Học Mãi - Forever Learning

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The Australia-Viet Nam Medical Foundation
WHO WE ARE

Hoc Mãi, the Australia Việt Nam Medical Foundation, is a non-profit organisation which was established in 2001 to improve medical education in Việt Nam. It is a foundation of the University of Sydney that brings together the collective health care knowledge and experience of Australia and Việt Nam in an educational partnership. The Hoc Mãi Foundation has a distinguished Patron, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO Governor of New South Wales.

WHAT WE DO

We facilitate:

- Education and ‘Train-the-Trainer’ programs in ViệtNamese hospitals and universities
- Support for medical research and training in Việt Nam
- Delegations travelling to Việt Nam to teach clinical skills and knowledge within various specialties in a number of hospitals in Việt Nam
- Young health professionals from Việt Nam to come to Australia for advanced training
- Medical, nursing and allied health students from Universities of Sydney, Melbourne and Tasmania to undertake clinical placements in Việt Nam
- ViệtNamese medical students to broaden their hospital experience in Australia
- Students in the Masters of International Public Health from the University of Sydney to undertake their praxis in Việt Nam

HOW WE WORK

Hoc Mãi relies on the goodwill of Australian health care professionals to host and train their ViệtNamese colleagues. We act as facilitators for ViệtNamese and Australian medical personnel to gain experience and understanding of issues in the developing world and to provide essential medical, nursing and allied health support to our nearby neighbor. We rely on grants and donations to support and grow our program.

OUR MISSION

We aim to foster healthcare education to improve health outcomes for the 85 million people living in Việt Nam by:

- Supporting a bilateral exchange of students and health professionals between Australia and Việt Nam
- Assisting to develop an understanding of the methods of teaching doctors and nurses in Việt Nam by ‘Train the Trainer’ programs and the SCORPIO technique
- Facilitating the development of knowledge of the ViệtNamese doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers to improve health care delivery to their people
- Developing a strong network of Australian medical, nursing, technical and allied health staff who will provide on-going assistance and training of ViệtNamese colleagues
- Providing practical assistance with preventive, diagnostic and management problems in hospitals in Việt Nam
- Increasing medical research skills in Việt Nam with the aim of using research to improve care
The past year has seen many successes and challenges, yet with the continued support of donors, volunteers and partner organizations the Foundation has remained committed to its objectives of improving health outcomes, imparting health education and developing research capacity in Viêt Nam.

The shift in funding priorities, as identified by the Australian and ViêtNamese Governments, has signalled a movement away from the traditional health Fellowship program, towards capacity building with a focus on education and governance. Programs that have succeeded in this aim in 2013 have included workshops in Medical education, Medical English and Practical Clinical Research. The Foundation has also developed research capacity in Bach Mãi and Viêt Duc hospitals with the implementation of standardised death data collection. These efforts are expected to have long term benefits for the ViêtNamese health sector.

In Maternal and Child health, Học Mãi has worked with the Lions Club Palm Beach - Currambin on the donation of essential medical equipment to Da Nang Women and Children’s Hospital. Workshops have also continued in Dien Bien Province, and 2014 marks the 10th anniversary of the Học Mãi Foundation’s engagement in the region.

In 2013, the Foundation also commissioned a review of all Australian engagement in health in Viêt Nam from 2010 onwards, at the request of the Australian Ambassador to Viêt Nam, His Excellency Mr Hugh Borrowman. Titled *Together for Health*, the report captures the impressive breadth of Australia’s contributions to improving health outcomes for the people of Viêt Nam.

A further milestone in the Foundation’s achievements in Viêt Nam was reached on November 11, with the official opening of the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research and Học Mãi Foundation office in Hanoi, by the Governor of New South Wales and Foundation Patron, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir.

I would like to express my utmost gratitude to all those who have supported the Foundation, and who have graciously devoted their time and expertise to the programs and activities we are engaged in. It is humbling to watch the Học Mãi family grow as a result of this generosity.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to those members of the Board and Executive that have left the Foundation in 2013, and acknowledge the contribution of Ms Rhondda Glasson, who moved on from the Executive Officer’s role in 2013 after 6 years service to the Foundation. Lastly, I want to extend my thanks to the Học Mãi Board, for their continued support and guidance. Together, we will continue to celebrate the partnership and friendship between Viêt Nam and Australia in 2014 and the years to come.
The Hoc Mãi Foundation had a very successful year with a great deal of activities implemented over 2013 in Viêt Nam. As the coordinator of Hoc Mãi activities in Viêt Nam, I would like to highlight the following achievements:

Maternal and Child Health: Dien Bien Phu is one of the remotest areas in Northern Viêt Nam where Hoc Mãi Foundation has implemented a lot of training activities in 2013 to improve the quality of maternal and child health care for the ethnic minority people, including: Healthy Mothers 2 Workshop (11-16 March 2013), Healthy Babies 2 Workshop (1-8 June 2013), Health Literacy Workshop (19-24 August) and Healthy Babies and Children Workshop (28-31 October).

Student exchange: There were 36 Australian students including medical, nursing, health science and public health students who came to Viêt Nam in December, 2013 to conduct both clinical placements and research. In exchange, 9 ViêtNameste medical and nursing students from Hanoi Medical University (HMU), Pham Ngoc Thach University and Ho Chi Minh University of Medicine and Pharmacy received fully funded scholarships from Hoc Mãi to conduct 1 month study at Sydney Medical School (SMS).

Practical Research: Hoc Mãi provided Practical Clinical Research workshops in May and November, 2013 conducted by Australian senior academics and researchers to help young ViêtNameste medical doctors in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Viêt Nam to define prioritized research topics and implement new and relevant methods of research to improve their capacity in scientific research.

Advanced Course in Medical Education and Research: In 2013 teams of Clinical Academics from SMS conducted 5 x 1 week workshops at HMU to teach Advanced Course in Medical Education and Research. As a result of this program, an article was published by Professors Goulston, Oates, Dent and Associate Professor Duong at an international journal on medical education which was highly appreciated by ViêtNameste and international colleagues.

Medical English course at Bach Mãi and Thanh Nhan Hospitals: In February, 2013, 21 teachers from SMS and in September, 2013, 26 teachers graciously volunteered their time to teach Medical English at Bach Mãi and Thanh Nhan Hospitals and to 100 nursing students at HMU.

Within the context of these programs, 16 young clinicians and academics from HMU and other health institutions in Viêt Nam were sponsored by Hoc Mãi to spend 2 weeks in August 2013 at SMS for further training after having successfully attended the Advanced Medical English courses at HMU.

On-going research on Medical Report of Cause of Death has been being implemented at Bach Mãi and Viêt-Due hospitals: With Professor Merrilyn Walton and Mr. Esmond Esguerra from SMS training was conducted in April 2013. After the training, the reporting process on medical cause of death has been regularly carried out by medical staff at these two leading hospitals in Viêt Nam. In November 2013, the interim monitoring report was presented to the advisory committee and key medical staff of both hospitals to get the feedback on how to improve the process.

ViêtNameste Ministry of Health: In November 2013, a delegation led by Her Excellency Prof. Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW and Prof. Bruce Robinson, Dean of SMS came to visit the Ministry of Health of Viêt Nam and HMU. On this special occasion, HMU expressed its sincere thanks and high appreciation for great support over the last 14 years in health education and research activities in Viêt Nam by nominating Prof. Marie Bashir and Prof. Victor Storm as Honourable Professors of HMU. Especially, in order to recognize the great contribution of Hoc Mãi Foundation, the ViêtNameste Government and Ministry of Health awarded Prof Bashir and Prof Robinson the Medal for the Health of ViêtNameste People and Friendship Medal which is one of the most honourable and precious awards of the ViêtNameste people.

Woolcock Institute of Medical Research: In 2013, Hoc Mãi Foundation reached a milestone in its development in Viêt Nam by working together with Woolcock Institute of Medical Research to open the office of the Hoc Mãi Foundation in Hanoi. The office was inaugurated by Her Excellency Prof. Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW and Prof. Bruce Robinson, Chairman of Hoc Mãi Foundation.

Celebrating 40 years of Australia-Viêt Nam Diplomatic Relations: The Australian Embassy in Viêt Nam organized a Conference on Education for Development in Viêt Nam: Future Collaborations and Directions. Hoc Mãi Foundation’s presentation was conducted during the 2013 Viêt Nam National Alumni Conference organized in Hanoi in December 2013.
In November, 2013, Professor Bruce Robinson presented a report titled ‘Together for health: An overview of Australia’s involvement within Việt Nam’s healthcare sector’ to His Excellency Mr Hugh Borrowman, the Australian Ambassador to Việt Nam in Hanoi. The report arose from conversations between Professor Robinson and the Ambassador in November 2012 and was completed for the Hoc Mãi Foundation by research officer, Ms Aimee Wiseman. The report has been very well received, both in Việt Nam and Australia. The report is available on the Hoc Mãi Foundation website in PDF format.

