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General income and expenditure

The full financial statements of the University's operations in 2008 are to be found on pages 56 to 59.

Federal government allocations

The Commonwealth Government's Better Universities Renewal Funding (BURF) of \$5.9 million, received by the University, was allocated as follows:

- \$2 million was used for projects in student amenities across all six campuses
- \$3.9 million was allocated to upgrading of information technology infrastructure, renovations of classrooms and lecture facilities and library refurbishment.

Impact of government proposals

The University anticipates that it may experience a decrease in the enrolment of international students which, together with the federal government's decision to discontinue full-fee-paying undergraduate places, is likely to mean a decline in revenue. The Vice-Chancellor has emphasised the consequent need for expenditure restraint.

Australian Catholic University Foundation

Donors

The achievements of the University have been due in significant part to the many donors and supporters who have honoured the University with their trust. This support has been focused on, and managed through, the Australian Catholic University Foundation.

Through the Foundation, donations are received to support the University's academic initiatives, teaching and research projects, community engagement activities, student scholarships and bursaries, as well as to support its capital development program and facilities.

ACU National's commitment to the development of partnerships with the community has been strengthened through the work of the fundraising and development team within the University Relations Directorate.

In 2008, the University updated its policy framework to provide a comprehensive guide to fundraising and development efforts by articulating new policies on:

- acceptance and treatment of donations
- honouring donors and benefactors through naming
- external funding of chairs and other academic posts
- naming of buildings, facilities and spaces
- scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other awards.



Scholarships endowed

A key priority for the University is to provide scholarships for students. Today, students pay more for their education than at any other time in Australia's history.

The support of the University's donors has enabled it to remain committed to social justice and to continue to provide the transformational experience of education to as many students as possible. In turn, the University has helped students to carry its Mission into the wider world, serving the common good.

New scholarships and awards established in 2008 were:

- Aloysius Morgan and Canberra Southern Cross Club Scholarships, funded by the Canberra Southern Cross Club for commencing students in the ACT
- Canberra Southern Cross Club PhD Scholarship at the Institute of Child Protection Studies, Canberra Campus
- St Vincent de Paul Society (ACT) Indigenous Scholarships to encourage Indigenous students in professional fields at the Canberra Campus
- Kevin Moyle Award for Liturgy or Ministry Studies at the Canberra Campus, donated by Mrs Janet Moyle Grad Dip RE (1993), MTheo (2001) in honour of her late husband
- Staff Options Scholarship established by Staff Options to recognise and reward a student who can demonstrate their commitment to and leadership in disability care at the Brisbane Campus
- St Vincent's and Mercy Private Hospital Wurundjeri Scholarship, established in the spirit of reconciliation and as a response to the National Apology made in Federal Parliament on 13 February 2008 for Indigenous commencing students enrolled in the

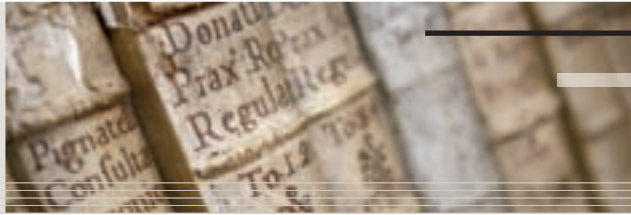
Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery course at the Melbourne or Ballarat Campus

- Gill Family Foundation Indigenous Nursing Scholarship for a first-year undergraduate Indigenous student in Victoria
- Karen Agnew Prize, awarded to a social work student for excellence in social work practice in their third year, established by staff and students in the School of Social Work (NSW), supported by family and friends, to honour the memory of Karen Agnew, who died tragically on an overseas holiday in July 2007, the prize paying tribute to her qualities as a student social worker
- Prize in Science and Technology established by family, colleagues and friends in honour of the late Terry Harrison, a Coordinator of the Bachelor of Education (Primary) program at the Strathfield Campus and a Lecturer in Science and Technology, to honour his commitment to the welfare of his students and their education in science and technology, to be awarded to a student who has achieved excellent results in science and technology and has shown a demonstrated commitment to environmental issues
- Northside Group Mental Health Services Prize (Ramsay Health Care) established by Ramsay Health Care to encourage excellence in the provision of mental health nursing care, awarded to a nursing student in NSW
- Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Mental Health Service Prize established to encourage excellence in the important area of mental health nursing, awarded to a nursing student in NSW.

These are in addition to 42 other scholarships and bursaries previously established for ACU National students.

