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2016 UQ ENDOWMENT REPORT

PREPARED FOR THE E.S. CORNWALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

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The E.S. Cornwall Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1956 as a memorial to Edward Satchwell Cornwall, General Manager and Director of the Southern Electric Authority of Queensland. The funding was provided by public subscriptions amounting to $17,442 and a subsidy of $17,324 by the Southern Electric Authority of Queensland. The first scholarship was awarded in 1957, and since that time (to June 2015) there have been 28 scholarships awarded.

Edward Satchwell Cornwall joined the City Electric Light Company in 1913, and by 1937 had risen to be its Manager and Chief Engineer. In 1949 he became Managing Director of the company and continued in this position after the restructuring of the company as the Southern Electricity Authority in 1953.

Throughout his career as a senior executive of the electricity supply industry, he remained a very strong advocate of university training for professional engineers, and many young graduates owe him a debt of gratitude for his interest and guidance in their training and subsequent professional development.

The object of the Scholarship is to enable graduates in engineering to obtain special experience abroad in aspects of the electricity supply industry so that the industry in Australia may benefit by the knowledge and experience thus gained by them. The Scholarship is tenable for a period of not less than 9 months and not more than 18 months, and valued at $3,000 per month.

I was extremely honoured to receive the E.S. Cornwall Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship enabled me to gain a global perspective on the rapidly changing renewable energy and power industries. I worked in Italy on microgrid research and in California on clean energy and energy storage markets, both areas which can benefit Queensland significantly.

The scholarship has allowed me to advance my career, develop personally and professionally and ultimately, I plan to return to Queensland to repay this through contributing to Queensland's renewable energy future.

Stephen William Sproul
Recipient

I am honoured to have received the E.S. Cornwall Memorial Scholarship 2015 which enabled me to obtain overseas work experience during the period of June 2016 to June 2017. The scholarship represents a significant achievement in my career as a professional engineer and aspiring leader navigating through a time of significant change to the electricity industry. It has provided a platform for me to broaden my perspectives through diversity of thoughts, strengthened my mindset and capacity to lead, thinking outside the "Australian backyard" box, and leveraging best practices from the global electricity community through lifelong professional network.

The level of professional and personal support I received from the scholarship committee is exceptional. I am thankful to Professor Simon Bartlett, the committee and hope that my work adequately reflects the values, belief and vision of the late Edward Satchwell Cornwall. My family and I consider this overseas experience as one of the defining periods in our lives. Moving forward, I am committed to leveraging this unique experience and wisdom to bring about positive change the Australian electricity industry.

Theerasak (Beer) Opatsuwan
Recipient

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2016 TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Year Established: 1956

In Memoriam: Edward Satchwell Cornwall

Intent: The scholarship is established to enable graduates in Engineering of Queensland universities to obtain special experience abroad in aspects of the electricity supply industry so that the industry in Australia may benefit by the knowledge and experience thus gained by them.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	VALUE
2016 Opening Balance	**$778,208.01**
Investment Return	$62,962.59
Return of Unspent Distribution	$5,619.41
Professional Fund Management Fee	-$4,698.28
Operating Project Annual Distribution	-$23,976.60
2016 Closing Balance	**$818,115.13**

OPERATING ACCOUNT	VALUE
2016 Opening Balance	**$5,619.41**
Operating Project Annual Distribution	$23,976.60
Expenditure	-$47,700.00
Return of Unspent Distribution	-$5,619.41
2016 Closing Balance	**-$23,723.40**

Management fees and annual investment returns are calculated by the average monthly balance. Performance and fees can vary due to the timing of operational capital deposits and or distributions.

It is a standard University policy that an endowment project will receive an annual distribution of 4.5% of the original donation amount received, adjusted by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Any remaining accumulated interest is reinvested in the corpus, this level is designed to meet the needs of the Operating Account and secure the endowment fund in perpetuity.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ENDOWMENT

Definition of an Endowment

Endowments are large philanthropic donations held by the University in its long-term investments portfolio. These endowments are invested and a portion of the annual earnings distributed to the purpose specified by the donor. An endowment can be created by a gift you give during your lifetime or a charitable bequest specified in your Will. An endowed gift to The University of Queensland is powerful and highly valued; it keeps on giving a return, creating greater and greater impact over time.

Annual Distribution

Portion of the endowment income and return that was used in accordance with the terms of the endowment.

UQ INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2016

The University has a total of $176.1 million in a long-term investment portfolio that is managed by external specialist fund managers. The UQ portfolio has an industry-competitive fee structure with effectual management secured through a comprehensive fund manager tender process.

The external specialist fund managers – DNR Capital and Hyperion – are award-winning, established and independent with proven track records. Each fund manager is committed to long-term, balanced investment strategies to protect the capital, ensuring perpetuity of every fund into the future.

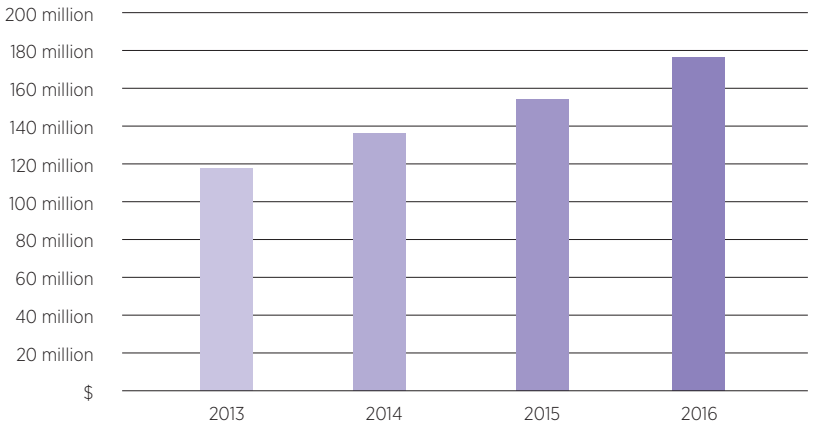
The portfolio consists of trust and bequest funds that have been received over UQ's history. The fund managers are required to operate within designed asset allocation benchmarks and each has responsibilities for investments in cash and fixed interest, listed property, Australian shares, overseas shares, tactical asset allocation, and private equity.

The investment strategy of the UQ Investment Fund is to achieve a long-term return of Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus an additional 6%. The portfolio produced a return of 7.6% for the year to 31 December 2016.

The fair value of the portfolio increased during 2016 by $21.7 million. The University is a tax-exempt entity and enjoys the benefits of full franking credit refunds.

Fund management fees for 2016 averaged out at 0.64% of the portfolio value. This percentage is based on an average monthly balance.

The University of Queensland Endowment Portfolio Growth



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