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# 2026

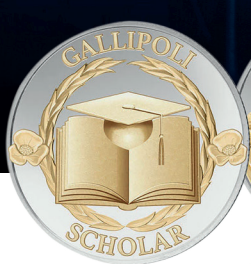
## Gallipoli Scholarship Awards

— Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders —





“The Fund’s mission is to honour the memory and legacy of Australian and New Zealand Veterans through the granting of tertiary scholarships to eligible and deserving descendants.”



Gallipoli Scholar Medallion

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# Our Patron-in-Chief Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker

**Governor-General of the Commonwealth  
of Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable  
Ms Sam Mostyn AC.**



## Message from Our Patrons



### **General (Retd) the Honourable David Hurley AC CVO DSC & Mrs Linda Hurley**

The Gallipoli Scholarship Fund has forged a proud history over the past 30 years, with over 300 descendants of our Veterans having become Gallipoli Scholars.

Sincere congratulations to this year's Gallipoli Scholars – to our new Scholars entering their first year of tertiary study, and those continuing their studies. You have studied hard and deserve your success. We encourage you to join the growing Alumni and help promote the benefits of a Gallipoli Scholarship.

In addition to your individual achievements and circumstances, you have been awarded a scholarship because of the service given to our nation by your forebears. As the Fund's motto states: 'Their sacrifice...Your future.' There is no more fitting place than the Australian War

Memorial for you to receive your awards in recognition of your Veteran's service.

In thinking of your forebears and keeping their spirit alive, we encourage you to study hard and fulfill your potential. We understand well the challenges of tertiary education. While they might sometimes seem insurmountable, please remember that help is out there. University offers some amazing opportunities. Never lose sight of that!

Behind the success of any organisation is its people. We want to thank the team at the Fund under the chair of Major General Michael Smith AO (Ret'd), members of the Management Committee and Selection Panel, and the many supporters and donors, for their significant contributions. We also recognise the important role played by the families of the scholars. They too share in the success of their loved ones.

## A Message from our Chair



**Major General Michael G Smith  
AO (Ret'd)**

2026 is the Fund's most successful year ever!

This year's awards to 67 Gallipoli Scholars represents a huge increase from 35 last year, and a steady increase from around six annual scholarships a decade ago. This growth is entirely due to the hard work of our voluntary Management Committee, our voluntary Scholar Selection Sub-Committee, the tireless work of our Business Development Officer, and the commitment from our voluntary Goodwill Ambassadors and non-academic mentors. Of course, this growth would not be possible without the tremendous support from our growing band of generous donors and supporters.

The Fund is honoured to have our Governor-General as our Patron-in-Chief, and we sincerely thank our Patrons for their unwavering support. Their commitment is very much appreciated.

I congratulate this year's Gallipoli Scholars – the 40 new 1st year students joining our growing Alumni, and the 27 continuing their studies. We, your non-academic mentors, and your generous bursary provider are here to assist you, but you need to remain in contact with us.

Since the first two Gallipoli Scholars were awarded in 1998, the Fund has grown and continues to grow. I am certain that the Gallipoli Veterans who founded the Fund in 1996 would be very satisfied with their legacy over the past 30 years.

In tough economic times, however, the need to support the families of our Veterans is greater than ever. This year we received a record number of 314 deserving applications from 1st year tertiary students, but we could only award 40 bursaries. This means that we have to work harder and attract more funding to support the descendants of our Veterans.

Our Fund's motto remains more relevant than ever –  
Their Sacrifice...Your Future.



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# Awards to those entering their 3rd Year of tertiary study

## Macintosh Foundation Bursary

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### Raechel McKinnon

Entering her third year at the Australian Catholic University, Raechel continues her dual degree in Paramedicine and Nursing with an unwavering commitment to improving societal health. Inspired by her ancestor, WW2 pilot Colin Clark McKinnon, Raechel channels her passion for community service into her academic and professional aspirations.



### Matilda Conner

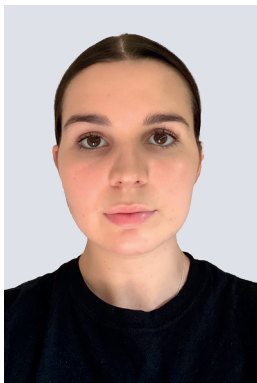
Matilda, from Boundary Bend, Victoria, continues her journey into her third year at the University of Melbourne, studying a Bachelor of Agriculture. With the goal of becoming an Agronomist, she is deeply committed to sustainable farming practices. Matilda's great-great-grandfather, Archibald Henry Conner, was a stretcher-bearer in WW1.

“One of my grandfather's dreams was that his children would have a better standard of life than he did. He achieved that as my parents had a higher standard of education than he did and as a result a better standard of living. Now I have the opportunity to achieve a higher level of education. I am grateful to have found my grandfather's family values are held in such high importance by attending this presentation ceremony. I feel his aspirations have been fulfilled. I accept this scholarship with pride and hold this legacy with the hope of passing it on. April O'Neil - **2012 Gallipoli Scholar**”



## Calleo Indigenous Bursary

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### Grace Waters

Grace, a Gömeroi woman from St George, Queensland, is now in her third year at Southern Cross University, completing a Bachelor of Contemporary Music. An accomplished performer, she is dedicated to preserving and advancing her First Nations cultural heritage through her work. Grace's great-great-grandfather, George Bennet, served in WW1.



