The Development Fund and most Restricted Funds are generally held in the University Long Term Pool (LTP). The STP is a lower capital risk investment pool while the LTP is more of a balanced growth fund which carries a higher capital risk but earns a higher return over the longer term.

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In 2022 the LTP returned -2.33% (2021, 16.72%) and the STP 0.31%. (2021, 1%). The negative return in 2022 was a reasonable performance for a balanced fund in a poorly performing market. All the earnings on the STP and 5% of the three-year average balance of the LTP are fed into the relevant Convocation Restricted and Unrestricted budgets. The 5% drawdown from the LTP has been calculated to preserve the real value of the LTP pool balance over time. The University has successfully used the same approach to the drawdown of funds from its LTP pool. The income from these funds which last year totaled a deficit of **-\$ 29,611 (LTP - \$31,831 + STP \$2,220)** This represented the main source of income for Convocation. In 2021 this income totaled \$63,498

Council resolved to transfer the General Reserve Fund from the STP to the LTP at an opportune time to reflect the longer-term nature of this fund and to attract a higher rate of return over time. In view of the then expected poor market conditions the transfer was delayed until 2023. This transfer is expected to occur in 2023. Under clause 39 of the UWA Statute, the General Reserve can only be accessed with a two-thirds majority vote by members at a General Meeting of Convocation.

Overall, Convocation's funds decreased by **\$82,522** to a closing balance of **\$2,029,361** as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 unrestricted funds decreased **\$70,723** to **\$1,066,361**.

Further work has been done to correct for unspent award funds which were held in the General Purpose Account (GPA) which should have been returned to the relevant individual award funds. Last year about \$48,000 was identified for return from the GPA to the Postgraduate Research Travel Awards (PGRTA) for awards granted but not paid mainly because of travel restriction as a result of Covid which has prevented the recipients from claiming the funds to date. Further work on the other award accounts identified some more funds to be returned but also an amount owed by an award to the GPA. The net result is that the amount to be returned by the GPA is estimated to be \$ 6,751 inclusive of the \$48,000 identified last year.

The deficit recorded in unrestricted came as a result of the -2.33% decline in the funds held in the LTP and the deficit incurred in Convocation's 2022 operations. The General Purpose Account declined by \$123,054 in 2022. This decline came about from a decision by Council to transfer \$80,000 from this account to the Development Fund to improve earnings over the longer term, a \$55,988 correction to a duplicate entry of returns from the LTP and an operating surplus of \$12,330. Details of the operating surplus are set out below.

<b>Income</b>	
Net Income form LTP % distribution	\$20,844
STP Income	\$ 1,110
Subscriptions	\$ 3,310
Total Income	\$25,264
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 613
General Office	
50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Net Expense.	\$4,104
Convocation Day	\$4,140
Web Content Management	\$3,472
Total Expenses	\$12,330
<b>Net Surplus</b>	\$12,934

**Significant changes in the state of affairs**

There were no significant changes.

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year**

The Treasurer of Convocation resigned in 2022. Convocation Council expects to appoint a new Treasurer with suitable financial qualifications in 2023.

**Indemnity and insurance of auditor**

Convocation has not, during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of Convocation or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

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Thanks are extended to Dry Kirkness for their ongoing responsive and professional work as Convocation's Auditors. Thanks, are also extended to Juanita Perez, Convocation's Convocation Officer and to members of Convocation's Finance Committee.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Council dated [August] 2023. On behalf of Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

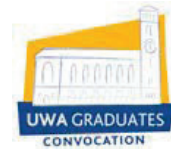
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Dr David Griffiths  
Deputy Warden and  
Acting Convocation Treasurer  
09 June 2023



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**Annual Financial Report - 31 December 2022**

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## General information

The financial statements cover Convocation as an individual unit. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, Convocation's functional and presentation currency.

