



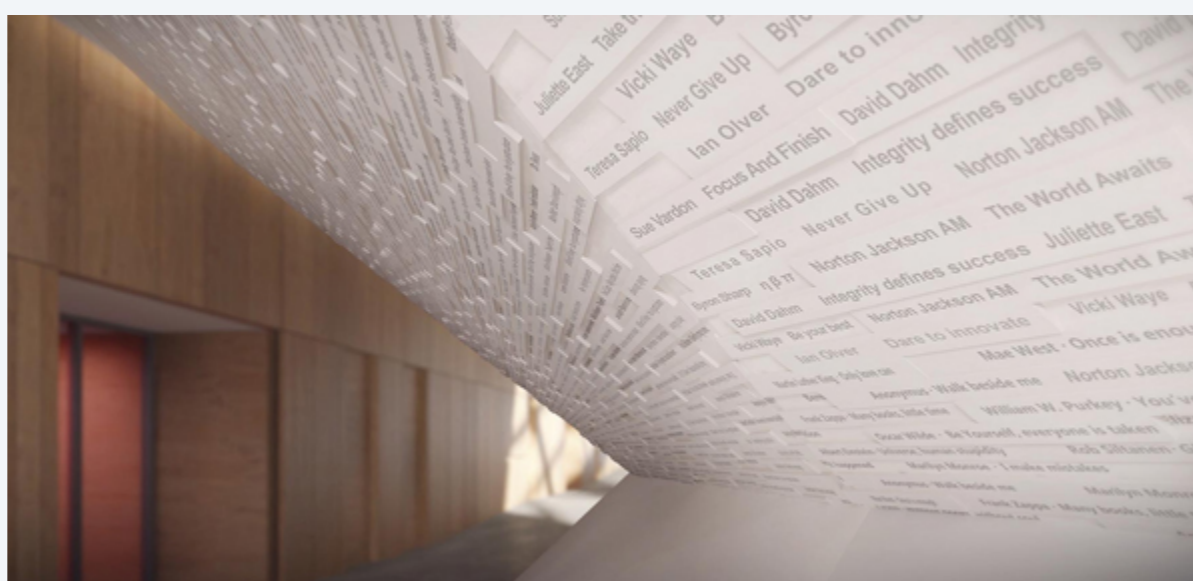
Lead by example - Become a mentor

The UniSA Business Career Mentor Program has helped hundreds of students and recent graduates gain access to real-world industry knowledge, with the help of people like Gary Jaffer, Founder and Principal Consultant of equilibrium9. Mentor applications open until 28 February [more...](#)



Above and beyond the line of duty

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Pridham Hall: New corporate opportunities

If you want to have your name and three words to live by permanently etched into UniSA's Pridham Hall, sorry the pool is sold out - but there are spots available in the foyer and a new opportunity for businesses. [more...](#)



The \$10,000 Pank Prize for Social Innovation and Enterprise – Apply now

Alumni entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply for this valuable prize to help establish a new and innovative social enterprise in South Australia. Last year's winner is Lisa Mitchell, who runs Lamtales, a digital stories program to help children learn to read. Apply by 17 March. [more...](#)



Watch: Data Driven = Disruptive

Dr Roger Kermod, Practice Principal at Hewlett Packard Enterprise, discusses how HPE helps businesses leverage their data to improve performance in a fast-paced competitive world. [watch...](#)



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Alumni events

- 6 MAR** **UniSA MBA alumni Spring Dinner – Hong Kong**
UniSA MBA alumni are invited to join us for a spectacular evening at our annual Spring Dinner at the Star Galaxy Dance Club in Causeway Bay.
- 11 MAR** **ACAA Welcome Back Receptions - China**
The Australia Alumni China Association invites you to networking events in March Guangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai.
- 13 MAR** **UK Europe Alumni AGM - London**
Join us for our Annual General Meeting and get involved in your local chapter in London.
- 14 MAR** **UniSA Careers Expo - Adelaide**
Just graduated? Or wanting to take the next step in your career and network with industry? Come along to the FREE UniSA Careers Expo, in partnership with The Big Meet.
- 16 MAR** **MBA Information Seminar - Adelaide**
Learn more about UniSA's 5-star MBA from academics, students and alumni.
- 23 MAR** **View from the Top - Adelaide**
Join us for this networking seminar 'Making SDGs a Reality-what will it take?'



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Lead by example

Become a mentor

For seven years now, the UniSA Business Career Mentor Program has paired UniSA Business School students and recent graduates (within the last three years) with experienced business professionals, fostering the development of leadership skills and enhancing employability. Through the Program, participants build their professional networks and gain access to real-world industry knowledge that has opened doors for many, such as final-year Marketing student Victoria Jaeger, who secured work placements with Network 10 and top media agency, MEC.



We have mentors and mentees based locally, nationally and internationally, and facilitate face-to-face as well as online mentoring relationships.

Gary Jaffer, Founder and Principal Consultant of equilibrium9 has been mentoring with the Program since 2013.

“The UniSA Business Career Mentor Program is a truly remarkable initiative that is evident by the continued growth in the students and mentors participating. So often the gap between academic rigor and business acumen is extenuated during the period between a student graduating and getting work in their industry of choice, and this program is a direct effort to bridge that gap. By coupling students with industry-experienced people, the student has an opportunity to receive handy industry insights, but also to tap into their mentor’s business network,” says Gary.

Gary’s mentee for 2015, Victoria Jaeger, is in the final year of her Marketing degree.

