UTR 6. 433 – Jennifer Taplin Scholarship

Background

A. The University received $99,651.05 (Bequest) from the Estate of late Jennifer Taplin (Donor) pursuant to her Will dated 4 September 2009 for the purpose of establishing “a scholarship to be awarded to a female student who permanently resides outside the Melbourne and Metropolitan area, such scholarship to be used for education fees at the University of Melbourne” (Purpose).

B. Jennifer (Jenny) Taplin (1929-2016) was a distinguished bacteriologist who dedicated her career to the Public Health Laboratory (PHL), later renamed the Microbiological Diagnostic Unit, at the University of Melbourne. Born and educated in regional Victoria at a time when girls’ schools did not always offer science subjects, Jenny pursued her interest in these subjects at Ballarat College (as the only female student) and gained entry to the Faculty of Science where she studied bacteriology while living at Janet Clarke Hall (JCH). She was renowned for the high standards of her laboratory practice and for her thoughtful and organised work. Before the privatisation of diagnostic services, when PHL provided a service to Victorian hospitals, especially Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital, Jenny made outstanding contributions to our understanding of infectious diseases, especially typhoid, salmonella and brucellosis. She also helped cement links between the PHL and the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale in London, where she spent some years. Sadly, her retirement plans were cut short after she suffered a stroke and had to live in assisted care. Despite her situation, Jenny remained warmly engaged with her many friends from the University and JCH community for the rest of her life. The Jennifer Taplin Scholarship to assist rural female students at the University derives from her gratitude for the financial assistance she herself received herself as an undergraduate student.

C. This University Trust Record is the means by which the University records –

(1) the trusts upon which the University holds trust property, including the capital sum; and

(2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of those trusts from time to time.

The trust terms and administrative arrangements governing the Gift are as follows

Trust terms

1. A perpetual trust was established for the Purpose on receipt by the University of the Gift and the University is the trustee of that trust.
2. The University must invest and preserve the Gift and any accumulations and additions to the Gift and apply only the net income arising from the Fund to support the Purpose.

Administrative arrangements

In order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined that:

1. The Gift and any further donations received by the University are to be transferred to the University’s long-term investment common fund at the end of the quarter following receipt by the University, and remain there until Council otherwise directs.

2. The Selection Procedures Committee or its successor is authorised to award the scholarship on behalf of the University.

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