**SAFE CHILDREN VIỆT NAM**

An Toan Cho Tre Em Việt Nam

**A/Professor Jenny Fraser**

**KEY aim of this project is to improve the capacity through the training of doctors and nurses in Việt Nam to recognise and respond to child abuse and neglect. Preventing child maltreatment is a key concern for Việt Nam and this project paves the way to providing early intervention and prevention of violence towards children. With funding from the UBS Optimus Foundation, Chief Investigators, Associate Professor Jennifer Fraser and Dr Ha Manh Tuan from Children’s Hospital No 2 in District 1 Ho Chi Minh City are collaborating to bring research and clinical training materials and workshops to the staff from Emergency and Outpatient Departments. The Project Manager, Ms Tara Flemington has moved to Ho Chi Minh City with her young family to conduct a needs analysis, and develop and implement the training. A set of recommendations/clinical protocols for reporting suspicions of child abuse and neglect to appropriate support networks will be developed using participatory methods. Training is expected to start in March 2014.**
THANKS to the Australian Government, I had been awarded an Endeavour Executive Award for 4 months from 14 August 2013 to 12 December 2013 with the aim of development and exchange experience in medical curriculum and in the evaluation and assessment of medical students. It’s my great pleasure to work again with Professor Bruce Robinson, Dean of Sydney Medical School, who was my supervisor in Endocrinology at Royal North Shore Hospital in 2004 when I was a Fellow of the Hoc Mãi Foundation.

This was a valuable time in Sydney where I could work with many experts in medical education such as Professor Michael Frommer — Head of Sydney Medical Program and Associate Professor Leo Davies — Head of Assessment Unit. I also had a chance to participate in Problem-Based Learning (PBL) sessions. The keys for a successful PBL session are a small-sized group of students with well-prepared topics, a clear assignment of individual responsibilities and active participation of all members with the minimal intervention (only when needed) of an experienced teacher. It’s a true challenge to Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy to apply PBL session because of the overcrowded students (e.g. nearly 800 new medical students annually). I also had the opportunity to attend the Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) at Central Clinical School, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

In addition to activities relating to the Endeavour Executive Award, I had time to work with Jason Dibbs, Manager of International Relations of Hoc Mãi foundation as well as to attend the Hoc Mãi Foundation Student Pre-departure Workshop and the Student Ethics Workshop with the Office for Global Health.

I hope 2014 is a good time for Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy to welcome delegates of Sydney Medical School, of Hoc Mãi Foundation as well as the Hoc Mãi Fellowships and wish the cooperation between the two institutions will be strengthened and more developed.
PRACTICAL CLINICAL RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

Two further Practical Clinical Research Workshops were held in May and November 2013 in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. These completed a series of three workshops in which the participants were guided along a research journey to arrive at a research protocol that addressed a pertinent ViêtNamese Health issue. In each city a Group of around 18 Health Professionals completed the programme. The overarching aims were to:

- support ViêtNamese health professionals to undertake clinical research
- establish collaborative partnerships between Australia and ViêtNamese researchers to foster development of clinical research capability
- generate a list of health issues that are relevant to Viêt Nam and can be addressed by clinical research

Over the course of the three workshops the participants worked in Groups and developed clinical research protocols that addressed important issues in health including hospital acquired infections, the use of acupuncture to treat nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy, stress levels amongst health workers, episiotomy at the time of childbirth, outpatient follow up and appropriate antibiotic usage.

“The most important thing I learnt was how to design a study and how to make a complex thing into a very simple thing.”
Workshop Participant, Ho Chi Minh City

The plan is to continue to mentor the participants to allow them to submit their projects for ethics approval and undertake the studies. Overall the participants enjoyed the small group interactive style of learning and appreciated the practical and applied nature of the approach to research.

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A/Professor Catherine Hawke
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Professor Jonathan Morris
A/Professor Christine Roberts
Professor Bruce Robinson
Dr Christine Smyth

SUPPORTED BY
Mr Jason Dibbs
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On 11th November, 2013, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir officially opened the new Woolcock Institute for Medical Research and Hoc Mai Foundation office in Hanoi. The opening of the office marks a milestone in the Hoc Mai Foundation’s engagement in Viet Nam and will serve as a centre for many of the Foundation’s Viet Nam based activities and workshops. The Hoc Mai Foundation is especially grateful to the Woolcock Institute for Medical Research for generously creating this opportunity.
Building Research Capacity

Hoc MôI Research Grant Progress Report

A/Professor Sheryl van Nunen

Assessment of Risk Factors Associated with carbamazepine (and other) Drugs-Induced SJS (Stevens Johnson)/TENs (Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis) and DRESS (Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms)

This research project, funded by the Hoc MôI Foundation, was completed in 2013 by Dr Nguyen Van Dinh, Dr Chu Chi Hieu1 and A/Professor Nguyen Van Doan, (Center of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Bach Mai Hospital, and the Department of Allergy, Hanoi Medical University, Hanoi, Viêt Nam). The genetic testing was performed in Dr Karl Baumgart’s laboratory (Sonic Clinical Institute, Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology, North Ryde, Sydney, Australia) and the project was supervised by Clinical A/Professor Sheryl van Nunen (Royal North Shore Hospital and Sydney Medical School-Northern, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia).

The results of this work have already created a great deal of interest around the world. Data from this study, the first of its kind in Viêt Nam (and the third largest study of its type in the world) was one of only a few abstracts selected for oral presentation at the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy Annual Scientific Meeting in Perth, Australia in September 2013 (“Clinical Correlates of the Presence of HLA B*1502 in Viêt Namese Patients with carbamazepine-induced Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) and Drug-induced Hypersensitivity Syndrome with Rash, Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS”). Dr Chu Chi Hieu and Clinical A/Professor van Nunen also attended and were kindly included by Dr Nguyen Van Dinh in the presentations for this prestigious award from the Asia Pacific Asthma, Allergy and Clinical Immunology Society. Professor Ruby Pawankar, President of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO), was delighted to congratulate Dr Nguyen Van Dinh, Dr Chu Chi Hieu and Clinical A/Professor van Nunen at APCAACI, especially as she had met Dr Nguyen Van Dinh and Dr Chu Chi Hieu in 2010 at the WAO training course she organised for allergists from Viêt Nam, Cambodia and Laos.

In 2014, Dr Nguyen Van Dinh, as the recipient of a prestigious Australia Awards Scholarship will be continuing his work with his co-workers in both Viêt Nam and Australia as a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney, based at Royal North Shore Hospital, where he will be co-supervised by Clinical A Professors Sheryl van Nunen and Suran Fernando. The ongoing aim of this work will be to develop inexpensive screening methods to enable prevention of these severe cutaneous drug reactions, which occur because of the genetic background of the Viêt Namese, and to continue the work of establishing a Viêt Nam-wide register of these reactions (V-SCAR).

This project’s outcomes will provide an excellent example of “translational” research, where medical research leads directly to improvements in patient care, in this case to prevention of unacceptable mortality and suffering from therapeutic drug reactions.
We are so happy to have the chance to speak.” This comment was made by a member of the ViêtNamese Women’s Union, a village leader, attending for two days of the Hoc Mãi Health Literacy workshop in August 2013. The project aims to improve the health of women and babies in Dien Bien Province through a combined health professional — community focus. Listening to women is a key part of the initiative. Building on the Hoc Mãi Maternal and Child Health Workshops over eight years in the province, the 2012 — 2013 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (formerly AusAID) Public Sector Linkage Program Grant funded project brought together health professionals and village leaders to improve community knowledge about care of women during pregnancy, birth and the early years of their baby’s life.

Three teams visited Dien Bien Phu during 2013 to run traditional health professional workshops incorporating health literacy skills. In March, June and August six-day workshops were run: Healthy Mother 2; Healthy Baby 2; and Focus on Health Literacy. In all three the same group of 24 doctors and nurses from District Hospitals and Village Health Stations across the province participated in three days of hands on skills based learning related to obstetric, midwifery and neonatal issues. In the second three days of the workshop the health professionals learned about communication, teaching and health literacy skills. In all three workshops members of the ViêtNamese Women’s Unions joined in for part of the time: in March and June they attended on the last day and took part in classes run by the local health professionals. Topics taught by the local doctors and nurses included: The importance of hand washing in the prevention of infection; Safe reconstitution of Oral Rehydration salts in managing diarrhoea in young children; High iron foods and importance of iron tablets for women of childbearing age. All lessons were interactive and gave the community leaders time for questions and discussion. This was so successful that at the August workshop, twenty VWU members joined the workshop for two days by request from the VWU National Committee. Each Australian team consisted of doctors (Dr Sean Seeho in March and August, Professor Warwick Giles in March, Dr Philippa Ramsay in June, A/Prof Martin Kluckow in June and August, midwives (Margaret Bell and Cathy Adams in March, Diana Bond in August) and/or nurses (Margot Malcolm in June and Julie Rogers in June and August) and was lead by Dr Kirsty Foster, Medical Educator and Primary Care Physician.

Having Community leaders working alongside health professionals gave both groups the opportunity to discuss the issues affecting maternal and infant morbidity and mortality in the communities from both stakeholder group perspectives. Fifteen of the health professional participants were from ethnic minority groups themselves and gave valuable insight into the lives of ethnic minority women who are among the most vulnerable in the province. The Australian tutors facilitated discussion and encouraged the local doctors and nurses to give the information and answer questions. Everyone reported that they had learned a great deal and tangible outcomes of the workshops included posters and plays devised by participants to provide information about maternal and child health to their own communities.

All three workshops evaluated extremely well. The doctors and nurses especially valued the work done on effective communication and on preventive strategies. Several doctors, especially those working in the more remote areas reported that they had been successful in improving exclusive breastfeeding rates in their communities through engaging with village leaders and sharing knowledge.
The remote mountainous Dien Bien Province (DBP) is home to 21 ethnic minority groups characterised by poverty, low literacy and poor access to health services. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Hoc Mai Foundation’s engagement in improving health outcomes for the people of DBP.

