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# **UWA Law School Dean's Circle 2022 Impact Report**

# **Thank you**

# You are helping shape their future

As another challenging academic year draws to a close, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to Dean's Circle members for your continued support of the UWA Law School and our students.

Launched in 2019, the Dean's Circle has had 26 members join, with two new members joining in 2022 - welcome and thank you Mr Daniel White and Mr Nick Kee.

The success of the Dean's Circle is a testament to the generosity of our alumni. Dean's Circle members recognise the benefits they have received from having had the privilege of attending our great Law School, a privilege that is illusive for some. Thank you for making it a reality for so many deserving students.



# Scholarships

Scholarships help to support the next generation of lawyers and leaders. In 2022 the Dean's Circle supported an incredible 11 students through a range of scholarships.

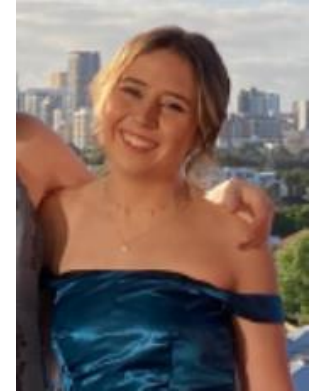
Thank you to the Dean's Circle members who support the Law School Strategic Fund. Your support helps commencing Juris Doctor students in need of financial assistance. The Law School Strategic Fund also provides emergency funding to students in crisis.

Thank you, too, to the Dean's Circle members who fund individual named scholarships. These scholarships provide deserving students with the financial security needed to progress confidently through their law studies.



# 2022 Dean's Circle Juris Doctor Scholarship Recipients

**Ciara Lindgren** – “I know that I want to use my degree and my situation to better the lives of those around me. I wanted to thank you again for offering me this scholarship, it has helped me so much.”



**Olivia Huang** – “I work and study hard not only for myself but also to show my daughter that we have the chance to choose our own lives, no matter how hard. If we have a dream, no matter whether we crawl, walk, or run toward it, if we are heading towards it, eventually we will be there. I’m a slow dream chaser, I have been crawling in the mud, but since I got Australian citizenship and UWA’s offer, I felt like I started to walk, I came to the same height as others, and I can see the views others have been enjoying. Your donation now makes me feel like I may run in the future. You have no idea how grateful I am. You may think you only did something small, but it’s big for me and for my family, for my future and for my next generation’s future too.”

## New Citizen Bursary

This year a Dean's Circle member established The New Citizen Bursary to encourage and assist students commencing the Juris Doctor who have shown promise and character in the face of challenges.

**Jenna Hung** is the 2022 recipient as well as a 2022 Dean's Circle JD Scholarship recipient. Jenna was born to parents who are both competent English speakers, but it is not their first language and as she grew up, she realised that people would attempt to take advantage of them or try to scare them with fake legalese.

She caught Covid this year and has faced other health complications through the year, but this has not gotten in the way of her ambitious goal of finishing the JD in just three years.

"I've enjoyed my first year a lot, but it was definitely challenging to study while being sick for most of it and trying to work while studying full time. The scholarship has been helpful, allowing me to buy necessary resources for my studies and attend networking events. I'm very thankful for this help I'm given, and I will continue to work hard and see this degree through." – **Jenna Hung**



# Scholarships Funded by Dean's Circle Members in 2022

“[The scholarship] created the environment necessary to welcome passion and appreciation back into my studies. Your support will provide me with the relief I need to maintain this space and continue the momentum into my final year.” - Anna and Nicoletta Ciffolilli Scholarship for Women in Law recipient **Georgina Macri**



“I am so honoured and grateful to be awarded this scholarship, and I sincerely appreciate your contribution to my UWA Law School experience.” - JD Scholarship for the Promotion of Social Justice recipient **Tenille Lazenby**

“Your award has allowed me to prioritise my studies over my employment. I have been able to gain experiences and accept opportunities that I would not have previously been able to because I had to ensure that I could financially support myself.” - McCusker Law Scholarship recipient **Megan Menon**



“Receiving a scholarship reinforces to me how valuable support from the profession is and reminds me that I would like to give back in my future career.” - K. W. Hatfield Q.C. Memorial Scholarship in Law recipient **Vanessa Coutts**



## Opening of the Paul Bendat Reading Room



This year saw the opening of the refurbished Paul Bendat Reading Room in the Beasley Law Library, made possible thanks to the generosity of the Bendat Family Foundation. This room and the Paul Bendat Memorial Indigenous Scholarship in Law are both in memory of the late Paul Bendat who was an alumnus of the Law School (LLB'72).

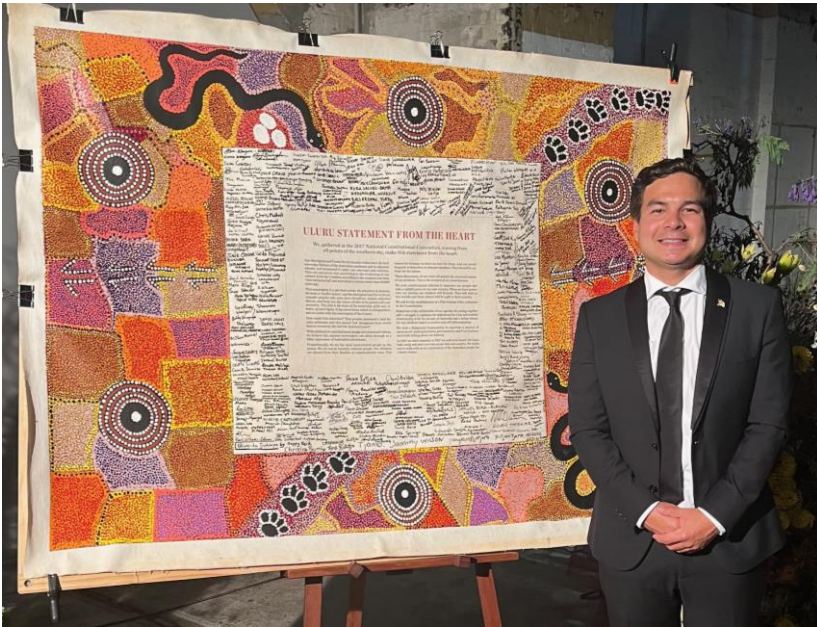
# An area for individual quiet, reflective study



“The Bendat Reading Room provides our Juris Doctor students with a quiet study space in which to immerse themselves in the discipline of reading law, away from the collegial buzz of the Law Courtyard and collaborative spaces of the lower floors of the Beasley Law Library – a space in which they are surrounded, inspired, and informed by an expansive physical and online collection and splendid artwork from UWA’s Art Collection.” – **Professor Natalie Skead**



# Paul Bendat Memorial Indigenous Scholarship in Law



2022 saw **Tyson McEwan**, the inaugural recipient of the Paul Bendat Memorial Indigenous Scholarship in Law, finish his Juris Doctor and graduate. This scholarship has had a huge impact on Tyson and supported him throughout his degree. He has secured a graduate job at Herbert Smith Freehills and is looking forward to starting with them in February.

“The Scholarship has helped me promote reconciliation between First Nations and non-First Nations people, advance inclusiveness and represent the hope on what our communities can achieve in the future.” – **Tyson McEwan**



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