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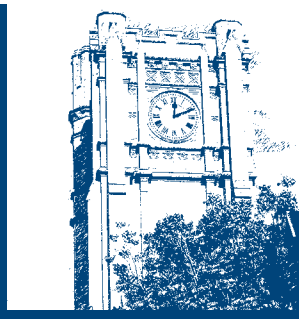

HERITAGE SOCIETY LAUNCHED

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE HERITAGE SOCIETY, IN HONOUR OF LONG TERM SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE REMEMBERED THE UNIVERSITY IN THEIR WILL.

This is the first of the quarterly newsletters that will bring members up to date information about matters of interest to the Heritage Society. We encourage comments and ideas from members as we look to build the newsletter over the coming months. What would you like to see here? What events would you like us to run for Heritage Society members? Contact the Editor (details below) and let us know how we can best serve you.

Right: *Dr Des Bright, Miss Kathleen Rankin, Ms Yutha Bartley, Dr Ruth Bright*

Below: *Professor Warren Bebbington, Mr Adrian Newton, Ms Cathy Alizzi, Professor Janet McCalman*

The University of Melbourne Heritage Society was launched on Wednesday 25 October with a splendid lunchtime reception at the Woodward Centre. Almost 70 guests, including 38 inaugural members of the Heritage Society, attended the luncheon, taking the opportunity to enjoy the panoramic views and catch up with old friends or to reminisce about their time at Melbourne. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Glyn Davis AC attended the lunch along with Pro Vice-Chancellor (University Relations), Professor Warren Bebbington. The animated discussion is evident from the photographs shown here, and a more comprehensive selection of the photos from the event are available on the University website at: http://www.unimelb.edu.au/alumni/giving/heritage.html

Those who attended were delighted with this opening event and we hope to be able to welcome every member of the Heritage Society to similar events in the future.

One of the highlights of the Heritage Society Inaugural Luncheon was the probing address given by Professor Janet McCalman "A History for Difficult Times"which stimulated lively conversation and debate. We have received many requests for a copy of Professor McCalman's address and so have attached the transcript to this newsletter, both for those who couldn't be with us on the day and for those who were, to revisit.

YOUR BEQUESTS

The University is most grateful for your contribution and support and through this newsletter we will bring you news of past bequests and how they have impacted on our community. For the inaugural newsletter we have chosen to highlight the Georgina Sweet Bequest – 1946.

Dr Georgina Sweet was a remarkable woman with a number of Australian firsts, including becoming Australia's first female Professor of Biology and the University's first female Doctor of Science. Dr Sweet left a generous bequest to endow Fellowships in Geology, Biology, Zoology and Medicine, awarded to a student in special need of financial assistance. Today this bequest provides generous scholarships and fellowships in Zoology, Medicine and Geology for higher degree by research students. Danielle Hickford, one such student and now a current staff member of the University, gained a Georgina Sweet Fellowship in Zoology immediately after finishing her PhD. This allowed her to undertake a project looking at the signals involved in the formation of primordial germ cells (cells that give rise to eggs and sperm) in a marsupial, the tammar wallaby. These results helped her to gain an Australian Research Council (ARC) Fellowship to work on an ARC grant based on work initiated during her Georgina Sweet Fellowship. Danielle is just one of many success stories resulting from generous bequests to the University of Melbourne.

Top: *Ms Suzanne McGraw, Ms Cecile Huckfield, Dr Alexandra Cameron*

Above: *Mr Patrick Singleton, Ms Mary Lugton, Professor Glyn Davis*

Left: *Georgina Sweet*

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