## Veterans' Benevolent Fund Bursary

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### Thea Comerford

Originally from Toowoomba, Queensland, Thea is entering her third year of a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of New South Wales. Driven by a deep interest in human biology, Thea aims to contribute meaningfully to healthcare. She is inspired by her great-great-grandfather, Cecil Bede Ross, who served in both WW1 and WW2.



## Lockheed Martin Australia Bursary

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### Matthew Maguire

Matthew, from Jamberoo, New South Wales, is advancing into his third year of a Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics at the Australian National University - aiming to pursue a career as an astrophysicist. His great-great-grandfather, Frederick Harrison Ord Capper, served in both the Boer War and WW1.



### Skyla Davis

Hailing from Lismore, New South Wales, Skyla is entering her third year at the University of Queensland, pursuing a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (Honours). She has a strong interest in power systems and the renewable energy transition, and is motivated to contribute to sustainable and reliable energy solutions. Her great-grandfather, Stanley Reardon, served in WW2.





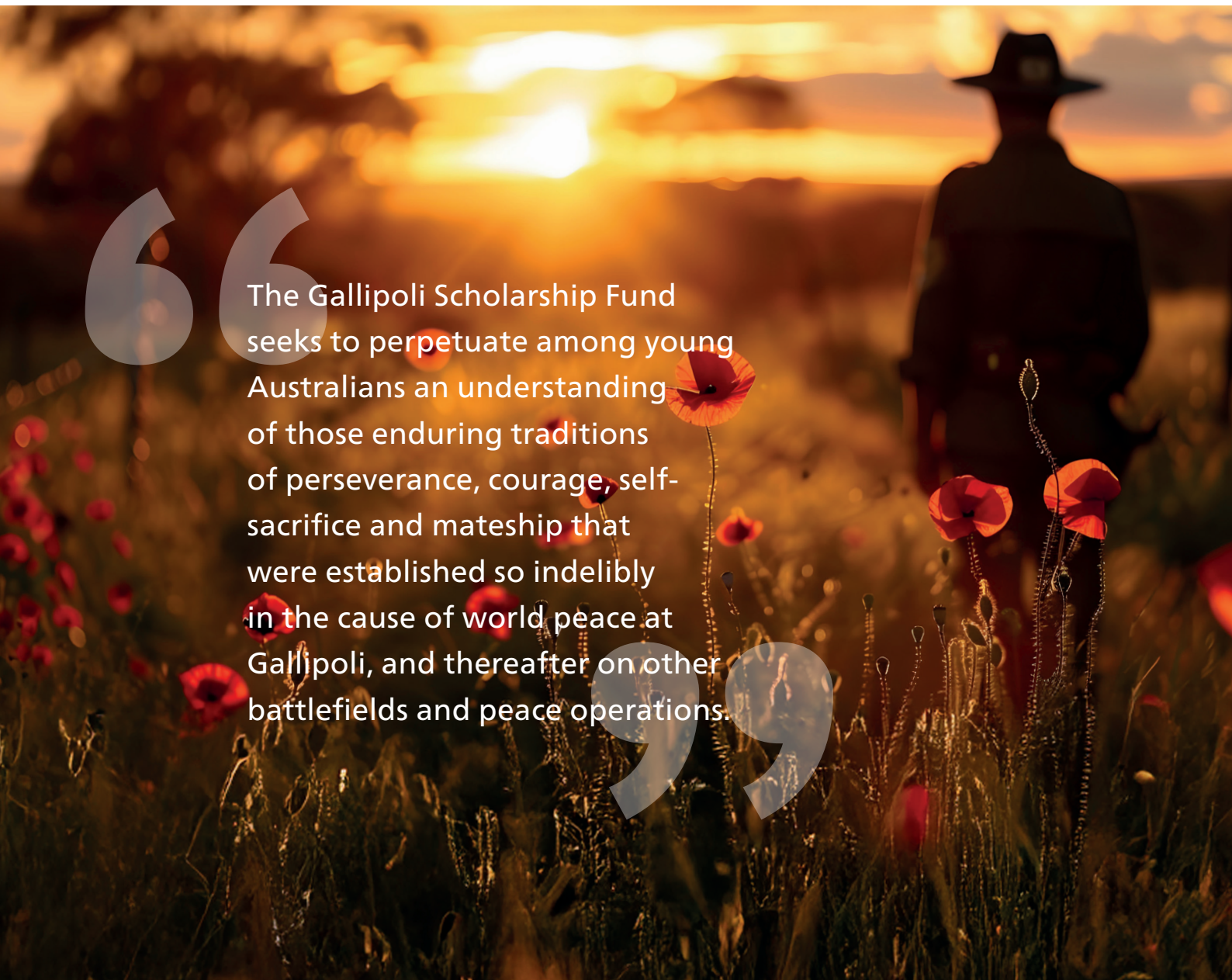
## Earlwood Bardwell Park RSL Club Bursary

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### Sophie Wainwright

Sophie, from Loftus, Sydney, advances into her third year at the University of New South Wales, pursuing a double degree in Law and Media - driven by a desire to positively influence the impact of media on society. She is inspired by the legacy of her great-great-grandfather, Reginald Patrick Cullinane, a WW1 veteran with the 1st Light Horse Regiment.