Dien Bien Provincial Hospital, the Dien Bien Department of Health and the Viêt-Namese Women's Union have all supported the initiative and recognised it as a feasible model. Funding is now being sought to develop the project into more remote parts of the province at their request.

Thanks are due to Dr Luong Duc Son, Dr Ngoc Nguyen Tan, Dr Pham Van Man and to all of the interpreters that have assisted during the past two years.
In October 2013 a team of medical educators visited Dien Bien Phu Provincial Hospital in Dien Bien Province, Viêt Nam, this visit marking 10 years since the establishment of the Maternal and Child Health Program in Dien Bien Phu by the University of Sydney. We were hosted by Dr Son (Assistant Director of Dien Bien Provincial Health), Dr Nia (Vice-Director of Dien Bien Phu Provincial Hospital), Dr Bien, and Dr Tan. We conducted three days of workshops covering Essential Newborn Care, and Acute Diarrhoea and Pneumonia in children. The workshops were attended by 24 doctors, nurses and midwives from Dien Bien Provincial Hospital, Dien Bien District Hospital, and the Health Centres of Dien Bien Phu City.

We were fortunate to assemble an excellent team of highly experienced clinicians and medical educators. Prof. Elizabeth Elliott (Paediatrician), Dr Jane Hirst (Obstetrician and Gynaecologist), Prof. Heather Jeffery (Professor International Maternal and Child Health, Clinical Academic Neonatologist), A/Prof. Monica Lahra (Director, Neisseria Reference Laboratory and WHO Collaborating Centre for Sexually Transmitted Disease, Staff Specialist Microbiologist), A/Prof. David Osborn (Neonatologist), and Dr Mary Paradisis (Neonatologist) donated their time, expertise, and teaching materials. Ms Emily Bek provided support for the teaching before and during the workshops in Dien Bien. We were supported by an excellent team of clinician-interpreters from Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City who were all past Hoc Mai fellows. We also thank Mr Jason Dibbs and Ms Mara Gonzales from the Office for Global Health for their logistical support in organising the workshop and putting together the resources for the teaching.

The evaluations from each day showed that the participants were highly engaged and found the course useful and rewarding. The most common suggestion made by the participants was to have more training workshops.

The Future

Initial discussions with the Ministry of Health (MOH), the National Hospital of Paediatrics (NHP) and the Hoc Mai representatives have been made regarding future requirements for education and learning in Dien Bien Phu and possible avenues for funding. The overwhelming request was for additional training in clinical diagnosis and management of common disorders of child health to address continuing unacceptably high morbidity and mortality. We must aim for a sustainable funding model that supports educators and participants, with financial input from the ViêtNamese Ministry of Health and a major component being train-the-trainer. The collaboration initiated with NHP and MOH is likely to make this a feasible future proposition.

It has been a privilege to work with health professionals in DBP where access to continuing education is extremely limited, and we look forward to our ongoing collaboration.
Standing back now, it is hard to believe that a small but dedicated team of Lions from Palm Beach Currumbin in Gold Coast, Queensland Australia could make a real difference to the lives of others so far away. From the germ of an idea back in early 2011, there seems to have been a lot of water under the bridge, many frustrations along the way but a wondrous sense of pride and achievement when the project was completed in late 2013.

Dr Ian McPhee attended as a guest speaker at one of the monthly Lions Club meetings. His dedication and explanation as to the workings of Hoc Mãi and his enthusiasm to assist those in need were a true motivation to all. How could the Lions Club of Palm Beach Currumbin help out? A small team led by Peter Curtis was set up with the aim to raise urgently needed funds for the Da

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The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) funded Lions Club Palm Beach Currumbin and closely coordinated with Hoc Mãi Foundation to contribute urgently needed Medical Equipment to be used within the Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care Units of the Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children, in Việt Nam. Each year the communities of Da Nang and neighbouring provinces refer approximately 3,200 children for admission to the Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care Units of the Da Nang Women's and Children's Hospital.

As agreed, gathering death data of children younger than five years of age; and information on possible nosocomial infection will be included in the next stages of data collection. The project will endeavour to ensure the reliability of death data in both hospitals in terms of accuracy, consistency and timeliness through continuous monthly reports and periodical monitoring. A monitoring trip is scheduled in June 2014.

The project is headed by Professor Merrilyn Walton (chief investigator) in coordination with Dr Dang Van Duong and Dr Huong Giang of Bach Mai Hospital; Dr Chinh Nguyen and Dr Haphan Hai An of Viet Duc University Hospital. The research team also includes Dr Jennifer Smith-Merry (Health Sciences, University of Sydney) and Esmond Esguerra (Office for Global Health). The project is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Public Sector Linkages Program.

The implementation of the death reporting system commenced in May 2013 in both hospitals and an interim report was prepared and delivered by the project research team in December 2013 through Grand Rounds that were held in both hospitals. A comprehensive summary of death data collected in the first six months of the study highlighted a few lessons in death data collection, and attracted comments and suggestions from the doctors to further improve its implementation in their respective departments and hospitals.

FOLLOWING the first year of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) now Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) funded research on death data collection, training sessions on improving hospital death data collection in Việt Nam were conducted on 17-19 April, 2013 in partner institutions - Bach Mai Hospital and Viet Duc University Hospital. Intensive training sessions focused on how to complete a death report form (death certificate), the importance of identification of causes of death information, and coding of causes of death in accordance with the most recent version of the World Health Organisation’s International Classification of Diseases (WHO ICD-10). A total of 427 senior hospital staff and medical practitioners from Bach Mai and Viet Duc Hospitals attended the trainings across the three-day training.

Training kits were provided for each of the hospital departments and departments of planning to serve as quick references on death reporting, which will also enable the training of the rest of the hospital staff who were not able to attend the training sessions. All resource materials were prepared and translated into the ViệtName language to provide higher understanding and utility for the doctors and medical practitioners. A death report database was established for archiving of the collected death information. Monthly death reports are generated from the database, which provides statistical evidence of the causes of death, epidemiological information and mortality demographics. It also generates death information that is specific to the ViệtName context including deaths caused by accidents and external injuries, and those patients that were sent home to die.
N February and again in September 2013, a large contingent of Australian teachers travelled to Hanoi at their own expense to teach Medical English to Vietnamese healthcare professionals. As in 2011 and again in 2012, the four-day course was conducted at Bach Mai and Thanh Nhan Hospitals and was over-subscribed. Much of the teaching involved role playing, clinical scenarios and group discussions with an emphasis on vocabulary, pronunciation, sentence structure and grammar. In addition, for the first time at Hanoi Medical University over 100 nursing students were taught as a separate group at the request of Professor Hinh (President of HMU) and facilitated by Professor Chuc, Dean of Nursing.

The participants at the hospitals comprised doctors, nurses, medical students, allied health professionals, administrative officers, laboratory technicians and medical engineers. Ages and professional levels among the doctors varied considerably from recent medical graduates to those who had graduated some years ago and are now in senior positions. The range of specialities varied widely and included the usual clinical specialties along with radiology, haematology, biochemistry, pathology, dentistry and traditional medicine. All were hospital-based.

Teachers in 2013 were Professor Trevor Parmenter, Ms Marie Parmenter, Mr Robin Parkinson, Mr Vaughan Millar, Dr Bob Middleton, Dr Graham Dunn, Ms Margie Berkovic, Professor Tony Broe, Dr Gytis Danta, Professor Chris Tannant, Dr Ding Gerrand, Mr Jim Gerrand, Dr Jonathan Page, Dr Yvonne Skinner, Assoc/Professor Chris Pokorny, Assoc/Professor Phillip Yuile, Professor Jonathan Phillips, Ms Irene Phillips, Mr Geoff Grimish, Professor Michael Gracey, Mr Stuart Miller.

In February 2014 another group of 20 teachers will spend a week in Hanoi teaching Medical English.
It was a great time in Sydney, where our team had two unforgettable weeks of learning, visiting and joining in so many exciting activities. It makes me change so much my thinking about research, clinical works, and teaching. And I’ve discovered a lovely country, with generous and charming people.

Dr. Vu Tuan Anh, 2013 Immersion Course participant

This course is entirely supported by donors. It is only because of the generous support from Mr Daniel Petre, Mr Evan Rawstron, Dr Thomas Diep, Mr Geoff Grimish, A/Prof Chris Pokorny, Prof Chris Tennant, Mr John Flood, A/Prof Christine Roberts, Viet Nam Airlines Australia, and The Sunway Hotel Hanoi, Viet Nam that the course could be held.

In 2014, visits by Sydney academics are planned for February, March, April, May, and June. Two workshops on Radiology/Oncology and Hospital Management jointly being held with Siemens have been planned.
HE need for a comprehensive cancer control strategy for Viêt Nam continues to grow, in which Radiation Oncology plays an essential role both in treatment and palliation. In response to Viêt Nam’s rising cancer rates and hospital overcrowding, the government has initiated a number of reforms which include the major expansion of Radiation Oncology services. Multimillion dollar projects including the construction of new cancer centres at Cho Ray Hospital and a new HCMC Oncology Hospital 2 site on 59 hectares of land in District 9 have already commenced, and aim to be completed by 2015.

This expansion along with the government’s aim to raise the technical level of the healthcare service creates a major need to also address human resources and skills. This is where the Hoc Mãi Foundation has played an important role through a number of projects aimed at assisting the development of safe and effective Radiation Oncology services throughout the country.