Convocation is an unincorporated entity formed by the *University of Western Australia Act 1911* (and as amended) and operates in accordance with the University Statute. The functions of Convocation were expanded in the new Statute and are now as follows:

- (a) to support and promote professional and social interaction and links between its Member(s) and between its Members and the rest of the University Community;
  - (b) to facilitate communication between its Members and the rest of the University Community and, in particular, the communication -
    - (i) of the interests and opinions of its Members about matters affecting the University to the rest of the University Community; and
    - (ii) by the rest of the University Community to Convocation of matters affecting the University and matters of relevance to Convocation's other functions.
  - (c) to encourage its Members to contribute to and support the intellectual, cultural and financial prosperity of the University;
  - (d) to provide scholarships and other financial support to students;
  - (e) to enable the governance of the University by the Senate by:
    - (i) the election of the Warden under Section 18;
    - (ii) the election of Members of the Senate under Section 8(1)(h); and
    - (iii) considering draft proposed Statute under Section 31(2);
  - (f) to give formal recognition to Members who make significant contributions to the University Community;
  - (g) to raise money for the purposes of performing functions mentioned in clause 19(a) to 19(d).
- (UWA Statute, Clause 19(1) as at 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020)*

Convocation has been part of the University since its inception in 1913. Convocation's principal place of business is on the main University campus at Crawley:

### Principal place of business

1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Administration East Building  
The University of Western Australia  
35 Stirling Highway  
Crawley WA 6009

A description of the nature of Convocation's operations and its principal activities are included in the General Information and also the Treasurer's Report which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Council, on 07 June 2023. Council has the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.



**Convocation  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at 31 December 2022**

**Statement of financial position**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		\$	\$
<b>Funds held</b>			
General Purpose Fund	4a	\$141,282	\$264,336
General Reserve Fund	4b	\$427,288	\$426,178
Long Term Investment Pool	4c, 6	\$1,368,457	\$1,319,498
Other Reserve Funds	4d	\$92,333	\$101,871
<b>Net Funds &amp; Equity</b>		<b>\$2,029,360</b>	<b>\$2,111,883</b>

*The above statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Convocation notes*

Convocation  
Statement of income and expenditure  
As at 31 December 2021

Statement of income and expenditure.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE																
as at 31st December 2022																
	General Purpose Fund	General Reserve Fund	Postgraduate Award Fund	Sports Award Fund	Matilda Awards	Awards Committee	Convocation Undergradua & Prizes	Sports Star Awards	New Donations PG	Michael Chaney Postgrad Travel	Postgraduate Research Travel Awards	Long-Term Investment	80th Reunion	Uwa g Events Committee	UWAGA Web Site Development	Total
Bal Fo	284,336	426,178	68,175	3,670	5,502	1,500	13,749	1,856	-	5,419	2,000	1,319,498	-	-	-	2,111,883
<b>Income</b>																
Donations Requests and Sponsorships	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	4,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,406
Other Revenue	3,310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,310
Investment Income	2,220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,502
Sale of Publications/Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,541	-	-	3,541
Total Income	5,530	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	4,406	3,282	-	-	3,541	-	-	21,759
<b>Expenditure</b>																
Employee Benefits and On-Cost - Casual Professional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,473	3,473
Advertising, Marketing and Promotional Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UWA Research Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prize Payments	-	-	37,579	2,000	1,000	-	7,500	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,079
Travel	-	-	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	678	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	825	-	2,103
Building Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rental Hiring and Leasing Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Books and Periodicals	-	-	-	-	-	131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131
Information Technology costs	-	-	-	-	-	661	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	661
Non-Capital Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,831	-	-	-	-
Other Misc. Expenses	548	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,160	6,315	-	14,118
Total Expenditure	548	-	43,579	2,000	1,000	1,566	7,500	1,000	-	-	-	31,831	7,760	7,140	3,473	107,396
Transfers	128,036	1,110	24,302	3,153	3,093	66	8,625	1,587	4,406	-	2,000	80,791	4,219	7,140	3,473	3,115
Annual Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Fund balance	141,282	427,288	48,898	4,822	12,595	0	14,874	2,444	-	8,701	-	1,368,457	-	-	-	2,029,361
Transfer Accounts - In	55,988	1,110	24,302	3,153	3,093	66	8,625	1,587	-	-	-	86,406	4,219	7,140	3,473	-
Transfer Accounts - Out	133,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,406	-	2,000	55,988	-	-	-	-
Transfer Accounts - Year-End	61,604	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,604	-	-	-	-
General Office Expenses	548	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,160	6,315	-	13,317
General Consumables and Other Misc Expenses	(548)	0	0	0	0	(95)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(7,160)	(6,315)	0	0