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The Gallipoli Scholarship Fund seeks to perpetuate among young Australians an understanding of those enduring traditions of perseverance, courage, self-sacrifice and mateship that were established so indelibly in the cause of world peace at Gallipoli, and thereafter on other battlefields and peace operations.

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# Awards to those entering their 2nd Year of tertiary study

## Calleo Indigenous Bursary

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### Jonathan Stan-Bishop

Jonathan, from Abbey, Western Australia, enters his second year of a Bachelor of Education at Edith Cowan University. Drawing inspiration from his grandfathers, Harold Joseph Hill and James Richard Stan-Bishop, who served in WW2, Jonathan aims to inspire others through his future teaching career.



### Imogen Hawkins

Imogen, a proud Gamilaraay woman, progresses into her second year at the University of Queensland studying a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws - with the desire to advocate for others in her future career. Imogen has been inspired by her father's military service, who served as a Helicopter Avionics Technician in the Royal Australian Navy for over a decade.



## Bill Hall Bursary

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**Cameron O'Brien**

Originally from Abbotsford, New South Wales, Cameron enters his second year at the University of Sydney, undertaking a Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences. Cameron is inspired by his grandfather, Geoffrey Durdin, who served in the Royal Australian Navy during the Vietnam War and seeks to replicate his dedication and service through his study.



**Jorja O'Brien**

Jorja, from Young, NSW, is progressing into her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Canberra and seeks to pursue a career in healthcare supporting others. Jorja is inspired by her great-grandfather, Edward James O'Brien, who served in WW2.



**Isabella Rosewarne**

Isabella from Mt Eliza, Victoria, continues in her second year of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Australian Catholic University (ACU) and is committed to lifelong learning and making meaningful impact. Isabella comes from a long line of family defence service including great grandfather, Edwin William Rosewarne, a WW2 veteran, as well as her grandfather, father, mother in the Army/ Army reserves. She intends to continue that tradition as an Army Reserve Officer.

# Awards to those entering their 2nd Year of tertiary study

## Veterans' Benevolent Fund Bursary

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### Chelsea Rosewarne

Hailing from Mt Eliza, Victoria, Chelsea enters her second year of a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at the Australian Catholic University. Chelsea's pursuit of physiotherapy is inspired by her passion for helping others achieve their best quality of life. She honours the service of her great-grandfather, Edwin William Rosewarne, who served in the RAAF in WW2.



### Amelia Davies

Amelia is entering her second year of a Bachelor of Human Movement & Nutrition Science / Bachelor of Arts at the University of Queensland. As someone that has displayed considerable leadership at school and in her community, Amelia aims to become a changemaker in her future career. Her great-grandfather, Llewellyn Swiss Davies served in Papua New Guinea in WW2.





## Lockheed Martin Australia Bursary

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### Lincoln Rowe

Lincoln, an aspiring Aerospace Engineer, is progressing into his second year of a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Queensland. Lincoln aims to combine his passion for aviation and engineering in a career with the Royal Australian Air Force, inspired by his great-grandfather, Alexander Thomas Rowe, who served in the Royal New Zealand Air Force during WW2.



## CEA Technologies Bursary

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### Bianca Le'Gear

Bianca continues her academic journey at Queensland University of Technology, pursuing a dual degree in Engineering and Science and hopes to use her study to advance eco-friendly space technology. She is inspired by her great grandfather, John Stanley Reibelt, who served in Papua New Guinea during WW2.

# Awards to those entering their 2nd Year of tertiary study

## EY Internship Bursary

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### Sienna McArdle

Originally from Geelong, Victoria, enters her second year at Monash University pursuing a double degree in Law and Science. With her studies she hopes to work at the intersection of the healthcare and legal systems. Her great-grandfather, Marcel Victor Mahon, served in the Middle East and Mediterranean with the 1st Australian Corps during WW2.



### Trentham Daveson

Trentham from Ballandean, Queensland, continues his university journey at the University of Queensland, pursuing a dual degree in Mathematics and Commerce - with the hope of using his analytical skills in finance. His grandfather, Leslie James Daveson, served in Papua New Guinea during WW2.





## RSL NSW Bursary

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### Phoebe Hinchcliffe

Entering her second year of a Bachelor of Science at the University of Newcastle, Phoebe remains focused on her desire to make meaningful contributions to earth and environmental sciences in regional communities. Her great grandfather Maurice Perrott, served in WW2.