**Australian Volunteers to Viêt Nam through Aid Program**

This year Hoc Mãi Foundation has continued to work closely with the Australian Aid Program in supporting a number of Australian Radiation Therapists (RTs) to spend time at selected Radiation Oncology departments with an emphasis on a technical skills exchange through sustainable approaches such as the train the trainer methodology.

Sonia Phelps, a Radiation Therapist from Canberra, completed her 8 month assignment in June 2013, at 115 Hospital in HCMC, where she worked closely with staff emphasising principles of continued professional development focusing on a sustainable impact. Grace Donahoo a Radiation Therapist from Melbourne has also recently completed 8 months on assignment at Bach Mãi Hospital in Hanoi, conducting a number of regular workshops through a multidisciplinary approach. Vu Huynh has been on assignment at Cho Ray Hospital and HCMC Oncology Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City for the past 2 years. The extended time here has allowed him to work closely with the Radiation Therapy community to develop and promote the society through a number of professional development activities with existing radiological technologist groups. Other assignments have recently been approved which include a Radiation Therapist volunteer placement at Da Nang General Hospital in Danang and a Medical Physicist placement at HCMC Oncology Hospital. It is anticipated that more positions will be created in the near future.

**Donation of a Simulator from Nepean Hospital to Can Tho Oncology Hospital**

A simulator, a specific x-ray machine used in the Radiation Therapy process to ensure treatment accuracy and effectiveness, was donated by Nepean Hospital - Sydney in 2012 through Associate Professor Philip Yuile and coordinated by Associate Professor Graeme Morgan.

Following the completion of the installation in February 2013, was a visit from an Australian Medical Physicist Trent Aland from Brisbane, who spent 2 weeks conducting workshops and carrying out quality assurance and checks to ensure the condition of the simulator and treatment machine. This was a great opportunity to also invite participation from other hospitals in the region and foster a collaborative approach to development and training, which was welcomed and supported by all the major centres in Ho Chi Minh City.

**Project to Purchase Equipment for HCMC Oncology Hospital**

In December 2013, the Australian Consulate-General in Ho Chi Minh City, Mr John McAnulty approved a project for the Hoc Mãi Foundation to purchase Radiation Therapy immobilisation equipment’s for HCMC Oncology Hospital through the Direct Aid Program (DAP), funded by the Australian Government. The DAP is set up to address humanitarian hardship through funding small-scale development projects. The arrival of the equipment in early 2014 will also be accompanied by specific training and education to ensure effective usage and to improve the level of the delivery of Radiation Therapy.
ENGAGING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH PHYSIOTHERAPY AT THIEN PHUOC

This year the philosophy of the Hoc Mãi Foundation was brought directly to the community, through engagement with a local non-government organisation (NGO) Thien Phuoc Centre, setup to improve the lives of children with a range of disabilities. Thien Phuoc takes care of around 70 children from all different hardship based circumstances which include abandoned and orphaned children.

Hoc Mãi, in partnership with the Australian Aid Volunteers in Development program has been supporting Australian Physiotherapist, Mairead Scanlon who has volunteered full-time at the centre since early 2013, sharing her skills and working with the local staff, children and parents. Mairead says ‘I love being there so it’s a win-win situation!’ Not only working on physiotherapy, Mairead has been busy networking with a number of other NGOs looking at a variety of approaches and getting ideas to sustainably improve the lives of the children at the centre.

Viêt Nam is home to a disproportionately large number of disabled persons and Thien Phuoc Centre aims to address the gap by specifically working with children, where there exists a great shortage for rehabilitation services. This is where Mairead’s recent efforts in successfully obtaining funds through the Australian Government’s Direct Aid Program, to purchase specialised physiotherapy equipment for the centre, will make a significant long term difference.
Life is an endless adventure and one month in Australia is really sweet and wonderful experience for me. I can’t believe that time goes quickly. Everything seems to have happened just yesterday.

I always wanted to become a specialist in Internal Medicine so that General medicine is my first choice and it’s really beyond my imagination. I had an opportunity to observe and practice in a professional and advanced environment. With the enthusiasm and dedication of my supervisors, Dr Paul Collet and Fawzia Hug, I worked with great teams at the Acute Assessment Unit (AAU) General Assessment Unit. I observed and learnt a lot from nice registrars (P.J. Mervyn, Sayo) and interns (Sarah, Cameron, Marilyn) whom I always admired as older brothers and sisters. They showed me many things, both knowledge and skills when I made rounds with them. I learnt lessons on how to approach and take comprehensive care of a patient. As a result, I could confidently take a medical history and write a medical record, which I never had done before. Moreover, I definitely appreciate patients in AAU who spent hours allowing me to take histories and do physical examinations in spite of the language barrier.

I am extremely grateful to all the staff at Douglas Piper Library where I found interesting and good books which were invaluable in facilitating my clinical studies. Absolutely, I can’t forget the assistance from the Librarians, especially Ms. Hau Nguyen who gave me wonderful books.

Last but not least, I want to say thank you to all staff at Greenwich Village Accommodation who always gave me the best conditions during my stay in Sydney. A person that I will never forget is my beloved chef — Bern. She cooked tasty meals so that I could enjoy different cuisine.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Hoc Mai Foundation; to Professor Bruce Robinson, Mr. Jason Dibbs, and Mr. Martin Crawford. I am now more confident not only in my clinical knowledge and skills but also my English. Furthermore, I can apply what I have learnt to become a good doctor and achieve my ambitions.

Thank you for everything.
Student Impressions

Viêtn amese

“Have you ever been to a foreign country?”
“No, I have not. And I hope that Australia will be the first that I visit.”

I still remember my conversation with Professor Bruce Robinson when the Hoc Mãi Foundation interviewed for scholarship placements. Shortly after the interview, I was informed that I had been offered an elective placement. In joy and excitement, I also made up a detailed plan for what I was going to study. Four weeks in the Hand Surgery department at the Royal North Shore Hospital truly gave me more than what I had expected.

The first thing that impressed me when I came to the Hand Surgery department was the professional attitude of the doctors in the morning clinics. Before taking the history of the patients, they always introduced themselves, making the communication much easier. During the talk, the physicians paid very close attention not only to the patient’s complaints, but also to their family members. The coordination between the doctors, physiotherapists, the cast room staffs and the social workers resulted in the best condition to treat the patient’s diseases. This is the most outstanding benefit that the Australian patients have, compared to the ViệtNamee patients, since Việt Nam does not have a strong connection between different parts or components of medical care to satisfy the standard of being healthy: physically, mentally, and socially.

One month passed so quickly. I had the most wonderful summer in my life. In addition to the medical experiences, I learned more about Australian culture by spending my weekends in Sydney. Moreover, I had the chance to come to City2Surf, a great running competition in Sydney, with assistance of Fiona Thien, who was in charge of picking me up. My fear disappeared. She was smiling when I came to greet her. She offered to carry my luggage (I refused, though: how could I let her carry my luggage?)! She really made Sydney warmer for me.

However, my fear soon reappeared when I stood in front of the automatic doors of Ward 7E, Spinal Rehab Unit, on my first day at the hospital. There was nobody in sight (I later found out that I came too early that day) I felt deserted. I was extremely nervous. But again, a smiling lady came to the rescue. This time, it was Dr Lianne Nee, my supervisor. She greeted me, introduced me to other people at the Ward, especially her team. I suddenly felt at home.

The following days were like a dream to me. Every morning I would come to the Ward at 8 am to meet with the team, Dr Hannah Gu, a beautiful young lady who was always helpful, and Dr Joel Rabindran, the intern with a good sense of humour, to do ward rounds. I had the chance to observe the physical exams, the tests. I asked questions and got informative and insightful responses. However, the part I loved most is to observe the conversations between the doctors and their patients. I loved how much the doctors cared for every need of the patients, how they soothe the pain just by words. I soon joined in those discussions, and I learned a lot that way. By the time I left, I had remembered the names of all the patients that my team cared for, and they had also remembered mine: A small victory for me!

Outside the ward, I joined in teaching sessions with the interns, which I found very interesting, I came to grand rounds. Furthermore, I also had enough time to go around Sydney, to visit attractions and have a taste of the diverse culinary culture of the city. The best thing was that I had the chance to come to City2Surf, a great event. I would never forget the wonderful atmosphere there.

To conclude, the trip to Sydney is one of the best things I have experienced in my life. I really want to thank the Hoc Mãi Foundation for giving this opportunity. I did enjoy every moment, and I will never forget this trip, ever!

Thank you!
**Pham Ngoc Thach University Ho Chi Minh City**

**Truong Thai**

Being an elective student under a Hoa Mai scholarship is a privilege to me. When I won this scholarship, my life was changed. My aim was to learn about screening programs and healthcare policies for unfortunate patients, and what I achieved was more than expected. Besides it was my luck to be trained at the newly built Royal North Shore Hospital. With cafeteria, bookstore, gift and flower shops, at a glance it looked like a beautiful hotel.

In addition to the amazing Australian Medicare system, what greatly impressed me, was the communication skills of healthcare staff. It was so smooth that the doctor/patient boundary seemed to be cancelled. The way they gently took care of a 92-year-old homeless female patient will be always in my mind. When we visited her, a gift of a tube of lotion attached with a card had been left by some friends, but unfortunately she was too weak to read it. Then the registrar came to her bed, and asked if she could help read the card. And after emotively reading the card, which was full of consolatory words and wishes, she tenderly rubbed the patient’s hands with the lotion. Thanks to Doctor Sue-Faye Siow, that emotional image has inspired me, and I wish that scene would not be strange in my country one day.

