UTR7.181 - HENRY ARTHUR PITT MEMORIAL BEQUEST

Recitals-

A. Kathleen Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, a former associate professor of History at the University, late of Flat 1, 54 Anderson Street, South Yarra, who died on 27 August 1990, bequeathed the residue of her estate to the University ‘to be used by the said University for the purchase of books in the field of history for the Baillieu Library and to meet the expenses incidental to such purposes including the costs of acquisition, purchasing and cataloguing of the books so purchased’ and she directed ‘that the moneys made available from my estate shall be in addition to and shall not result in a reduction of grants of money normally flowing to the Library for the purchase of books on the said subject’.

B. Professor Fitzpatrick's will contains the following relevant wishes-

(a) that the selection of books be made by the University Librarian after consultation with the chairperson and professors of the department of History who are to seek suggestions for the purchase of books from the academic staff of the department; and

(b) that, whilst it must not restrict the purchase of books which are needed, nor diminish purchasing opportunities, preference be given to the improvement of collections of special interest in the order of British History of the Tudor and Stuart periods and the history of the French Revolution respectively, and expresses her gratitude to the University, and particularly the department of History, for the happy working life she enjoyed there.

C. Professor Fitzpatrick's bequest is named, as she wished, as a memorial to her father, Henry Arthur Pitt, and each book purchased from the bequest is to contain a simple book plate stating that it was purchased from the ‘Henry Arthur Pitt Memorial Bequest’.

D. The University received $1,933,971 following the partial distribution of Professor Fitzpatrick's estate, which sum increased to $2,451,979 at 31 December 1994.

It is provided as follows-

1. The sum of $2,451,979 and any accumulations and additions to the sum forms a fund called the ‘Henry Arthur Pitt Memorial Bequest’ (‘the fund’) and the fund must be paid into an investment pool and remain there until the Council directs otherwise.

2. Subject to section 4, the net annual income of the fund must be applied by the Council on the recommendation of a committee established by the Council in accordance with the following section to the acquisition, purchase and cataloguing of books.

3. (1) A committee known as the ‘Henry Arthur Pitt Memorial Bequest Committee’ (‘the committee’) is hereby established by the Council comprising-

(a) the chairperson of the department of History, as chair;

(b) the University Librarian or nominee; and

(c) the professors of History.
(2) In formulating its recommendations the committee must seek suggestions for the purchase of books from the academic staff of the department of History and must, where this will not restrict the purchase of needed books, or diminish purchasing opportunities, give preference to the improvement of collections of special interest in the order of British History of the Tudor and Stuart periods and the history of the French Revolution respectively.

4. Neither capital nor income of the fund is to be used as a means to reduce grants of money which would otherwise be made available to the Library for the acquisition, purchase and cataloguing of books specified in the preceding subsection.

5. Each book purchased from the bequest must contain a simple book plate stating that it was purchased from the bequest.

6. The Council may on the recommendation of the committee direct that the capital of the fund be resorted to for the purpose set out above.

[Revoked as a Regulation and certified as a University trust record 26/5/10]