### Cooper Hawkins

Cooper is continuing his Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University with the goal of working in the health field. He is inspired by his family's history of service, notably that of his grandfather, Bernard Toohey, who served as a paratrooper with the 1st Battalion in Vietnam.



### Ned Evans

Ned has commenced his second year of a Bachelor of Education at Southern Cross University. Ned's family history of service, particularly Robert Edward Evans who served in WW2, has imparted a deep sense of duty and perseverance. With the support of the Gallipoli Scholarship, Ned will be able to focus on his academic and professional aspirations.

## Awards to those entering their 2nd Year of tertiary study



### Rosie McCormack

Rosie is continuing her Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Sunshine Coast and seeks to make a direct contribution to the lives of others in her future career. Her great-grandfather, Patrick Joseph Mullavey, served in New Guinea during WW2.



I graduated from the University of Sydney in 2005 and I am now working as a graduate lawyer with Minter Ellison in Sydney. During my studies I studied Mandarin in Beijing, Chinese law in Shanghai and spent my final semester studying international trade law at Uppsala University in Sweden. I'm looking forward to the challenges and exciting opportunities ahead as I commence my career. Thank you again for the support the Fund provided in my first year of university study. It assisted my moving to Sydney and the opportunity to experience all I have as a result!

Bree Miechel - **1999 Gallipoli Scholar**



### Hall Rotary Club Bursary

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### Kathryn Crnkovic

Kathryn is a second-year student at the Australian National University where she is studying a double degree in Arts and Science. As a committed member of her community, driven by the ideals of public service, Kathryn aspires to future roles in policymaking and research. Her great-great-grandfather, Herbert Morris, served in WW1 at Gallipoli and on the Western Front.



## Castle Hill RSL Club Bursary

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### Nikki Howard

Nikki is entering her second year at the University of Wollongong, where she is completing a Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Science. She aims to pursue a career in the nuclear and radiation science fields and hopes to encourage others to consider STEM roles. Nikki's veteran ancestor, Gordon Cole, who served in both World Wars - including periods on the Western Front.

## Merrylands RSL Club Bursary

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### Molly Dungey

Coming from Brisbane, Molly enters her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing & Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic University - building on her goal of one day working in emergency or trauma care. Inspired by her great-grandfather, Eric Richardson, who served in WW2, Molly embodies a legacy of service and leadership, driving her to positively impact the lives of others.



## Awards to those entering their 2nd Year of tertiary study

### Fairfield RSL Memorial Club Bursary

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#### Ellie McFadden

Ellie is continuing into her second year of study for a Bachelor of Nursing & Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic University. Drawing inspiration from her father, Anthony John McFadden, a veteran of peacekeeping missions in East Timor, Ellie seeks to pursue a career in emergency medicine, aiming to one day join the Royal Flying Doctors Service.



### Ingleburn RSL Club Bursary

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#### Andrew Yates

Andrew is continuing into his second year of study for a Bachelor of Commerce at Macquarie University, having been awarded the Mustafa Kemal Ataturk Memorial Bursary in 2025. He hopes to use his degree to help young people make informed decisions about their finances. He is motivated by his grandfather, Larry Yates, who served in the Vietnam War.

“ I wanted to write to thank yourself, your scholarships team and my mentor for believing and having faith in me in regards to my uni studies. This means the absolute world to me. Thank you so much to you all for my second instalment payment which is very important to continue my studies without extra burdens or worries. Your scholarship team and your belief in me is wonderful and has kept me motivated to keep striving forward no matter what hurdles come my way. I will be forever grateful to your amazing and generous team and cannot express my gratitude enough.

I strongly believe positivity, confidence and persistence are the keys in life, so never give up. I am so thankful that you have made this investment in my future and will always be grateful and appreciative.

Cooper Thompson - **2018 Gallipoli Scholar**

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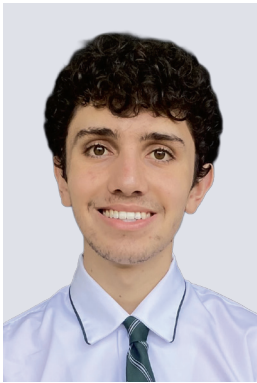
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### Calleo Indigenous Bursary

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#### Mason Schumacher

Mason, from Caboolture in Queensland, has begun a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Animation) at QUT. Driven by his passion for storytelling, Mason aims to honour his family's legacy through the art of animation. His great-great-great-grandfather, Edward Clark, an Indigenous soldier who enlisted in Nundle, NSW in 1916 served in England and France during WW1.



#### Jack Adams

Jack, from Launceston in Tasmania, is studying a Bachelor of Music (Performance) at the University of Melbourne. His commitment to the performing arts is matched by a strong academic drive and a desire to use music to connect, inspire and uplift. His great-grandfather, Charles John Adams, who served with the 12th Infantry Battalion at Gallipoli and on the Western Front during WW1.