Furthermore, my time in the clinics of Endocrinology was so exciting. Thanks to Professor Greg Fulcher and Doctor Vanessa Tsang, who spent their precious time reminding me of Endocrine physiology knowledge, showing me managing procedures for Diabetes patients, and sharing guidelines for managing the postoperative stage of thyroid cancer. I would also like to thank dietician, Ms Kylie, who enthusiastically invited me to take part in her interesting classes. I was really surprised with the wonderful classes in which Diabetes patients were taught about their disease and carbohydrate count. And to the other staff of Endocrinology Department, their smiles and help were always appreciated.

Besides my hospital time, I also had a great chance to enjoy an Aussie lifestyle. From friendly people to magnificent landscapes, from chilly winds to warm sunshine, from the “doors closing, please stand clear!” announcement on the train to the “tak-tak” sounds at the intersection for pedestrians to cross the street, Australia definitely became a part of my sweetest memories. Thanks to this journey, my English communication skills improved, and now I obviously have a new motivation for “learning forever.”

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Hoa Mai foundation, patrons, donors, as well as Professor Bruce Robinson for giving me this privilege. Also I really appreciate the efforts of Ms Rhondda Glasson, Mr Jason Dibbs, Mr Martin Crawford, Mr Esmond Enguerra, Ms Rebecca Mann, and Ms Fiona Thien for arranging everything perfectly for my stay and study. Additionally I wish to thank Ms Pham Ngoc Duan Trang and Mr Le Quoc Tuan who were willing to help me complete my paperwork for this voyage. Sydney welcomed me at the temperature of 150C which was so cold to me — a resident of a tropical climate - however, it was no matter since what you all did truly warmed me.

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**Hanoi Medical University**

**Ham Thi Ha & Dao Thi Huyen**

NURSING STUDENTS

One month is not too long, but it is enough to travel, experience and feel almost everything here. Huyen and I are very honoured to become the first VietNameese nursing students to receive Hoa Mai Scholarships.

With the first weeks at the University, we had a chance to experience a friendly, interesting and modern study environment. Time in the hospital also gave us many precious lessons. Each day in hospital was a happy day to see all medical staff co-ordinate to provide the best care for patients.

Throughout this trip, we have a chance to open our views and we know that, wherever you are, you need effort to achieve success and peace in your life. We also know that we need to change our thoughts, our definitions about “possible” and “impossible”, about our attitudes and responsibilities with our future jobs. With an overloaded health care system like in Viet Nam, best care is when a lot of people join hands and keep a positive hope for the patient’s health. We think that we will start to do it by changing ourselves first. It’s a very small thing but we believe it’s still helpful.

Finally, we would like to give a great thank to the Hoa Mai Foundation, to Mr Jason, to Dr Jennifer Hardy and Mr Esmond as well as Mrs Chuc, the head of Advanced Program in Nursing at Hanoi Medical University for giving us this great chance! Hopefully, Hoa Mai Foundation will develop more opportunities to help nursing students like me have this precious chance!
When I first arrived in Australia, I felt so excited that a really big smile was on my face. Finally, what I had been expecting for months came true and I wanted to make the most from my study trip. My goals in Sydney were to learn about the medical system of a developed country, to make friends with international medical students, and to observe carefully the healthcare professionals working methods. This memorable summer offered me all of that and more.

Since the first week at Royal North Shore Hospital, what mostly impressed me was the healthcare system for the patients. There were no in-patients with common diseases, so no hospital overloading thanks to the effective GP system. An average consultation took from two to three hours divided into two to three sessions with different specialists. The Pain Management Unit focused mostly on chronic pain. Like for other chronic diseases, the aim of the Pain team was not only to cure the disease but also to help the patient to live happier and longer. Therefore besides pain experts, there were also psychologists and physiotherapists to deal with psychosocial and physiological issues.

I had the opportunity to work with Australian doctors, local medical students and other elective students from Germany, England, the USA and even from another city of our own country, Ha Noi. The members of the Pain team were very friendly and willing to let me participate in every activity of the unit.

Finally, the main and most important goal of the trip was to learn. I felt honoured to find out that the Royal North Shore’s Pain Unit is one of the biggest, leading Pain Management units in Australia. Pain Management is still a new field to me. The first time studying in Australia showed me the gap between the medical training of the two countries and urged me to set a higher option I chose was Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) surgery. ENT is a specialized field that requires a lot of skills, including clinical skill and theatre skills for operations. Since my supervisor — Dr. David Veivers - was absent in the first week, I followed the intern and registrar in clinic hours. They instructed me on all the small details, like how to examine patients using an endoscope, how to ask for patient history, etc. They were always zealous when they taught me, and they were eager to help me if I had trouble with the new words. At weekends, I followed Dr. Veivers to the theatre to watch him perform operations. I observed the anesthesia team and surgery team working together, trying to learn as much as I could about both of the fields. If I ever felt confused, Dr. Veivers was always willing to answer my questions with a detailed explanation.

Additionally, every Friday I attended lectures in the Kolling building. There were so many chances to learn and so many things I have never been taught, and I was eager to absorb them all.

Apart from the time at hospital, I often went sightseeing in the city at weekends. As I walked around and took pictures, I was excited to see the vigor of Australian culture hidden in the dynamic flow of life here. During lunchtime, I would stop by Chinatown for Asian food after having eaten Western food for weeks. And the last stop of the day would always be the Westfield shopping mall for souvenirs for my family and friends.

All these activities made my one month in Australia an invaluable. Not only has it created a learning opportunity but also a life-changing experience for me. The memories with my newly made friends, with the hospital and the Hoc Mai Foundation staff are the things that I will never forget. I would like to thank Prof. Robinson, Dr. Veivers, Mr. Jason and everyone at the Hoc Mai Foundation, Royal North Shore Hospital and Greenwich Village Accommodation for this scholarship. It is not far-fetched to say that with the knowledge and experiences I obtained during this time, I will become a better doctor in the future.
We were allocated to the National Hospital of Paediatrics (NHPI) in Hanoi for a four week full time clinical placement. Our group included four medical students, a nursing student and a physiotherapy student. The hospital is located six kilometres from the Old Quarter in Hanoi. We all used a Vietnamese taxi each morning. This was a great opportunity for us to get to know each other and to share our experiences each day.

The placement commenced with an orientation by the Hospital’s Education Officer. We were then allocated to our respective departments; orthopaedics, emergency, neonatal ICU, physiotherapy and operating theatres.

Every day we were invited to attend the hospital morning meeting, a forum similar to grand rounds where cases from the previous day are presented and discussed. The meeting was attended by 50-100 doctors each day and to our benefit was often presented in English. The morning meeting was a rich learning experience and was a testament to the importance the NHPI places on learning and clinical excellence.

We were invited to attend a number of education sessions during our time at NHPI. A presentation about lead poisoning in infants was enlightening for us, having not seen this presentation in our combined clinical experience in Australian hospitals. We were also invited to attend a practical education session run by a visiting doctor from Spain to learn about Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS). Although the session was fun, interactive and high-energy, we also learnt valuable skills for the systematic emergency care of trauma cases and the correct use of C-spine collars.

During our time at NHPI we were given the opportunity to give presentations to our Vietnamese colleagues. Because pneumonia is the most common condition seen in the emergency department this topic was chosen and a presentation on asthma was also given.

We discussed the differences in Australia and Việt Nam between the prevalence, presentation and management of these conditions and this provided an excellent opportunity for the doctors to apply and practice their medical English.

We found that the standard of care at the NHPI was excellent. Our supervisors were attentive and exposed us to valuable learning experiences. The emergency supervisors in particular were very kind and generous with their time and teaching. Many of us visited the emergency department and the supervisors were always welcoming and willing to teach, despite their workloads. As with other supervisors, they went out of their way to make us feel welcome.

The companionship during our time at NHPI was a highlight. We met students from other universities around the world and enjoyed swapping stories of our time at NHPI. The newly qualified doctors at the hospital also befriended us and proved to be great lunch-time companions. We were shown generosity from our supervising doctors who introduced us to their local cuisine and hospitality. Not only was this placement clinically enriching, the friends we made will enhance our memory of our time here.

Izak van der Walt
Eleanor Woodward
Kathleen Murchie
Eng Soo Ong
Adrienne Cohen
Hamish Watson
In December of 2013, seven students ventured from their hotel in the Old Quarter of Hanoi through crowded streets towards Viet Duc Hospital. The group of students comprised of five medical students, one nursing student and a physiotherapy student. We were greeted by Dr Ha, a neurosurgeon at the hospital gates and assigned to three units; Orthopaedics, Urology and Neurosurgery. We were quickly whisked away to our respective wards and began what would be four weeks of intense observation, learning, discussion, confusion and fun.

In the Neurosurgery Department we were invited to attend the ward rounds in the morning. These were usually performed in Vietnamese. Despite this, many of the consultants enjoyed seeing Sydney University students on the rounds and often took the time to ask us questions or explain particularly interesting patients. A great number of the Vietnamese medical students were willing to practice their English and present cases to us. This was probably the highlight, meeting students at the same level as us on the wards and taking the opportunity to practise skills with them.

