UTR6.288 - THE SIR SAMUEL WADHAM RURAL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

Recitals-

A. An anonymous donor donated the sum of $500,000 to the University (‘donation’). The memorandum of gift dated 13 August 2010 provides that the gift is for the purpose of -

‘funding one or more scholarships for students living in rural areas and in financial need studying in any area of study other than agriculture at the University of Melbourne’.

B. The donor established both this scholarship and The Nancy Millis Scholarship, which is governed by University trust record 6.289. The purpose of The Nancy Millis Scholarship is to support rural students in financial need who are studying agriculture, which is the reason for the exclusion of agriculture from the purpose of this scholarship.

C. The donor wishes to remain anonymous and the memorandum of gift was signed by his or her representative.

D. The donor requested that the University nominate an academic icon after whom the scholarship would be named. The nomination of Sir Samuel Wadham was made by the Provost, Professor John Dewar, with advice from the Dean of Melbourne School of Land and Environment, Professor Richard Roush. Sir Samuel’s son, Dr Ben Wadham, consented to the scholarship being named after his late father.

E. The donation memorialises the late Sir Samuel MacMahon Wadham, BA (Cambridge) AgrDip (Cambridge) MA (Cambridge) MA (Melbourne). Sir Samuel MacMahon Wadham was born in London in 1891. He studied botany at Cambridge University before volunteering to serve with the Durham Light Infantry and Signal Corps during World War I. He later returned to Cambridge as a senior demonstrator in the Botany Department. In 1926, he and his wife Dorothy emigrated to Australia where he took up the position of Professor of Agriculture at the University. He also became involved in broader University life – where he served as Chairman of both the Professional Board and the Extension Committee and, for a time, as Acting Vice-Chancellor – and broader community life, where he was a member of multiple committees, including the Federal Dairy Investigation Committee, the Royal Commission on the Wheat Industry, the Commonwealth Nutrition Committee, the Rural Reconstruction Committee, the Commonwealth Migration Planning Council and the Commonwealth Committee for Tertiary Education. He also became a columnist for The Argus and Stock and Land, and a broadcaster for the ABC and BBC. After his retirement as Professor of Agriculture in 1956, Sir Samuel remained an active and involved member of the wider community. He continued to make fortnightly broadcasts for the ABC until 1969, only three years before his death in 1972.

F. Sir Samuel Wadham is honoured in the name of this scholarship due to his high and popular profile in the rural community, developed through his involvement in media, and various committees dealing with issues of concern to the rural community.

G. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor, and the donation therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

H. This University trust record is the means by which the University records -
(1) the trusts specified by the donor upon which the University as trustee holds trust property, including the capital sum; and

(2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation of those trusts, as determined by the University from time to time.

It is provided as follows-

**Name of the fund**

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum, and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called ‘The Sir Samuel Wadham Rural Students Scholarship Fund’ (‘fund’).

**Investment of the fund**

2. The fund is to be paid into one or more investment common funds and remain there until Council directs otherwise.

**Trust terms**

3. As trustee of the fund, the University is obliged by the trusts specified by the donor (‘trust terms’)-

   (1) to establish a perpetual trust;

   (2) to award the scholarship to one or more students living in rural areas and in financial need in any area of study other than agriculture;

   (3) to name the award ‘The Sir Samuel Wadham Rural Students Scholarship’.

**Administrative arrangements**

4. Until its further determination, and in order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined-

   (1) that one or more scholarships will be open for award annually from the net annual income of the fund;

   (2) that each scholarship will be awarded to a student with a permanent address in a rural area;

   (3) that the scholarships will be awarded to students in any area of study other than agriculture;

   (4) that each scholarship will be awarded by the Provost on the joint recommendation of the managers responsible for undergraduate and graduate scholarships (‘managers’) in the Melbourne Scholarships Office;

   (5) that prior to making any recommendation under section 4(4), the managers will consult with Student Financial Aid for advice or clarification on individual applications;

   (6) that the Provost, on the recommendation of the managers, will determine-

   (a) the value of each scholarship;
(b) the number of scholarships awarded each year; and

(c) the term of each scholarship.

5. The Provost is authorised to award each scholarship on behalf of the University in accordance with the foregoing terms."