#### Scarlett Gilmartin

Scarlett is studying a Bachelor of Biological Science at the University of Western Australia and is passionate about the power of science to protect and restore natural habitats. Her father, Michael Anthony Gilmartin, an Australian Army soldier whose operational deployments included Operation Tamar in Rwanda and multiple rotations in East Timor as part of the INTERFET force.



## Lockheed Martin Australia Bursary

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### Thomas Kavanagh

From St Peters in South Australia, Thomas is embarking on a Bachelor of Science (Theoretical Physics) at Adelaide University. He has a deep love of mathematics and the physical world, and carries the legacy of three generations of military service: his grandfather Rodney Smith who served in Vietnam, his great-grandfather Reginald Hale-Smith who served in Borneo WW2, and great-great-grandfather William Henry Cook fought in the battle of Lone Pine at Gallipoli

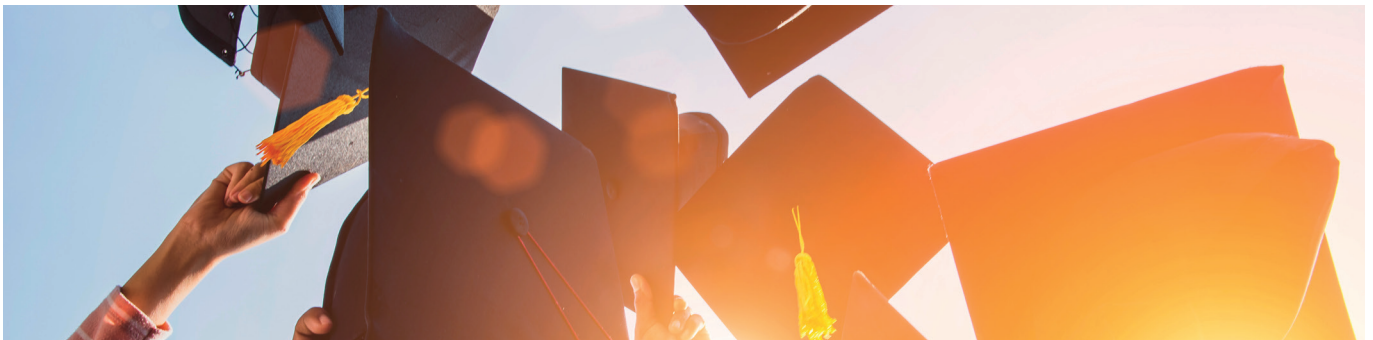
## EY Internship Bursary

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### Abigail Hunt

From Moss Vale in the New South Wales Southern Highlands, Abigail is pursuing a double degree in Commerce and Finance at the Australian National University in Canberra stemming from her desire to contribute to financial and economic policy in Australia. Her great-grandfather, Maurice Henry New, served in the Air Force Rescue Squadron in New Guinea during WW2.



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## First Year Bursaries and Scholarships

### Mustafa Kemal Atatürk Memorial Bursary

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#### Ella White

Originally from Caulfield in Victoria, Ella is undertaking a Bachelor of Biomedicine at Monash University with a clear ambition to pursue medicine. Ella is driven by the legacy of her great-grandfather, James Thomas Baker, who enlisted in January 1915 and served with distinction at Gallipoli in WW1 as part of 4/11 Battalion.



#### Lachlan Meighan-Caligiuri

From Torquay in Victoria, Lachlan is embarking on a Bachelor of Science / Master of Engineering at the University of Melbourne. He is a passionate engineer and motorsport enthusiast with a scientific curiosity. Lachlan's grandfather, Francis Meighan, was a National Serviceman between 1966 and 1968, serving abroad in the Vietnam War.



#### Makayla Grace Stonier

From Point Cook in Victoria, Makayla has begun a Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry at Deakin University. Makayla harbours a deep interest in environmental conservation and hopes to build a career where chemistry and conservation intersect. Her great-grandfather, Peter Campbell Lamb, served in the Australian Army during WW2.



## Merrylands RSL Club Bursary

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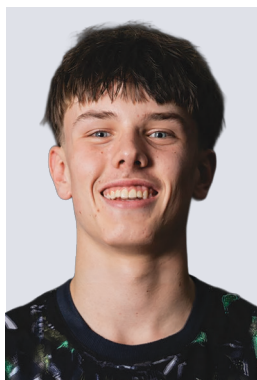
### Joshua Wood

Joshua is embarking on a dual degree in Architectural Design and Civil Engineering (Honours) at Queensland University of Technology. From Carindale in Queensland, he has a passion for innovative and sustainable urban design and hopes to pursue a career shaping the future of Australia's cities. His great-grandfather Malcolm McLennan served in New Guinea in WW2.



## Fairfield RSL Memorial Club Bursary

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### Max Andrews

Max, from Annerley in Queensland, is commencing a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at the Australian Catholic University in Brisbane. Sitting at the intersection of his two passions – sport and helping people recover from physical challenges – physiotherapy is a natural fit. His great-grandfather, Foch Mark Dowling, served with the 2/40th Infantry Battalion during WW2, was captured as a prisoner of war by the Japanese in Timor and endured the brutal conditions of the Burma Railway in Thailand before his liberation in December 1945.

