

UTR7.265 - THE ROBERT LIPP PLANT SCIENCE MEMORIAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Recitals-

A. On 19 November 2009, Miss Alison Euphemia Grant Lipp, BSc MSc (Melb) ('donor'), donated \$500,000 to establish a research fellowship in memory of her father, Robert James Grant Lipp.

B. The purpose of the donation is to support:

'in perpetuity one or more research fellowships in plant science, in memory of Robert James Grant Lipp. The income from the perpetual trust established by the gift is to finance:

- (a) all or part of the salary (including leave entitlements and employer superannuation contributions) of one or more research fellows in a field of plant science appointed from time to time; and/or;
- (b) the research program of any such fellow(s) if the income is not applied to the salary of such fellow(s).

Each fellowship is to be named 'The Robert Lipp Plant Science Memorial Research Fellowship' and must be awarded to a researcher in plant science who has a Doctor of Philosophy degree, or its equivalent as demonstrated by significant research achievements in plant science.'

C. Robert James Grant Lipp, MC, master of Arts, bachelor of Science in Agriculture (University of Aberdeen) came to Australia as a young man and spent most of his working life farming in Victoria. He was later employed in the Commonwealth Department of War Organisation of Industry, Flax Production Committee. He served in the First Australian Imperial Force in France and was awarded the Military Cross on 25 August 1917. Mr Lipp's interest in plants kindled a similar interest in the donor; his support and encouragement enabled the donor to study science, in particular botany, at the University and to move on to a career in the CSIRO's Division of Plant Industry. Mr Lipp died on 21 August 1965.

D. By her Will dated 25 November 2009 the donor, who died on 23 December 2009, bequeathed \$500,000 to the University ('bequest') for the same purpose as her previous donation, as follows -

'...the gift is for the purpose of supporting in perpetuity one or more research fellowships in plant science and research in plant science, in memory of Robert James Grant Lipp. The income from the perpetual trust established by the gift is to finance:

- (i) all or part of the salary (including leave entitlements and employer superannuation contributions) of one or more research fellows in a field of plant science appointed from time to time; and/or
- (ii) the research program of any such fellow(s) if the income is not applied to the salary of such fellow(s).

Each fellowship is to be named "The Robert Lipp Memorial Plant Science Research Fellowship" and must be awarded to a researcher in plant science who has a Doctor in Philosophy degree or its equivalent as demonstrated by significant research achievements in plant science...'

E. The Will further provides-

'I HAVE during my lifetime by way of Memorandum of Gift donated to THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, Grattan Street, Parkville Victoria. By this Will I GIVE a further amount to the University so that the total of the gifts pursuant to the Memorandum of Gift made during my lifetime and pursuant to this Will equal \$1,000,000.'

- F. According to the memorandum of gift, the fellowship is to be called 'The Robert Lipp Plant Science Memorial Research Fellowship'. The Will however states that the fellowship is to be called 'The Robert Lipp Memorial Plant Science Research Fellowship'. The University believes this difference to be the result of a clerical error and administrative in nature, and has decided to retain the name 'The Robert Lipp Plant Science Memorial Research Fellowship' in accordance with the memorandum of gift.
- G. The University accepted the donation and the bequest upon the trusts specified by the donor, and the donation and the bequest therefore became the capital subject to those trusts ('capital sum').
- H. This University trust record is the means by which the University records-
- (1) the trusts specified by the donor upon which the University as trustee holds the capital sum; and
 - (2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation of those trusts, as determined by the University from time to time.

It is provided as follows-

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum, and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called 'The Robert Lipp Plant Science Memorial Research Fellowship Fund' ('fund').

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be paid into one or more investment common funds and remain there until Council directs otherwise.

Trust terms

3. As trustee of the fund, the University is obliged by the trusts specified by the donor ('trust terms')-
 - (1) to establish a perpetual trust;
 - (2) to support one or more research fellowships in plant science from the income of the fund;
 - (3) to call each research fellowship 'The Robert Lipp Plant Science Memorial Research Fellowship';
 - (4) to use the income to finance:
 - (a) all or part of the salary (including leave entitlements and employer superannuation contributions) of one or more research fellows in a field of plant science appointed from time to time; and/or
 - (b) the research program of any such fellow(s) if the income is not applied to the salary of such fellows.
 - (5) to award the fellowship(s) to a researcher in plant science who has a doctor of Philosophy degree, or its equivalent as demonstrated by significant research achievements in plant science;

- (6) to add any unexpended income from the fund in any year to the capital of the fund or retain any unexpended income as income for expenditure in a subsequent year;
- (7) to appoint, subject only to there being a suitable candidate, the first research fellow whose salary is supported by income arising from the gift in the first quarter of 2011.

Administrative arrangements

- 4. Until its further determination, and in order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined-
 - (1) to call the fund 'The Robert Lipp Plant Science Memorial Research Fellowship Fund';
 - (2) that each fellow is to be appointed by the dean of the faculty of Science ('dean'), upon the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the dean (or the dean's nominee) and two professors at the University with expertise in plant science.
- 5. The dean is authorised to award each research fellowship on behalf of the University.

[Made 10/5/10; revoked as a Regulation and certified as a University trust record 26/5/10; Recital A am, Recital C am, Recital D, E and F added, Recitals G and H am, Paragraph 3(c) am, Para 4(5) am]