The above statement of income and expenditure should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes - Refer to Note 5

## Notes to the financial statements

### Note 1. Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Basis of preparation**

In the Council's opinion, Convocation is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with University Statute and the *University of Western Australia Act*. The Statute requires Convocation to prepare and distribute financial statements to the Members of Convocation. The Council have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the Members of Convocation.

These financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

#### *Cash basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the "cash" basis of accounting, except for costs included under "Administration" that relate to employee entitlements.

#### *Historical cost convention*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### *Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Council to exercise its judgement in the process of applying Convocation's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed throughout the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Convocation recognises revenue as follows:

##### *Investment income*

Income from investments is recognised when Convocation Council is notified of the income via the Office of Convocation by the Treasury of the University of Western Australia. Income earned by the UWA Long Term Investment Pool (LTP) in 2022 was -2.33% (-\$31,831). This compares with the 2021 LTP income of 16.72% (\$195,781). Income earned by the UWA Short Term Pool (STP) in 2022 was 0.31% (\$2,220). This compares with the 2021 STP income of 1% (\$7,510).

##### *Donations and bequests*

Income from donations and bequests is recognised when Convocation obtains control over the funds received and generally have been transferred to the LTP prior to year end. Donations for 2022 were \$6,406 compared to \$8,764 in 2021.

##### *Event ticket sales*

Income from ticket sales (e.g. to the 50 Year Reunion event) is recognised when the sale takes place, not at the time of the event and is less GST. Transactions being shown at the time of the transaction is due to the cash basis for accounting which precludes the recognition of prepayments and accruals in the financial statements of Convocation.

All GST is managed by the University. It is to be noted that this account is generally zeroed at end of the financial year in accordance with Council resolution.

### *Other income*

Other revenue is recognised when it is received.

### **Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, as all GST transactions are managed by the University. In this case GST is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense. As Convocation is not separately registered for GST, all GST is recorded and paid or claimed by the University.

### **Note 2. Events after the reporting period**

There were no events after the reporting period.

### **Note 3. Awards income and expenditure**

Funds expended by Convocation on awards, scholarships and prizes during 2022 totaled \$49,079 of which, \$26,079 was provided by Convocation

Convocation collaborates with the Graduate Research School, Postgraduate Student Association, and others to fund an array of awards, scholarships, and prizes. Some awards are named to recognise the contributor in that year while other awards, scholarships and prizes, most notably the Postgraduate Research Travel Awards (PGRtAs), are named in honour of both past and present donors.

### **Note 4. Investment and Other Income & Administration Expenditure**

- a) **General Purpose Fund:** Per UWA Statute Chapter 4, Clause 37, the General Purpose Fund is the primary Convocation operating account. For administrative purposes, as well as to aid transparency, a range of expenses incurred throughout the year are allocated against specific internal accounts rather than simply to the General Purpose Account.

The reported reduction in the General Purpose Fund over 2022 was \$123,054 inclusive of a transfer of \$80,000 to the Development Fund which is invested in the LTP

#### *Contingencies and Commitments*

The Convocation Officer has undertaken an extensive investigation of Convocation accounts to identify where funds unspent on awards in a year were returned in error to the General Purpose Account and in some instances funds were spent on awards by the GPA which should have been deducted from awards. The net effect of these correction is that \$6,751 will be transferred from the GPA in 2023. This amount includes and is not additional to the unclaimed PGRtA awards identified in last years Financial Accounts. These transfers will complete this exercise. Procedures are in place to prevent a re-occurrence of this issue.