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### Earlwood Bardwell Park RSL Club Bursary

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#### May Morgan

From Mullumbimby in northern New South Wales, May is commencing a Bachelor of History at Macquarie University – building on her passion for exploring the past events and people. May honours the service of her grandfather, Lieutenant William Frederick Johnson, who served in the Royal Australian Navy during WW2 and included command of the channel patrol vessel HMAS Coongoola.



### Penrith RSL Club Bursary

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#### Shanaye Firmstone

Shanaye is commencing a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Acting) at Western Sydney University. For her, acting is the way she connects with people and gives meaning to her creativity. Shanaye's great-grandfather, John "Jack" Stroyan Donnan, served in New Guinea during WW2 as a driver within various signals units.



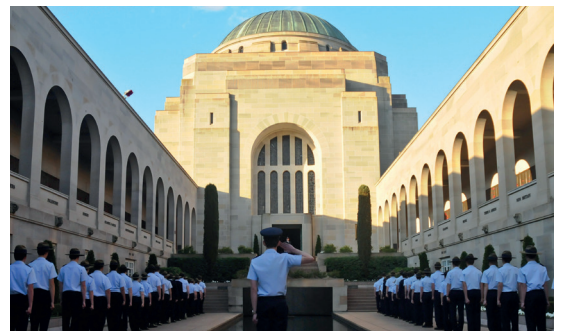
## Gallipoli Memorial Club Bursary

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### Catalina Andrews

A local of Ballarat in Victoria, Catalina is commencing a Bachelor of Radiography and Medical Imaging (Honours) at Monash University – as a foundation for her long-term ambition to study medicine. She is inspired by her great-great-grandfather, Private Arthur James Shannahan, who enlisted at nineteen years of age, and served in Egypt and then Gallipoli in WW1.



## Hall Rotary Club Bursary

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### Adelaide Mills

Adelaide, a local of the ACT, is commencing a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Canberra. Drawn to a career centred on helping others, Adelaide brings a powerful combination of empathy, determination and personal insight to her chosen field. Her great-great-grandfather, Corporal Richard Herbert Robinson, served with the 10th Australian Field Ambulance and Perth Army Medical Corps during WW1.

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### Australian Defence Force (ADF) Bursary

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#### Charlotte Fraser – Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Bursary

Charlotte comes from Merimbula on the New South Wales Far South Coast and is beginning a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at James Cook University in Townsville. Charlotte's ambition is to address health inequality in rural and Indigenous communities. Her father, Lieutenant Simon Fraser, served in the Royal Australian Navy.



#### Charlotte Aeschlimann – Australian Army Bursary

From Kardella in regional Victoria, Charlotte has begun a Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) at La Trobe University in Bendigo. Motivated by a desire to help those in need and serve her community, Charlotte is a recipient of La Trobe's Aspire Community Impact Program. Her great-grandfather, Private Angus "Banjo" Aeschlimann, served in WW2.



#### Emily Bush – Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Bursary

Emily, from Kilmore in Victoria, is embarking on a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology at the University of Melbourne. Her great-grandfather, Warrant Officer Kevin Alexander Bush, flew bombing missions over Germany during WW2, including raids on Frankfurt and Dresden, before being shot down and captured as a prisoner of war — surviving captivity until the war's end in 1945.



## Ingleburn RSL Club Bursary

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### Adelaide Thompson

Adelaide, from Woollooware in the New South Wales Sutherland Shire, is embarking on a double degree in International Studies and Laws at the University of Wollongong. She is driven by a deep commitment to justice and a desire to contribute to world affairs. Adelaide is motivated by the example of her father, Captain Robert Thompson, a serving member of the Royal Australian Navy and veteran of multiple operational deployments, including Operation Falconer during the Iraq War.



## Hornsby RSL Club Bursary

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### Lilly Correll

Lilly, from Bendigo in Victoria, is commencing a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Creative Writing at the University of Melbourne. Aspiring to a career in journalism and public policy writing, Lilly is passionate about connecting with people and amplifying voices that matter. Her grandfather, Stanley Thomas Correll, was a radio operator who served in Papua New Guinea during WW2.

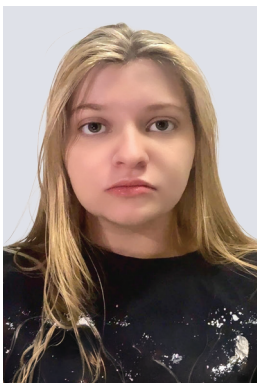
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### CEA Technologies Bursary

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#### Siobhan Brown

Siobhan hails from Newnham in Launceston, Tasmania and is embarking on a Bachelor of Maritime Engineering (Naval Architecture) (Honours) at the University of Tasmania building on a lifelong fascination with ship design. She is inspired by her father, Warrant Officer Class One Kenneth Brown, who served in the Australian Army for over twenty years and deployed on several occasions overseas.



