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The Foundation has been honoured by the acceptance of the position of Patron-In-Chief by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Her Excellency is the first female Governor-General of Australia and has a longstanding interest in the rights of women and the welfare of the family. This, together with the value she places upon her role as a mother and grandmother, gave added weight to our invitation and we are most fortunate to have Her Excellency as the first Patron-In-Chief of the RANZCOG Research Foundation.

pieces were on display throughout May and June at the gallery and generated much interest. Preliminary discussions of the exhibition touring to other regional galleries have been held.

The RANZCOG Research Foundation has continued to grow and see its public profile increase over the past 12 months. We look forward to continuing our support of scientific and clinical research across all areas of women's health and the reproductive sciences.



Her Excellency
Ms Quentin Bryce AC,
Governor-General of the
Commonwealth of Australia

Like so many organisations, the value of the Foundation's investments has lessened with the global economic downturn. The Foundation continues, however, to be in a strong financial position and the Board of Directors has recently diversified the Funds Managers utilised by the Foundation. Thus, the Foundation is well placed financially to continue its program of scholarships and

Professor David Healy

Chair, RANZCOG Research Foundation

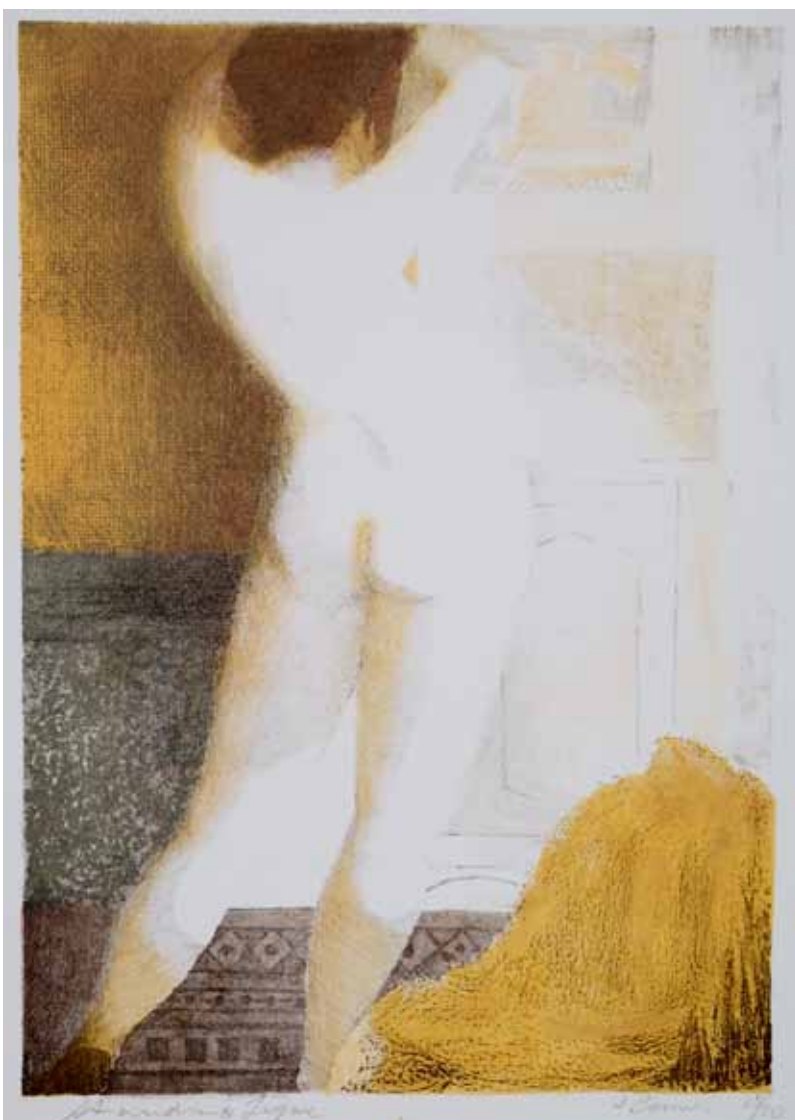
Georgina Anderson

Coordinator, RANZCOG Research Foundation

awards. A Finance Committee was established in early 2009 and comprises four members of the Board. The committee is responsible for considering the advice and recommendations received from the Funds Managers and determining appropriate action.