- b) **General Reserve Fund:** Refer to UWA Statute Chapter 4, clauses 37 and 38. This Fund must be kept and be credited with funds in accordance with Statute, as confirmed by a decision of Council. At least half of income earned on the General Purpose fund and General Reserve Fund must be credited to the General Reserve Fund.

Funds from General Reserve Fund were held in UWA's STP in 2022 but are expected to be transferred to the LTP in 2023 to improve longer term earnings.

- c) **Long Term Investment Pool:** Convocation Council has approved the investment of donations toward awards, scholarships and prizes into the University's (LTP) to participate in its returns over long time periods. The LTP is managed in accordance with UWA Policy No. UP09/13.

Convocation continues to apportion the funds held in the LTP in accordance with donations received for each award, scholarship and prize (see Internal Capital Register at Note 6 below).

In December 2016 the University transitioned to its new investment strategy and policy (Ref: UWA Policy No. UP09/13) as approved by Senate. This current investment policy requires the annual LTP capital distribution to be 5% of the rolling 3 year balance.

Convocation has opted to comply with this policy to protect the long term value of these the award fund and the Development Fund. In 2022, the 5% distribution was **\$61,604**. Each year, Convocation uses this income to fund its annual awards, events, and Council initiatives.

**d) Other Reserve Funds:** Includes unclaimed awards and previous year adjustments.

#### **Note 5. Investment and Expenditure**

1. General Purpose Fund: Investment income is derived by income to this fund of\$ (STP \$1,110 + LTIP \$20,844).
2. Postgraduate Research Travel Awards: The Graduate Research School provides Council with \$20,000 for these awards which presents as a negative expenditure in the UWA accounting system rather than income.
3. General Reserve Fund: The Investment Income figure of \$1,110 is derived from 50% interest earned in the STP between General Purpose and General Reserve account. This is shown as a transfer in.
4. The Opening and Closing balances in this table do not include the balances held by the various awards in the STP. Details of these funds are set out in Note 6 of the accounts.
5. The transfer from the LTP was \$61,604 for 2022.

**Convocation  
Notes to Financial Statement  
As at 31 December 2022**

Items listed on Internal Capital Register by Office of Convocation	2021					2022					Closing Balance 2022 per Convocation Council Resolutions			
	Opening Balance 2021 Long-Term Investment Account	Capital Register % 2021	Value of Income Distribution (5%)	Value of Capital adjustment (interest earned) 16.72%	Capital Donations and Transfers	Closing Balance 2021 Long-Term Investment Account	Opening Balance 2022 Long-Term Investment Account	2022 Capital Register % Year-end Resolution 1 (CR 29/22)	Value of Income Distribution (5%) Year-end Resolution 1 (CR 29/22)	Value of Capital adjustment (interest earned) - 2.33% (negative) Year-end Resolution 1 (CR 29/22)		Capital Donations 2022 Year-end Resolution 3 (CR Res 29/22) from PG 68000001 and PG 68002002	2022 Year-end Resolution 5 (CR Res 30/22)	2022 Reversal (correction) of duplicate entry
PGRTA	\$463,475.78	39.5815%	\$22,161.02	\$77,493.15	\$1,708.72	\$520,516.63	\$520,516.63	39.4481%	\$24,301.49	-\$12,556.88	\$2,200.00			\$485,856.26
Convocation Prizes	\$162,130.20	13.8461%	\$7,752.23	\$27,108.17	\$3,253.00	\$184,739.14	\$184,739.14	14.0007%	\$8,624.96	-\$4,456.62	\$1,190.00			\$172,847.55
Matilda	\$58,499.97	4.9960%	\$2,797.17	\$9,781.19	\$766.00	\$66,250.00	\$66,250.00	5.0208%	\$3,093.03	-\$1,598.21	\$60.00			\$61,618.76
Sports Scholarship	\$60,281.35	5.1481%	\$2,882.34	\$10,079.04	\$47.00	\$67,525.05	\$67,525.05	5.1175%	\$3,152.56	-\$1,628.97	\$20.00			\$62,763.52
Sports Star	\$30,369.39	2.5936%	\$1,452.11	\$5,077.76	\$2.00	\$33,997.04	\$33,997.04	2.5765%	\$1,587.23	-\$920.14	\$0.00			\$31,589.68
Development Fund	\$396,184.67	33.8347%	\$18,943.51	\$66,242.07	\$2,987.00	\$446,470.24	\$446,470.24	33.8364%	\$20,844.47	-\$10,770.59	\$2,936.00	\$80,000.00		\$497,791.18
Adjustments: Correction/Reversal														
<b>Internal Registry Totals</b>	\$1,170,941.36	100.00%	\$55,988.37	\$195,781.39	\$8,763.72	\$1,319,498.10	\$1,319,498.10	100.00%	\$61,603.74	-\$31,831.41	\$6,406.00	\$80,000.00	\$55,988.37	\$1,368,457.32