#### Jesaiah Creek

Jesaiah hails from Grays Point in New South Wales and has commenced a Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) / Engineering (Honours) at the University of New South Wales. With a passion for science and physics, he is driven to contribute to advances in aerospace engineering that honour the service and dedication of his great-grandfather, Corporal Harry Sydney Creek, who served in the Australian Army in various roles throughout WW2.



## RSL NSW Bursary

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### Ru Li Little

Ru Li, from Forbes in rural New South Wales, has commenced a Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) at the University of Newcastle. Growing up in the Central West, Ru Li developed a deep appreciation for healthcare access in regional communities and a commitment to supporting others in rural settings. Her great-grandfather, Private Henry (Harry) Little, served with the 18th Battalion on the Western Front in Belgium and France during WW1.



### Lauren Brown

Lauren, a local of Freshwater on Sydney's Northern Beaches, has begun a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at the Australian Catholic University. She is motivated by a genuine passion for supporting individuals and communities to improve their independence and wellbeing. Her father, David Colin Beale Brown, served in the Australian Army as a Signals Corps Officer, including a deployment to Iraq.



### Guinevere Curtis

Guinevere is commencing a double degree in Engineering (Honours) and Laws at the University of Sydney. Driven by a desire to help the most vulnerable, Guinevere sees the intersection of engineering and law as a powerful vehicle for meaningful social change. Her great-grandfather, Eric Giles Henry Hayes, served in the Royal Australian Air Force during WW2.

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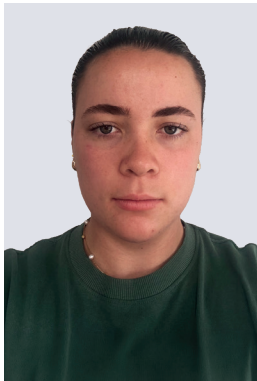
### Hannah Bunby

From Kurrajong Heights in New South Wales, Hannah is commencing a double degree in Laws and Arts (International Relations) at the University of Notre Dame. She is committed to contributing to a fairer, more principled Australia and draws on her experience growing up in a regional community. Her great-grandfather, Private Robert William Waldron, served as a paratrooper in WW2.



### Nellie Grant

Nellie, from Canowindra in rural New South Wales, is commencing a double degree in Law and Social Science at the University of Wollongong. Motivated by a genuine desire to help people navigate life's most difficult challenges, Nellie sees law as a vehicle for meaningful service to her community. Her great-grandfather, Keith Leslie Ritchie, served on the Kokoda Track in New Guinea in WW2.



### Francesca Morton

Francesca, from Summer Hill in Sydney, is embarking on a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Notre Dame, with plans to pursue further research after completing her degree. Francesca is inspired by her grandfather, Antony Brown, who served in the Australian Army during the Vietnam War with the 5th Royal Australian Regiment.



### Alice Fergusson

Alice, from the rural Central West of New South Wales, is commencing a Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine at Charles Sturt University. Her great-grandfather, Brigadier Maurice Fergusson, landed at Gallipoli with the 1st Field Artillery Brigade and later served on the Western Front. For his service, he was Mentioned in Dispatches, received the Military Cross and Bar, and was later awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his subsequent service in New Guinea during WW2.



### **Angus Webster**

Angus, from Newcastle in New South Wales, is commencing a Diploma of Art and Social Science at the University of Newcastle, with plans to go on to complete a Bachelor of Arts. He is deeply passionate about history and brings that commitment to life as a volunteer at Fort Scratchley as part of the gun crew. His great-grandfather, John Curror Cox, served in various theatres throughout WW2 including Egypt, Syria, Greece, Lebanon and New Guinea..



### **Ellie Pitt**

Ellie, from Buronga in regional New South Wales and is embarking on a Bachelor of Clinical Science / Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University. With a deep fascination in human biology her ambition is to practise medicine. She draws inspiration from the story of her great-grandfather, Lieutenant Leslie Miles Gillon, who served in the Army in WW2 before being captured as a prisoner of war in Singapore.



### **Mia O'Neill**

Mia, from Long Flat in regional New South Wales, is beginning a Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) at the University of Newcastle. Passionate about helping people communicate and live fulfilling lives regardless of their geographic location or background, Mia is committed to addressing the underservicing of rural communities in speech pathology. Two of her great-grandfathers, John Clyde Rowe and Milton Murray served in WW2.



### **Brooke Chapman**

Brooke, from Fine Flower in northern New South Wales, is undertaking a dual degree in Communication and Journalism at the University of Queensland. She aspires to a career as a journalist who can amplify important stories and give voice to communities that need to be heard. Her great-grandfather, Charles Ernest Hinds, served in New Guinea during WW2 with a number of field engineering units.

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### Zachary Searle

Originally from Bega on the New South Wales South Coast, Zachary is pursuing a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. He has a deep passion for mathematics, physics and design, and aspires to a career that pushes the boundaries of modern science. His great-grandfather, Geoffrey Norman Heath, who served as an RAAF aircraft mechanic during WW2, working in salvage and repair units in Indonesia and later as a flight engineer repatriating prisoners of war.