Major projects involving fundraising and partnerships

- Professor Ismail Albayrak was appointed to the Fethullah Gullen Chair in the Study of Islam and Muslim-Catholic Relations, School of Arts and Sciences, based at the Melbourne Campus. The Chair is the result of a partnership with the Australian Intercultural Society and is supported by the Society and by members of the Islamic community in Australia.
- Funding to refurbish and upgrade the Central Hall at the Melbourne Campus was secured under the federal government's Better Universities Renewal Funding (BURF) program. The refurbishment had commenced in 2006 with significant support in the form of a matching grant from the Ian Potter Foundation.
- A major feasibility study was undertaken into potential support for a Chair in Identity and Curriculum in Catholic Education, to be located at the Brisbane Campus. Following the identification of significant levels of support, a fundraising campaign was commenced, and is expected to be completed in 2009.
- ACU National welcomed the eMerge Foundation as a new partner in its support of the Catholic Teachers' College in Baucau, East Timor. Representatives of the Foundation travelled to Baucau in October to attend the 2008 graduation ceremony and gained a first-hand understanding of the needs of the College and its students. The trip was supported by Campus Travel, the University's official travel agent, and staff and students at the Strathfield Campus also conducted fundraising activities, which enabled two new scholarships to be granted to students at the College.



Australian Catholic University Foundation supporters

ACU National is deeply grateful for the generous support of the trusts, institutions and individuals who contributed to the support of the University and its students in 2008.

These include:

- the University's staff and students
- individual benefactors
- philanthropic foundations
- Catholic organisations including Catholic Education Offices, religious congregations, hospitals and dioceses
- corporations
- community and service groups.

Many have also contributed artworks and books to the University's collections. These gifts are highly valued and much appreciated. In the course of the year, the Vice-Chancellor met several groups of donors and other supporters to thank them personally for their support to date and to outline his vision for the future.

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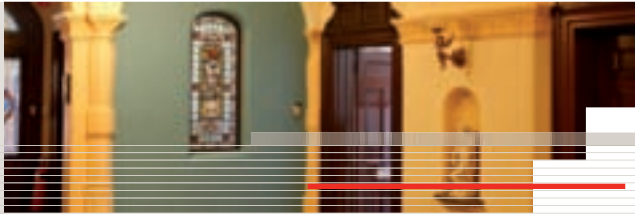
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 Staffing Options



Entrance hall of the historic Edmund Rice Building at the Strathfield Campus, whose restoration won a heritage award from Strathfield Council.

There are a number of donors who do not wish to be publicly acknowledged, but whose generosity is greatly appreciated by the University. Their support and commitment to ACU National Foundation continue to enhance educational opportunities for many.

Scholarships and bursaries

The University continued its commitment to finding ways of assisting students with particular financial pressures, as well as those from rural and regional areas, to study at the University, and gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organisations that provide support for our students through the direct awarding of established scholarships, prizes and bursaries.

Alexander Family
 Association of Catholic School Principals Inc
 Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc
 Australian Catholic Historical Society
 Australian College of Educators (NSW Chapter – Parramatta/Hills Regional Group)
 Australian College of Midwifery
 Australian Computer Society Inc (NSW Branch)
 Australian Confederation of Paediatric and Child Health Nurses
 Australian Council for Educational Leaders Inc
 Australian Council of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, NSW
 Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training
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 Australian Literacy Educators' Association (Vic)
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 St Vincent de Paul Society, Broken Bay
 St Vincent de Paul Society, Canberra and Goulburn
 St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney
 The Pratt Foundation
 Wexford Senate, Australia
 Zonta Club of Sydney North

Infrastructure

Award

The University's Strathfield Campus received a 2008 Heritage Conservation Award from Strathfield Municipal Council for its "outstanding heritage conservation and restoration of the Edmund Rice Building".

Additions

- Major refurbishments were carried out at the Strathfield and Ballarat campuses.
- Additional space was leased for the Melbourne and North Sydney campuses.
- During the year, progress was made on a new building to provide further facilities for the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Brisbane Campus. The building will be known as the Peter Sheehan building, named in honour of the previous Vice-Chancellor.

Libraries

- The University library staff conducted its fourth major survey of client attitudes, the previous surveys having been in 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Results were very good for the categories of service quality, service delivery, staff and online, but not for facilities and equipment, where growth in student numbers had not been met with a corresponding increase in library space, resulting in serious overcrowding in a number of campus libraries.

Most Australian and New Zealand libraries use the same survey so benchmarking is possible, and in the overall "weighted performance index", which pulls all the categories together, ACU National finished in the top quartile, compared with the rest of the sector.

- Library loan figures continued to grow, while there was also much stronger growth in the number of visitors to each library.