**Note 6 Convocation Internal Capital Register**

The Convocation Internal Capital Register shows the breakdown of Convocation's funds held in the Long Term Pool (LTP): It has been determined by annual motions of Convocation Council to invest small donations into this fund aligned with the prize, scholarship or award nominated by the donor. In 2014, Council transferred Development Funds held in the General Purpose Fund into this UWA Fund. Convocation follows UWA policy and spend 5% of the 3 year rolling average capital each year under the rules of the LTP (see UWA Policy No. UP09/13).

## Council's declaration

In the Council' opinion:

- Convocation is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.
- These financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).
- These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the UWA Statute per the *University of Western Australia Act*. The Statue requires Convocation to prepare and present financial statements to the General Meeting of Convocation. The Council have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the Members of Convocation.
- The attached financial statements and notes present fairly Convocation's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and describe its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that Convocation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council dated 09 June 2023



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Convocation Acting Treasurer

Date: 09/06/2023



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Convocation Officer

Date: 09/06/2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVOCATION OF UWA GRADUATES**

**Report on the Financial Report**

**Opinion**

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Convocation of UWA Graduates, which comprises the statement of funds as at 31 December 2022 and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended and the statement from Council.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Convocation of UWA Graduates presents fairly the Convocation of UWA Graduates financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

**Basis for Opinion**

We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical requirements in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that this statement has been prepared under the requirements of the University of Western Australia, which describes the cash basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purposes of the University of Western Australia and distribution to the members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Treasurer's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the cash basis of preparation described in the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The Treasurer's responsibility also includes such internal controls as the council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

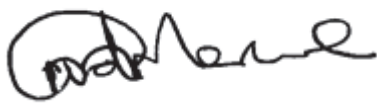


As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Convocation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Treasurer.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Treasurer's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Convocation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Convocation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Treasurer regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

DRY KIRKNESS (AUDIT) PTY LTD



MARIUS VAN DER MERWE CA  
Partner

Perth  
Date: 9 June 2023

# Convocation Officer's report

The following is a list of graduates whose current whereabouts have become unknown since the Autumn Ordinary Meeting of Convocation on 23 March 2023. Graduates are listed according to the Faculty from which they obtained their degree, along with their year of graduation. Some may have obtained multiple degrees.

## Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts

2000 Rob A. Angel  
2010 Ding Gu  
2012 Ding Gu  
2012 Maharina Jafrin  
1998 Thor C. Liew  
2002 Thor C. Liew  
2010 Thomas S. Lucey  
2008 Carly L. Steinepreis  
2014 Adrian Y. Tan  
1997 Chris I. Tomlinson  
2007 Zoe R. Williamson

## Arts

1973 Desmond M. Alfreds  
1994 Abigail Bartell  
2002 Stanley S. Bill  
2009 Katharine E. Bingham  
1987 Margaret L. Birkelund  
1999 Christabel J. Braganza  
1993 Christopher D. Brill  
1979 Olaf C. Buma  
1976 Joan E. Carroll  
1995 Val Colic-Peisker  
2008 Evelyn R. Cunningham  
1972 John De Jongh  
1995 Rebecca E. Dean  
2006 Bayoush Demissie  
2006 Reginald V. Flint  
2005 Hayley M. Ford  
1998 Michael J. Gallagher  
2002 Kerry A. Gorski  
2004 Roderick M. Gregg  
1977 Rosemarie J. Hacker