From a nursing perspective, the role of the nurse on the Orthopaedic Ward at Viet Duc Hospital was vastly different to that in Australia. With an overwhelming number of patients and limited staff, nursing tasks were primarily focused on clinical nursing care. Alternatively, the family members of were often responsible for much of the personal care needs of patients admitted to the ward including providing assistance during meals, toileting and showering. The nurses in the Orthopaedic Ward demonstrated remarkable time management and team work when coordinating complex orthopaedic cases. The inclusive and friendly nature of many of the nursing staff at Viet Duc Hospital made this both an enjoyable and reciprocal learning experience.

One of our group members was fortunate enough to visit the Hanoi Medical University. After a tour through the university it was nice to see the famous physicians that the school produced and the preceding deans of the medical school.

The opportunity to see the differences between their resources was also something that was quite confronting. Their libraries opened at 3pm in the afternoon and stayed open until 12am in the evening - yet within 5 minutes of opening the entire hall would be filled with students all studying from black and white textbooks. These textbooks were also essentially all in dot-point; with only a couple of hand-drawn images; a stark contrast to all of the videos and coloured slides that we are blessed with in Australia. Similar circumstances were seen in the lectures, which made for a rather interesting three hours.

Our time at Viet Duc was a special one. We learnt plenty from our Vietnamese counterparts and owe a great deal to the consultants and medics who took time to look after us. Although we often saw things that challenged us, this was a fantastic opportunity to compare two hospitals across the world. As a result we learnt a lot about what we take for granted in Australian hospitals and the direction Viet Nam's healthcare system is rapidly heading. It was very much an observer role but this meant we really got to know and love the people we worked alongside and felt very welcomed and at home in Hanoi.

Leonard Tiong
Joshua Kirk
Harriet Jane Caterson
Angus Hume Fisher
Stephanie Lomax
Stephen Mai
Jacob Cao
The first group of Hoc Mài scholarship recipients to be placed at the Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children were unsure what to expect. After an airport greeting and tour of the city by one of the senior doctors and her family on our first day, it was immediately clear how generous our hosts would be. Both the staff and students openly offered us their time and expertise both in and out of the hospital, and provided us with an enormous array of experiences on various wards of our choosing.

**PAEDIATRICS**

We spent the majority of our time on the respiratory and infectious diseases wards, in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), and in the outpatient clinic where we were impressed with the speed with which hundreds of patients were assessed and treated in succession, and witnessed infectious and diet-related conditions rarely seen in Australia. These included dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis, hand, foot and mouth disease, illnesses related to malnutrition such as beriberi and kwashiorkor, and a range of rare congenital conditions.

Particularly in NICU the doctors and nurses spent hands-on time teaching us how to thoroughly examine newborns, including the signs and symptoms of many conditions. While the language barrier was sometimes challenging, we found that the children’s fascination with the giant white people somewhat distracted them from the procedures they had to endure.

**OBSTETRICS**

In the Obstetrics Department we were able to witness the continuum of care for pregnant women. We participated in routine antenatal care checks, including ultrasound. We were lucky enough to spend time in the delivery room and surgery where we witnessed many natural births and a caesarian section, and learnt about the initial assessments and care of newborns. We were also able to discuss Viêtnamese midwifery and medical approaches to birth, and how these differed from Australian practice. During the rounds on the postnatal wards we learnt how to examine the Caesarian section scars and how to assess the height of the uterus post-birth.

We are very grateful to the staff at the Da Nang Women and Children’s Hospital for being generous with their time and making our placement rewarding on a cultural and clinical level.

**Susannah Summers**

**Emily O’Donnell**

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**KRISTY NOBLE - STAGE 3 MEDICAL**

I spent four weeks in Da Nang Women and Children’s Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and four weeks in the Emergency and Surgical Departments of National Hospital of Paediatrics, Ha Noi for my eight week elective in Viêt Nam. I’d like to briefly share with you a few of the cultural and medical highlights of my time.

I’ve now spent a total of three months in Viêt Nam and have seen many places, each of them incredibly different. Da Nang has definitely been one of my favourites! Viêt Nam is in a state of rapid economic development, which makes for an incredibly diverse country. Da Nang itself is flourishing and is now the city with the wealthiest economy in Viêt Nam. I was surprised to see a beautiful bay surrounded by neon-lit skyscrapers and a looming Dragon bridge on my first night. This sort of environment makes Da Nang one of the safest, cheapest and friendliest cities in Viêt Nam. Despite this, it is one of the less common tourist areas, which is great for someone who wants a taste of Viêt Nam off the beaten track.

From an academic standpoint, my placement in NICU at Da Nang was fantastic. My supervisor, Dr. Hoang, was one of those rare people who have the ability to teach, motivate and befriend just about anyone. The environment in NICU was very cohesive — the nurses, doctors, and support staff were a team who not only supported each other at work, but also enjoyed each other’s company in their leisure time. This is a setting I really admired and would love to see in Australia. Furthermore, they were very welcoming of me and the other students into their unit. My daily routine generally consisted of a motorbike taxi to the hospital, attending morning hand-over, a quick coffee with the local medical students before racing off to our tutorial, a luxurious lunch and siesta at midday, patient examinations and case discussions in the afternoon, and finally wrapping up the day with an English lesson I presented to the NICU staff.

My placement at National Hospital of Paediatrics was recommended by my supervisor, Dr. Duong, due to my strong interest in paediatrics. I completed time in the Emergency Department (ED) and Surgical Department, both of which were fantastic, and hosted 1.5 hour English lessons twice a week. Both the ED and surgical department held regular meetings in English, and the surgical department in particular had a host of strong English-speakers and interactive clinical opportunities. The surgical clinical placement, like NICU, was also less dependent on knowledge of local language. I stayed at home-stay accommodation. It was very comfortable, well-priced and was just a two minute walk from the hospital.

I thoroughly enjoyed my placements and my time in Viêt Nam was overall very positive.
For the first time the Hoc Mãi Foundation offered AsiaBound Scholarships for Stage One students from the University of Sydney to go to Việt Nam to do their Independent Learning Activity project. This unique opportunity allowed us to visit Bach Mãi Hospital, the biggest general hospital in North Việt Nam, for four weeks. It was here that we were shown a snap shot of what internal medicine and surgery was like in Việt Nam.

**Infectious Diseases**

In our first week of Infectious Diseases, we were thrown right into the intense scenery of the ICU department. We were lucky on most days to go on a ward round with an ICU specialist and here we discussed disease and complications that otherwise would not appear in most Australian hospitals. The most memorable case for us was one of a 20-year-old girl who was brought into ICU with Dengue fever, a rare tropical disease. All of the doctors had rushed from a meeting to attend to this emergency and it was incredible to see the amazing effort they and the nursing staff went through to bring the girl back to stability with the greatest efficiency, in a room so small and with the simplest of things such as fluids and vasopressors. Because they understood the disease so well, the girl was discharged later that week with little complications. It was then that we realized that sometimes when you don’t have much, you can still do a lot, even in an intensive care setting.

As part of our placement in the infectious diseases department of Bach Mãi hospital we spent a number of days sitting in on the HIV outpatients clinic and following our supervisor, Bạch sĩ Cuong, on his ward rounds. Having had very little exposure to HIV patients before, this was both incredibly interesting and challenging. Overall, this was a greatly moving and informative experience highlighting many of the challenges facing Việtnamese healthcare and the intrinsic connection between societal norms and medicine.

**Paediatrics**

Our rotation in the Paediatrics Department exposed us to a whole new system of healthcare. One of the things that immediately struck us was the sheer number of patients; beds were filled with two or three or even four children. For every patient there were additional family members by the bedside, and we quickly learnt that they were integral to the healthcare system. Although each doctor often had responsibility over the same number of patients that a whole team would be responsible for in Australia, we were given ample opportunity to examine patients and to have our questions answered. The efforts of our various supervisors made this rotation a truly eye-opening experience.

**Surgery**

After the two weeks in infectious disease and paediatrics we began our surgical placement with the emergency and general surgical departments at Bach Mãi. We were placed under the supervision of general surgeon Dr Long. A typical day usually commenced with full departmental rounds where the progress of the overnight patient was reviewed and interesting cases were presented to the senior surgeons. Dr Long was an excellent mentor, talking us through all steps of procedures, ensuring we were not merely passively observing, but critically thinking about the surgery at hand.

The staff at Bach Mãi hospital were incredibly welcoming and giving of their time, especially Drs Long and Cuong as well as Dr Duong whom organized our placements in Hanoi. We can safely say that we all walk away from our time at Bach Mãi with an invaluable experience for which we will be eternally grateful.

**Thi Thuy Duong Pham**  
**HarrietSemple**  
**Phillip Romo**  
**Teresa Yu**
Joanne Jacob

As one of the students starting the Master of International Public Health in 2013, I was keen to get as much hands on experience as I could working on a public health issue in a low or middle-income country, both during the course of study as well as after it. The Hoc Mãi Scholarship gave me that first opportunity which I so desperately needed. For four weeks during November and December 2013, I was able to conduct a pilot study that explored the availability of sexual and reproductive health education to Vietnamese adolescents aged 14-19, at Thuc Nghiem high school and Hanoi Medical University in Hanoi, Vietnam. In recent years, Vietnam has emerged from being a traditionally conservative society to a very modern one, aligning itself with a Western lifestyle. Nowhere is this change reflected more evidently than among the country’s adolescents.