The Foundation has further expanded the scholarships it offers, with the introduction of the Mary Elizabeth Courier Research Scholarship. This is a three-year scholarship dedicated to gynaecological cancer research and the inaugural recipient will be determined in late 2009. In addition to supporting emerging and recently established medical researchers, the RANZCOG Research Foundation recognises the importance of nurturing those embarking upon a career in research. Accordingly, Collaborative Bachelor of Medical Science Scholarships were again offered in 2008-2009 and are set to remain a permanent feature of the Foundation's scholarship program.

The Board of Directors was delighted to be able to work with the Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum to deliver the exhibition *Jack Courier (1915-2007) Lithographs*. The Foundation was the recipient of a very generous bequest from the late Jack Courier, whose estate included many of his works. Fifty lithographic



STANDING FIGURE c. 1990s Stone Lithograph.
RANZCOG Research Foundation.

RANZCOG Research Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants from 1 January 2009

Recipients of the scholarships available for application in 2008 were as follows:

Arthur Wilson Memorial Scholarship 2009-2010

Awardee: Dr Tu'uhevaha Kaitu'u-Lino
Project: The Contribution of Endometrial Stem/Progenitor Cells to Endometrial Restoration After Menses
Institute: Monash Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne
Monash University
Clayton, Victoria

Ella Macknight Memorial Scholarship 2009-2010

Awardee: Dr Toni Welsh
Project: The Role of Progesterone and Prostaglandins in Controlling the Timing of Labour
Institute: Mothers and Babies Research Centre
University of Newcastle
Callaghan, New South Wales

Glyn White Research Fellowship 2009-2010

Awardee: Dr Ryan Hodges
Project: Prevention of Preterm Lung Disease by Human Amnion Cells
Institute: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Monash University
Clayton, Victoria

Luke Proposch Perinatal Research Scholarship 2009

Awardee: Dr Wan Tinn Teh
Project: Hypoxic Regulated mRNA Measured in Maternal Blood as a Novel Biomarker for Intrapartum Fetal Distress
Institute: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Monash University
Clayton, Victoria

Taylor-Hammond Research Scholarship 2009

Awardee: Dr Jane Hirst
Project: Understanding and Prevention of Stillbirth in Vietnam: Application of a Classification System to Identify Antecedent Risk Factors
Institute: School of Public Health International Maternal and Child Health
University of Sydney, New South Wales

Beresford Buttery Travel Grant 2009

Awardee: Dr Lisa Hui
Travel: Scientific Paper Presentation, RCOG 7th International Congress

Brown Craig Travelling Fellowship 2009

Awardee: Dr Paul Cohen
Travel: To conduct basic science research with Professor Berkowitz's ovarian cancer metabolic biomarkers group.
Institute: Brigham and Women's Hospital
Harvard Medical School
Boston, USA

Research commenced in 2008 was supported into the second year for the following awards:

Fotheringham Research Scholarship 2008-2009

Awardee: Dr Rosalie Grivell
Project: Skin and Subcutaneous Fascia Closure at Caesarean Section: A Randomised Controlled Trial
Institute: University of Adelaide
Women's and Children's Hospital
Dept of O and G

Arthur Wilson Memorial Scholarship 2008-2009

Awardee: Dr Stephen Tong
Project: Developing Immunostimulatory RNA Drugs that Silence Genes as Treatment for Cervical Cancer and Ectopic Pregnancy
Institute: Monash Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne
Centre for Cancer Research
Clayton, Victoria