### Lucca Lambert

Lucca hails from Tweed Heads in New South Wales and is beginning a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Southern Cross University. She aspires to a career in medicine and is passionate about contributing to biomedical knowledge. Her great-great-grandfather, John Matchett, enlisted in the AIF and served with the 3rd Infantry Battalion at Gallipoli and on the Western Front in WW1.



### Brodie Browning

Brodie, from Wagga Wagga in New South Wales, is embarking on a Bachelor of Exercise Physiology at the University of Canberra. He is driven by a desire to make a meaningful difference in people's health and recovery outcomes. His great-grandfather, Private Lance Raymond White, served in the Australian Army during WW2 in Borneo.



### Aoife Breen

Aoife is beginning a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) at the University of New South Wales and seeks to better understand trauma, mental health and human resilience as part of her studies. She is inspired by her great-great-grandfather, Robert Millington Hoskings, who served on the Western Front in Belgium and France as part of the 39th Infantry Battalion in WW1.



### Thomas Pell

Thomas, from Orange in New South Wales, is beginning a Bachelor of Health and Medical Science at Charles Sturt University — a pathway toward his long-term goal of pursuing dentistry. He is motivated by a desire to use science and clinical skill to make a tangible difference in people’s lives. His grandfather, Richard Barry, was a national serviceman in Vietnam.



## Taylor Family Bursary

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### Mason Bentley

Mason is from Mount Gambier in South Australia and has commenced a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) at Flinders University. As a natural problem-solver, he is motivated by a desire to find practical and innovative solutions to real-world challenges. Mason’s great-grandfather, Clement Stuart Athol McLean, served in the Australian Military Forces during WW2 with the mounted infantry.

# 2026

## First Year Bursaries and Scholarships

### Aspen Medical Foundation Bursary

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#### Jackson Coaby

Jackson, from Salisbury East in South Australia, is embarking on a Bachelor of Medical Studies / Doctor of Medicine at Adelaide University – driven to improve the health outcomes for indigenous communities. Jackson honours his great-great-grandfather, Matthew Garr, one of four Indigenous brothers who enlisted for the AIF in WW1.



### Arthur Fittock Bursary

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#### Jai Nabb

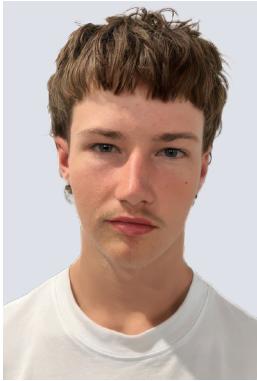
From Surrey Downs in South Australia, Jai is embarking on a Bachelor of Paramedicine at Flinders University. He is passionate about emergency medicine and driven by a deep curiosity about how the human body works. His great-grandfather, James William Hawkins, who served as a Fitter in the RAAF in WW2.



## GSF Pathways Program

This is an inaugural program of 2026. It is awarded to individuals undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship who meet the eligibility criteria.

This pilot program is generously offered by Just Cuts.



### Saxon Cannon


Saxon, from Maudsland on Queensland's Gold Coast, is undertaking a Plumbing apprenticeship through the Gold Coast Trades College. Passionate about building a practical and rewarding career in the trades, Saxon is determined to overcome challenges and succeed in his chosen field. He is inspired by his father, John Cannon, an Australian Army veteran who served during the Afghanistan Campaign.



### Kathryn Constance Duncan

Kathryn (Eli), from Cooma in regional New South Wales, is undertaking a Hairdressing apprenticeship through the Canberra Institute of Technology. Driven by creativity and a passion for helping others feel confident, Eli is committed to building a future in the hairdressing industry despite significant personal and financial challenges. Eli honours the service of their great-grandfather, who served during WW2.



An aerial photograph of the ANZAC Memorial in Wellington, New Zealand. The memorial is a large, rectangular stone structure with a central opening, situated on a grassy hill overlooking the sea. A tall flagpole with the New Zealand flag is on the left. The background shows the coastline and a clear blue sky. A quote is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The Scholarships provide financial assistance to the most deserving and meritorious Australian applicants.

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## Gallipoli Scholarship Fund Song Lyrics

Australians went when the call came out

They didn't know what it was all about

The ships set sail off to Gallipoli

They had no clue what it would be

They left the ships in wooden boats

So many of them were young blokes

They landed in the dark of dawn

The Anzac Spirit that day was born

The men who fought have now passed on

We won't forget their memory stays strong

In two world wars our women and men

Were strong and fought for us till the end

The Gallipoli Scholarship the legacy lasts

It helps our young remember their past

We know the words persevere and mates

Traditions of courage not self awaits

Gallipoli Scholars it's in your hands

A gift you're given so make it grand

It's up to you so do your best

You are our future do this with zest

**Composed by our Patron, Mrs Linda Hurley**



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