Exposure to sexuality is on the rise through portals like the Internet and the media, resulting in a larger proportion of Vietnamese youths becoming sexually active at an earlier age. Vietnam does not currently have an official integrated program for sexual and reproductive health education in secondary schools. Some secondary schools, mostly in urban areas, have sex education as part of their curriculum, but this teaching is incorporated into other school subjects like biology, civics, and physical education.

I am extremely grateful to everyone who helped me plan, prepare for and organize this project, including those at the Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIIES), Hanoi Medical University and here at the University of Sydney. I am also very grateful to my team of medical students at Hanoi Medical University who so generously volunteered their time to interpret for me. It was very humbling and indeed very enriching to learn from and work with them. In addition to conducting my research, I was able to visit the Hanoi offices for NGOs such as Marie Stopes and Save the Children, and also the country office for the World Health Organization in Vietnam. It was both enlightening and exciting to learn of their current projects and see public health in action.

Vietnam is a magical place. The people are so very warm and welcoming, and the country is blessed with a very rich culture, and much natural beauty. I was lucky enough to plan weekend escapades to Ha Long Bay and Sa Pa, both of which I truly enjoyed. In writing this, I do feel as though I am reliving my time in Vietnam, and given the chance, I could write a lot more than three paragraphs! My sincerest gratitude to the Hoc Mãi Foundation for giving me the opportunity to travel to and undertake such an exciting project in Hanoi and for expanding my learning experience beyond the classroom, in what is “forever learning”. Xin cam on!

Julie-Anne Macey

As a recipient of the Hoc Mãi Foundation Scholarship in 2013, I was excited to be given the opportunity to experience first-hand both the challenges of conducting a study in another country but also the beautiful culture and friendly people of Vietnam. As a Registered Nurse I coordinate hospital inpatient rehabilitation of children who have physical and cognitive disabilities and throughout my study in the MPH program I have maintained an interest in trying to further understand the lives of children with disabilities and their families in low and middle income countries.

My aim was to undertake a qualitative study in Ho Chi Minh City interviewing mothers of children with physical disabilities about their daily life experiences, understanding of their child’s disability and hopes for the future. All the mothers who participated were very open and keen to share with me their stories, experiences and the hardships they faced in caring for their disabled child.

The mothers identified their difficulties in obtaining employment and decisions they had to make in order to continue caring for their child. These included moving far away from their communities; sending away siblings to be cared for by relatives; financial dependence on others and social isolation. There was an emerging theme of a developing sense of ‘community’ between the mothers of children with disabilities and this was increasingly important to them. This ‘community’ was mostly within the hospital; however one mother described how this had developed further from hospital visits into everyday life and was a highly valued social support for advice or just time out.

My heartfelt thanks to the Hoc Mãi Foundation for this great opportunity to gain valuable first-hand experience in conducting a project and increasing my understanding of childhood disability-related health and socio-economic issues in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

Our experience in the ICU Department of The Military 108 Hospital was an unforgettable, awe-inspiring one. From the very first morning, the ICU staff made us feel at home and clearly wanted to assist us in having as rewarding a placement as possible. It really was a case of ‘What you put in is what you get out’.

Each morning we would choose an interesting patient to examine and talk to (with the help of a ViêtNamese doctor as a translator), after which we would write up a case study. We then presented this patient to the ICU physicians in a conference room in the afternoon — a highly rewarding experience. Not only did this help us improve our clinical skills, but we were able to give a little back, in the form of English language lessons for the ICU physicians and nurses. Overall, our time in the ICU Department will be forever cherished in our memories. We were challenged and most importantly, we made many lifelong ViêtNamese friends.

ORTHAEPDIC & TRAUMA SURGERY

Two of us had the great opportunity to spend a two week rotation in the Orthopaedic and trauma surgery department at the Military 108 Hospital. As you can imagine, there are not many places in the world which provide for a more intense and fulfilling experience in this discipline.

The technical proficiency of the surgeons was second to none and we were made to feel a true part of the team, and feel privileged to have experienced this rotation in Ha Noi.

Cameron Douglas
Sian Meyers
Erica Leaney
Matthew Andersen
Gregory John Couch
Paul Morris
Michael Harvey
PRINCIPLE 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

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The University of Sydney and the Sydney Australia-Viet Nam Medical Foundation is a part of the University of Sydney Act 1988 (NSW) and not separately incorporated under a separate charitable status. The Foundation is required to gain prior approval for its fundraising activities from the appropriate university delegate. The Foundation and its activities are not-for-profit and covered by the DGR status of the University of Sydney. The University is exempted from the requirement to hold an Authority to Fundraise and obligations upon holders of such an authority but is still required to comply with the balance of provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act.

ROLES OF BOARD/COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT

The responsibility for the management of the affairs of the University lies in the hands of the board of the University. The Foundation is responsible for the management of its assets and for the annual report of its activities. Responsibilities and powers of the Foundation are set out in the Constitution of the Foundation. The Foundation has managed these risks during the year and in conducting those appeals the Foundation took all reasonable steps to ensure that commitments paid or payable to any person as part of a fundraising appeal did not exceed one-third of the gross money obtained by that person in the appeal and appropriate particulars of such gross money are included in the appeal and particulars of such transactions to which they related were recorded in the minutes of the Foundation.

PRINCIPLE 2: Structure of the council to add value

PATRON:

Evelyn Halliwell, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO

The Council of the Foundation in 2013 consisted of the following members:

Mr Alfred Attard

Qualifications and experience: Director, Jet's Hones & Developments Pty Ltd
Current Term of Appointment: ongoing from 2006
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 0; eligible to attend 5

Ms Audrey Blanden

Qualifications and experience: Lecturer and International Advisor, Faculty of Law, UNSW
Current Term of Appointment: ongoing from 2009
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Dr Thomas Diep

Qualifications and experience: General Practitioner
Current Term of Appointment: since 2013
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Rtd)

Qualifications and experience: National President, The Returned and Services League of Australia
Current Term of Appointment: ongoing from 2010
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 3; eligible to attend 5

Professor Elizabeth Elliott AM

Qualifications and experience: Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Sydney and Consultant Paediatrician, The Children's Hospital at Westmead
Current Term of Appointment: ongoing from 2009
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Mr Ross Gavin

Qualifications and experience: Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Sydney (Rtd)
Current Term of Appointment: ongoing from 2005
Special responsibilities: Treasurer
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Emeritus Professor Kerry Goulston AO

Qualifications and experience: Cardiologist; Former Associate Dean, Northern Clinical School, University of Sydney
Current Term of Appointment: since 2001
Special responsibilities: Deputy Chair
Number of meetings attended: 4; eligible to attend 5

Mr Ken Hopkins

Qualifications and experience: Fellow of the institute of Chartered Accountants, practicing chartered account for over 30 years
Current Term of Appointment: since 2006
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 0; eligible to attend 2

The Hon Craig Robins AC

Qualifications and experience: Former Senior Minister of NSW Parliament
Current Term of Appointment: since 2004
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 1; eligible to attend 5

Mr Michael Mann AM

Qualifications and experience: Managing Director of Asia-Pacific for Insight Asia Inc; The Former Australian Ambassador to Viet Nam; The Founding Director of the University of Technology in Viet Nam
Current Term of Appointment: since 2001
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 0; eligible to attend 5

Dr Thuy My Nguyen

Qualifications and experience: President and CEO - University Foundation College
Current Term of Appointment: since 2001
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

The Hon Mrs Jeannette McHugh

Qualifications and experience: Former Member - Federal Parliament
Current Term of Appointment: since 2003
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 4; eligible to attend 5

Dr Ian McPhee

Qualifications and experience: Dr Ian McPhee MB BS, FANZCA, Anaesthetist
The Tweed and Byron Hospitals, Clinical Senior Lecturer, Sydney Medical School
Current Term of Appointment: since 2012
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 1; eligible to attend 4

Professor Michelle McKinnon

Qualifications and experience: Associate Dean and Head, Northern Clinical School, University of Sydney; Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Sydney
Current Term of Appointment: since 2005
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Mr Tom Mott

Qualifications and experience: Has worked in advertising and marketing for 35 years; Director, Walker Mott Pty Ltd. Outside of work, has been involved in various industry organisations, a board director of Footscray Australia and The Bell Shakespeare Company; currently a governor of Frensham school
Current Term of Appointment: since 2001
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Ms Nancy Dolan BA LL B (Hons)

Qualifications and experience: Is an Honorary Fellow of Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney. After beginning practice in New Zealand, Nancy became a solicitor and partner at Mallesons Stephen Jacques in Sydney. She subsequently became General Counsel and a partner at WaterhouseCoopers, From 2004 to 2007 Nancy was General Counsel of the University of Sydney, responsible for co-ordinating the provision of legal services to the University. Nancy is a member of the St. James Ethics Centre and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Current Term of Appointment: since 2009
Special responsibilities: Council Member
Number of meetings attended: 5; eligible to attend 5

Professor Bruce Robinson

Qualifications and experience: Dean, Sydney Medical School; University of Sydney
Current Term of Appointment: since 2001
Special responsibilities: Chairperson, the Foundation's Audit Committee
Number of meetings attended: 3; eligible to attend 5

The Management Committee of the Foundation in 2013 consisted of the following members:

Mr Jason Dibbs

Ms Rhonda Glasson

Professor Jonathan Morris

Professor Bruce Robinson

Ms Danielle Grice

HONORARY:

Ambassador Mr. Hoang Vinh Thanh

Qualifications and experience: Ambassador - Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
Special responsibilities: Honorary Member

Mr Huynh Van Lien

Qualifications and experience: Consul General - Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Sydney
Special responsibilities: Honorary Member

Council members were elected and co-opted at the Foundation’s AGM on 6 March 2012. There was a performance evaluation of the council undertaken in the reporting period.