1972 Catherine R. Halleen  
1981 Aroha J. Hanley  
2013 Ashleigh J. Hanson  
2001 Michelle Higgins  
1957 Margaret L. King  
1988 Margaret L. King  
1976 Gertrude E. Klaus  
1986 Andrea C. Knox Lyttle  
2007 Albert Kurniadi  
1973 Susan M. Lockhart  
1973 Vivien E. Longton  
1971 Dorothy A. Magoffin  
1968 Aileen F. Maguire  
1970 Aileen F. Maguire  
2005 Casey A. McAllister  
2006 Casey A. McAllister  
2003 Michelle E. McAlpine  
2004 Michelle E. McAlpine  
1971 Hannaleena McDermont  
2000 Danielle M. Monley  
1995 Rebelle K. Moriarty  
1975 Karen T. Murphy  
2012 Vivian P. Nemeth  
2010 Madeleine P. Oliver  
2004 Jena L. Packwood  
2004 Jenna D. Palumbo  
1979 Diane K. Pope  
1981 Diane K. Pope  
1971 Irene M. Pritzker  
1980 Jennifer L. Robinson  
2000 Caroline J. Rutherford  
1984 Sharon A. Salmon  
1992 Anita R. Seidelin  
1979 Diana P. Sim  
1994 Matthew J. Sullivan

2003 Robert C. Suttie  
2003 Ruth J. Symonds  
2004 Ruth J. Symonds  
2008 Marian N. Thomas  
1999 Jan M. Tiller  
2015 Aaron J. Tuckey  
2000 Bryan van Namen  
2003 Kerry A. Wilson  
2004 Kerry A. Wilson  
1995 Alexis Xoufarides  
2013 Wenny Yeo  
2005 Victoria Zakurkina

### **Arts, Business, Law and Education - Arts**

2018 Linley J. Brown

### **Arts, Business, Law and Education - Business**

2022 Qian Chen

### **Board of Studies - Bachelor of Arts**

2015 Aaron J. Tuckey

### **Board of Studies - Bachelor of Commerce**

2017 Joe C. Dale

2015 Liwei Hu

### **Business School**

2004 Mark R. Armstrong  
2014 Enrico D. Atmaja  
2009 Katharine E. Bingham  
1999 Veronica Bresland  
1998 Jason B. Burns  
1988 Gavin A. Caudle  
1993 Hu C. Chan  
1980 Peter D. Chevis  
1998 Brad Crockett  
2005 David P. Cuffley  
2005 Natalia V. Dowson  
2005 Michael L. Dwyer  
2010 Melissa Federico  
2005 Hayley M. Ford

2012 Georgina D. Fraser  
1970 Michael J. Gallagher  
1998 Nicholas L. Garside  
2004 Roderick M. Gregg  
2001 Allan J. Harrison  
2001 Daniel J. Heggie  
1980 Gregory D. Hitchen  
1999 Stephen R. Humphris  
2012 Nicholas A. Joshi  
1971 Betty Koh  
1990 Jane E. Konarik  
2005 Daniel G. Law  
2001 Kaisie-Anne Law  
2006 Matthew L. Le Cornu  
1998 Poay Kin Loo  
2004 Jeremy J. Lunt  
2011 Jeremy J. Lunt  
2002 Connie C. Macri  
2013 Kailee S. Maloney  
2010 Wolfgang E. Meier  
2008 Kim W. Miller  
1980 Timothy I. Oldham  
2012 Shun T. Ooi  
2001 James P. Orchard  
1974 Geoffrey R. Pagononi  
2004 Jenna D. Palumbo  
2006 Samuel C. Pearce  
1986 Martin A. Petch  
2004 Anna K. Polley  
1998 Morgan W. Rees  
2008 Adrian L. Rodrigues  
1995 Vincent Sai  
1998 Vincent Sai  
1994 Sandra Sinclair  
2002 Christopher R. Skidmore  
1992 Paul D. Smith  
1995 Aiyuty Soetanto  
2006 Luke D. Sullivan  
2007 Debbie Sun  
2008 Debbie Sun  
1998 Vanda Y. Tam  
2006 Marianne Tan

