



# GOOD FORTUNE

## Funding the new Allan Myers Chair of Law

Among Australia's most generous couples, Mr Allan Myers QC and his wife Maria have supported a number of ACU National initiatives, including The Allan Myers Chair of Law.

The new Chair will be based at ACU National's Institute of Legal Studies which has a strong focus on issues of ethical practice and social justice.

Giving widely to causes as diverse as public art, medical research and music, the Myers consider education of paramount importance.

Education has been the key to Mr Myers' own successful career. Born in Hamilton in western Victoria, Allan was the eldest of six children. He completed his primary schooling at the Dunkeld State School and his secondary education at the then recently opened Monivae College, before attending Melbourne University and Oxford University.

Opportunities for education were limited in his parents' and grandparents' generations. So when the religious order The Missionaries of The Sacred Heart came to Hamilton in 1954 and opened a secondary school for Catholic boys, his parents were eager for their children to benefit from the fine education

offered by the dedicated staff. Now coeducational, the school's mission and vision still embrace "excellence in education" and encourage all to "reach their unique potential".

Allan and his brother Michael, who until last year served on the University's Victorian Chapter with Maria, are among numerous distinguished Monivae alumni.

"Those early days made their lives what they are," Maria said. "They have had the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives because of their early home experiences and their education."

Allan pursued a shining legal career, practising, arbitrating and lecturing in commercial law, while managing rural interests including farms and hotels on the side.

As his financial means have increased, so have his philanthropic interests. Like ACU National Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sheehan AO, Mr Myers is a Knight of the Order of Malta "devoted to the exercise of Christian virtue and charity". Allan was awarded a Centenary Medal for service to philanthropy and to business in 2003.

"Allan believes in education," Maria said. "And he has always been generous. He grew up modelling himself on his father