PRINCIPLE 3: Promote ethical and responsible decision-making

Council members have been provided with the University of Sydney Foundation Governance Guide, Foundation Rules, Code of Conduct, External Interests Policy and the Occupational Health & Safety Policy. The Code of Conduct, External Interests Act. The Founldation’s Occupational Health & Safety Policy are also available on the University’s public website as are other relevant University policies and guidelines including the harassment, grievance procedures and other related policies.

PRINCIPLE 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

The annual accounts of the Foundation are prepared by the financial staff of the University, signed off by Finance Director, Faculties of Health, University of Sydney and included in this Annual Report to the Senate. The Foundation is part of the University and therefore does not have its own audit sub-committee. The University is audited by the Audit Office of NSW.

The Foundation undertook the following fundraising projects during the year:

And in conducting those appeals the Foundation took all reasonable steps to ensure that commitments paid or payable to any person as part of a fundraising appeal did not exceed one-third of the gross money obtained by that person in the appeal and appropriate particulars of such gross money are included in the appeal and particulars of such transactions to which they related were recorded in the minutes of the Foundation.

PRINCIPLE 5: Make timely and balanced disclosures

The Foundation complied with the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Senate. These include an annual budget and this Annual Report.

Members and Council have been made aware of the processes for disclosure pursuant to the Code of Conduct, External interests policy, which include protected disclosure to the KIC, the Ombudsman or the Auditor General.

PRINCIPLE 6: Respect the rights of shareholders, members, staff, volunteers, clients, & other stakeholders

The Foundation and/or membership consists of members of the community, industry bodies and the university whose input is invited via the Annual General Meeting and/or the Senate. The Senate is the ultimate decision-making body of the Foundation. Numerous forums/mechanisms have been held during the year to involve stakeholders in election of the Council, activities of the foundation or other stakeholder participation.

The Charitable Fundraising Act, the University may be requested about any appeal on details of the purpose of the appeal such as the appeal target, objectives, distribution of proceeds, etc and the process to provide answers. During the year the Foundation published information on its website and outlines those activities in this annual report. Other enquiries may have been made to other parts of the University.

PRINCIPLE 7: Recognise and manage risk

The Foundation recognises its activities within University premises or other premises require risks such as health and safety, environmental protection, privacy, trade practices, and compliance with the Charitable Fundraising Act to be considered and managed. The Foundation has managed these risks during the year by ensuring that all members were informed of the appropriate policies.

PRINCIPLE 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

No member of a council is entitled to receive any remuneration for acting in that capacity except reasonable remuneration for work which has first been approved in writing by the University Officer (Foundations).

The Foundation Council may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses after written approval of the University Officer (Foundations). Any such invoices are recorded in the financial reporting.
I am pleased to report on the financial affairs of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2013. The accounting records of the Foundation are maintained by the University of Sydney, and its accounts are drawn up annually in accordance with the University’s accounting policies. The results of the Foundation for the year are set out in the Income Statement while the financial position at 31 December is summarised in the Balance Sheet, both of which are included in this Annual Report.

As in prior years, the principal sources of revenue were grants and donations. However, Australian government grants which over the past six years have funded the visit of Vietnamese scholars to Australia were not forthcoming in 2013. Other grants and donations financed short-term visits by Vietnamese medical professionals to Australia, Scholarships for Australian medical students to complete clinical placements in Vietnam, Scholarships for Vietnamese medical students to complete clinical placements in Australia, and funded a number of specific purpose programs consistent with the Foundation’s objectives. We continue to be grateful for the generous support of our donors who provide the financial resources to allow the Foundation to operate.

While the Foundation incurred a deficit in 2013, there are accumulated funds available to support its activities in 2014, supplemented by the revenue to be derived in the forthcoming year.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Ross Gavin, Treasurer

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 31 December 2013

**Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

(1) These financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared on an accrual basis.

(2) Income tax is not applicable to activities of the Foundation.

(3) Some comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year’s presentation.

(4) After the utilisation of investment income and expenses, all surplus has been reclassified as Short Term Investments in the Balance Sheet.

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**Balance Sheet**

as at 31 December 2013

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| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accrual Expenses | 4,413 | - |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | 4,413 | - |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | 4,413 | - |

| NET ASSETS | 397,372 | 428,205 |

| EQUITY | | |
| Accumulated Fund | 390,785 | 472,618 |
| **TOTAL EQUITY** | 397,372 | 428,205 |

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**Income Statement**

for the year ended 31 December 2013

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<td>Scholarships, Donations &amp; Bequests</td>
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<td>Business &amp; Investment Income</td>
<td>6,978</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>533,160</td>
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| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Salaries | 94,158 | 127,523 |
| Consumables | 13,316 | 23,402 |
| Equipment Repairs / Maintenance | 384 | 6,023 |
| Services and Utilities | 7,850 | 43,007 |
| Travel, Conferences, Entertainment | 82,291 | 77,500 |
| Contributions to External Organisations | 110,920 | 129,500 |
| Contributions to University sectors | 79,167 | 92,000 |
| Student costs and Scholarships | 193,811 | 285,998 |
| Other Expenses | 28,551 | 45,659 |
| **Total Expenditure** | 567,960 | 800,100 |

| Surplus | | |
| | (78,831) | (14,850) |
| Accumulated Fund as at January | 472,616 | 487,466 |
| **Total Accumulated Fund** | 393,785 | 472,618 |
DONORS

$100,000 & ABOVE
Lions Club of Palm Beach, Currumbin

$10,000–$99,999
G & P Nock Foundation Pty Limited
The Returned & Services League of Australia Limited
Transix Pty Limited
The Petre Foundation
Anonymous

$1,000–$9,999
John Kroek
Raymond Martin
Evan Rawstron
Sheryl Van Nunen
Amely Zaininger
Jeannette McHugh
Christopher Tennant
Ross Gavin
Tom Rubin
Christopher Pokorny

Daniel Batchen
Dominique Chan
Jovian Cheung
Kian Cochrane
Thomas Ho
Kathryn Hunt
Andy Le
Benjamin Le
Fiona Le
Elia Moon
Annie Navin
Pauline Ngo
Jonathon Pekas
Nhi-Y Pham
Steven Phan
Alice Pierce
Alice Si
Anah Steel
Dharshi Thangarajah
Steven Tran
Angelica Waite
Natasha Wong
Alexander Yap
James Yong
Nicola Bevitt
Liy Cheng
Jenny Ngu
Kanya Raj
Zeyang Chen
S Lewis
Samuel McCormen
Jimmy Nguyen
Janet Sou
Kevin Choi
Alicia McCormich
Kim Nguyen
Sophie Vo
Irene Cigna
Anna Clark
Jo Cutler
Stephanie Duce
Lucinda Gridlestone
Emma Grundy
Momolex Kajiwara
Engina Kwon
Nicholas Lau
Christopher Le
Francis Lin
Calum Pope
George Ridehalgh
Anna Robertson
Linda Rosewell
Isobel Smith
Ryza Vargas
Michael Wai-Shing
Hei Yeung
Dinh Chau
Jill Appleton
Matthew Aroney
Cara Black
Samantha Bul
Sabi Chowdhury
Raymond Diep
Thomas Ely
Anita Muijono
Marjorie Ting
Vivien Tong
Elizabeth Hildberding
Anthony Yacoub
Gloria Yacoub
Farhad Alvini
Youngchae Cho
Soo Chung
Sophie Connors
Katherine Dale
My Dang
Tammy Diep
Adam Grasso
Diana Ho-Huynh
Imangi Kottegoda
Anthony Ly
Khanh Mai
Noreen Murray
Martin Nguyen
Ronald Nguyen
Ta Nguyen
Wendy Oldmeadow
Olivia Page
T K Trang Pham
Sarah Richardson
Thomas Whitford
Andrew Banh
Jess Andresen
Melissa Castillo
Susan Chin
Blake Corbett
Katie McCloy
Lauren Smith
Julie Vuong
Yaxing Wang
Camilla Block
Lindy Henderson
Lisa Honan
Noni MacEirn
Timothy Moore
Morgan Anslow
Marie Bestetti
Swee Chia
Jason Dibbs
Garry Dobson
Louise Dobson
Xinni Du
Christopher Dunstan
Jennifer Isaacs
Jung Ko
Christos Koliris
Swetha Kumar
Songa Laroa
Margaret Lesjak
Margaret Love
Khy Ly
Melvyn Macarthur
Diana Ngo
Jennifer Robins
Kathryn Wotton
Rema Elhassan
Isabel Smit
Gregory Briggs
Travis Brown
Gillian Fox
Laynie Hall Pullin
John Herrick
Martin Kluckow
Richard Lee
Kathy Sengmany
Soni Stephen
Peter Van Asperen
Meredith Verge
Stergitsa Zamagias
Marie Parmenter
Glenn Stephens
Cyi Flood
John Flood
Roderick Binsted
Bruce Childs
Thanh Dovan
Gillian Harris
Michael O’Brien
Leslie Schrieber
Christopher Bambach
Suzanne Birch
Marian Chinnock
Jessica Sylvester
Anthony White
Piyanuch Wheeler
Melissa Chin
Jonathan Stretch
Elizabeth Hawker
Graham Neve
Christine Roberts
Laura Marshman
Ian Dawson