2008 Marianne Tan  
2008 Joelle E. Taylor  
2006 Audrey J. Tierney  
1998 Nicole M. Turner  
1994 Amit Tyagi  
2004 Dorothy V. Wardale  
2006 Dorothy V. Wardale  
2005 Julia F. Watsford  
1991 Aaron J. Williams  
2001 Aaron J. Williams

### **Education**

1977 Jane Barblett  
1978 Jane Barblett  
1990 Margaret L. Birkelund  
1975 Robin J. Boyes  
2004 Victoria J. Brooksby  
2007 Linley J. Brown  
2003 Vance W. Bryan  
1972 Kenneth W. Burns  
1975 Kenneth W. Burns  
1975 Timothy F. Dalmau  
1976 Timothy F. Dalmau  
2011 Romony P. Dixon  
1965 Jocelyn K. Elliott  
2009 Susan J. Emery  
2004 Miranda A. Frankel  
2008 Stuart A. Gaby  
1990 Cherie M. Hesse  
1971 Myntje B. Klopper  
1987 Andrea C. Knox Lyttle  
1991 Andrew C. McBean  
1972 Hannaleena McDermont  
1976 Karen T. Murphy  
2004 Jena L. Packwood  
2001 Sarah E. Quinn  
1984 Sally J. Rundle  
1973 Margery E. Seccombe  
1981 Diana P. Sim  
2001 Julie R. Smith  
1975 John H. Stark  
2003 Caroline A. Stone

1991 Felicity A. Vey  
2007 Fleta Walsh  
1998 Sally A. Yates

### **Engineering & Mathematical Sciences**

2018 Bennett J. Lovelady  
2016 Yin Wang  
2017 Yuning Wang

### **Engineering, Computing & Mathematics**

1975 Mohamed S. Abu Bakar  
2009 Peter J. Alexander  
1972 Taungthong Anekpuritanang  
2009 John P. Bowman  
2012 Iris Brkic  
1991 Hu C. Chan  
1995 Yih Chong Chin  
2008 Timothy P. Cribb  
1984 Alastair A. Fraser  
1986 James P. Greyson  
2006 Callum G. Jones  
1977 George H. Kurzeja  
1979 Daniel D. Lee  
1982 Sam R. Leighton  
2006 Wei F. Lin  
1993 Gregory R. McGuffie  
1987 Robert M. Moore  
2009 Nathan R. Oldfield  
2004 Anna K. Polley  
2006 Luke D. Sullivan  
1980 Christopher Turnell  
1994 Amit Tyagi  
2009 Ashley D. Wallace  
2016 Yizhou Zhang

### **Graduate Research School**

1992 Habibul Ahsan  
2000 Thor F. Besier  
2007 Daniel A. Botelho  
2000 Yih Chong Chin  
2004 Jonathan I. Creamer

1975 John De Jongh  
2003 Matthew J. Harris  
1985 Moazzem M. Hossain  
1976 Myntje B. Klopper  
1984 Josiah W. Oketch-Oboth  
1995 Dmitrii V. Pasechnik  
2010 Md Touhidur Rahman  
1999 Rubina Shaheen  
2004 Cara Jane Weisbrod

### **Law**

1993 Chloe U. Blockey  
1971 Graeme N. Calder  
2010 Melissa Federico  
2004 Valerie R. Fitz-John  
2002 Kerry A. Gorski  
2013 Ashleigh J. Hanson  
2003 Ibrahim B. Kakay  
2016 Ibrahim B. Kakay  
2007 Matt J. Kelleher  
2005 Daniel G. Law  
2014 Tara E. Lewis  
2010 Vivienne L. Lister  
1998 Jacynta E. Mirmikidis  
2008 Angela J. O'Connor  
2010 Madeleine P. Oliver  
1993 Marcus T. Priest  
2007 Sally A. Roberts  
2008 Adrian L. Rodrigues  
2003 Robert C. Suttie  
1998 Vanda Y. Tam  
2008 Marianne Tan

### **Life & Physical Sciences**

1976 Jonathan P. Black  
2004 Tim Burton  
2003 Anne B. Martial

### **Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences**

1990 Habibul Ahsan  
2012 Duaa M. Al Qatabi  
1992 Brendan G. Connor  
2006 Ian W. Grasier  
2009 Dhanvee Kandadai  
1989 Alida A. Lancee  
1995 Paul G. Mulvay  
2002 Ciara M. Peake  
2014 Vishnupriya Rajkumar  
1996 Rubina Shaheen  
1984 Daryl A. Sosa

### **Science**

2010 Antonio J. Aljofre  
1994 Michele Y. Arthur  
1963 Karen M. Bessell-Browne  
1976 Jonathan P. Black  
1977 Jonathan P. Black  
1974 Robin J. Boyes  
2001 Victoria J. Brooksby  
2002 Linley J. Brown  
1980 Olaf C. Buma  
2004 Tim Burton  
2005 Tim Burton  
1981 Alan L. Butorac  
1995 Stephanie A. Carstairs  
1965 Peggy F. Cole  
2000 Jonathan I. Creamer  
2008 Timothy P. Cribb  
1972 Nigel R. Dennison  
1996 Tristan M. Downs  
1985 Philip N. D'Souza  
1964 Jocelyn K. Elliott  
1993 Fiona S. Ferreira  
2002 Stacey Freind  
1982 Stephen J. Furphy  
2007 Stuart A. Gaby  
1999 Ashraf Hafez  
1983 Aroha J. Hanley  
1986 Aroha J. Hanley

1999	Matthew J. Harris	2001	Danielle M. Monley
2011	Elizabeth S. Harrison	1991	Stephen N. Morris
2001	Joel A. Hooper	1989	Paul G. Mulvay
1999	Benjamin M. Jaggard	2007	Wai Tak Ng
1979	Margaret L. King	2001	Hieu V. Nguyen
1993	Kathryn E. King	2018	Michael D. Outhwaite
2005	Namita Krishnan	2001	Samuel Pierce
2006	Namita Krishnan	1998	Sarah E. Quinn
1972	David B. Leach	2003	Alice S. Rawlinson
2014	Tara E. Lewis	1982	Sally J. Rundle
2005	Natasha H. Liddell	1992	Mark A. Schinzig
1971	Chong L. Lim	2012	Keletso Seabo
1997	Eddy Lim	1993	Anita R. Seidelin
1988	Mark D. Lingane	2001	Anita L. Seidler
2012	Bennett J. Lovelady	1980	Diana P. Sim
1993	Paul Major	1987	Victoria Smith
1978	Peter Mangano	2000	Julie R. Smith
1996	Bernard J. Marantelli	2003	Pru Steinerts
2003	Anne B. Martial	2010	Matilda A. Taylor
2004	Anne B. Martial	2001	Melinda J. Towers
1992	Justin D. Mazzucchelli	1986	Alison F. Tucker
2010	Wolfgang E. Meier	1990	Felicity A. Vey
1981	Anthony G. Mercieca	1997	Sally A. Yates
1982	Sarah L. Mitchell	2006	Tania Zuvela

### List of Recipients of 2023 Convocation Awards and Prizes

Miaojia Huang	Geoffrey Kennedy Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Md Babul Hossain	Alexander Cohen Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Dao Anh Thien Tran	Ken and Julie Michael Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Fraser Windsor	Sue Baker Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Molly Goldacre	Postgraduate Students' Association Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Gilang Bintang Fajar Suhono	Postgraduate Students' Association Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Amber Brown	Barry Marshall and Robin Warren Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Nicole Hodgson	Michael Chaney Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Md Shahin Iqbal	Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Naomi Preston	Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Manu Magar	Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award
Heather Blakey	Convocation Matilda Award for Cultural Excellence
Bryan Ng	Convocation Undergraduate Prize in Bachelor of Commerce
Louise Mason Costanzo	Convocation Indigenous Undergraduate Prize





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