“This experience has been the most valuable aspect of my degree to date. Stretching outside the realm of academia, becoming a mentee opened my eyes to a world abundant in opportunities, business networks, and professional individuals sharing a common passion for commerce and innovation. Gary and I have a common interest in the nature of humanity, philosophy and of course, marketing. He introduced me to his industry contacts, which resulted in work placement opportunities with Network 10 and MEC. With Gary’s assistance, I have discovered how to fine-tune my career goals and I am now creating measurable steps to achieve them,” says Victoria.

“I have been fortunate enough to mentor highly motivated and enquiring students,” says Gary. “The level of their motivation and enthusiasm for their chosen discipline, along with the drive and initiative they have brought to our regular meetings, have led to them gaining valuable work experience in the industry, which will put them in good stead for graduate employment.”

[Become a mentor for the 2017 Business Career Mentor Program. Register now](#)

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Alumni recognised in 2017 Australia Day honours

An exemplary police force trainer and two advocates for vulnerable people in the community are among the twelve University of South Australia alumni recognised in the 2017 Australia Day Honours announced on 26 January.

Senior Sergeant Trudy Andresen APM, was awarded the Australian Police Medal for her work as a driving force in the development and delivery of the police records system known as Program Shield, where she is currently the Training Manager.



Trudy joined the police force in 1981 and for almost two decades served in a range of areas, including country and metropolitan patrols, working with victims of crime and Community programs, before her move into training after completing a Bachelor of Social Science Justice Administration at UniSA in 2005. Since then she has been responsible for the delivery of training to all ranks, from new recruits through to Inspectors on a range of promotional courses. In 2014 she managed the initial delivery of Shield training to more than 4,000 police state-wide.

Honoured to have her hard work recognised in this way, Trudy says one of her finest career achievements "is being promoted to a position where I needed to lead a team of new trainers through a busy period of promotional courses. Luckily we all made it."

"I like seeing the confidence a student gets when they understand a concept or information and are able to apply it effectively."

Simon Schrapel AM, CEO of Uniting Communities, says that studying social work at UniSA provided the essential foundation for his 30-year career working in front line social work and community development. He holds a number of senior federal and State Government policy advisory roles and is the former President of the Australian Council of Social Services.



An active advocate of child protection policy reform, Simon was Chair of the Building Capacity Building Bridges Steering Committee that was supported by UniSA's Australian Centre for Child Protection. A member of the National Implementation Working Group for the Framework for Protecting Australia's Children since its inception, Simon considers obtaining a commitment from the Australian Government and all State and Territory governments to establish a long term National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children was a significant achievement.

"Now into its eighth year the Framework is unique in as much that it continues to be collaboratively led by not only Federal and State governments but also representatives of civil society organisations making it a truly tripartite commitment. The Framework has been successful in driving many high level policy changes, including Australia's first Children's Commissioner and national standards governing out of home care services. I am enormously proud to have played an instrumental role, with other colleagues, in both the establishment and implementation of the National Framework," says Simon.

"As a campaigner for social justice causes, in particular children's rights, being publicly acknowledged gives credence to this work and its value in our community. It's also an honour I genuinely share with the many others who have contributed their time and effort to improving the lives of others," says Simon.

Simon is Chair of the UniSA's School of Psychology Social Work and Social Policy Advisory Board and a member of the University's Strategic Management Committee for its Research Node for Low Carbon Living.



David Linn OAM joined the Board of the Australian Refugee Association Inc. (ARA) in 1989 and was President from 2002 until 2015. He was also pivotal in establishing STTARS, Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service Inc.

An engineer by profession, David completed a Master of Engineering by research at UniSA's antecedent institution, the South Australian Institute of Technology, in 1981. He ran his own consulting business for almost half of his career and travelled throughout the world.

David says his finest achievements were volunteering with ARA "helping to guide a wonderful and highly-regarded South

Australian settlement organisation and its related entities into a professional operation with a secure future."

"This could only be achieved with dedicated members of the Board, members of staff and thousands of volunteers and supporters over that time," he says.

With his wife, Liz, they have directly supported 24 children and young people in developing countries, especially in Lesotho. For the past 10 years they led an organisation that has shipped more than 100,000 books to Lesotho to establish libraries in over 60 schools and child-related organisations. This operation has now been formalised through Books for Lesotho Inc.

"My wife and I are rewarded when we see people using this assistance to help themselves, making the most of any opportunity they are given. We are amazed at the number of people who dedicate their lives to helping their own people in need; it is reward enough to be able to call some of them friends."

Nine other UniSA alumni received an honour:

His Honour the Honourable John Hardy AO, Radiography Certificate, Administrator of the Northern Territory For distinguished service to the people of the Northern Territory, and as a patron and supporter of a range of aviation, health, emergency service and charitable organisations.

Mr Graeme Martin AM, Graduate Diploma in Business Administration For significant service to the real estate industry through executive roles, to professional property institutes, and to education.

Mr John Kennedy OAM, Associate Diploma in Business (Management) For service to local government, and to the community of Campbelltown.

Mr Alan Orrock OAM, Bachelor of Adult and Vocational Education For service to the community through a range of organisations.

Mr Graeme Stratford OAM, Diploma of Technology in Accountancy For service to higher education administration, and to the community.

Mr John Wittwer OAM, Graduate Diploma in Program Evaluation For service to the community of Hahndorf.

Ms Rosina Antenucci PSM, Graduate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language and Bachelor of Education: Inservice Education & Training of Adults Public Sector Medal for outstanding public service to education and to the teaching of English as an additional language.

Mr Corey Dunn AFSM, Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Conservation Management and Bachelor of Computer and Information Science. Australian Fire Service Medal.

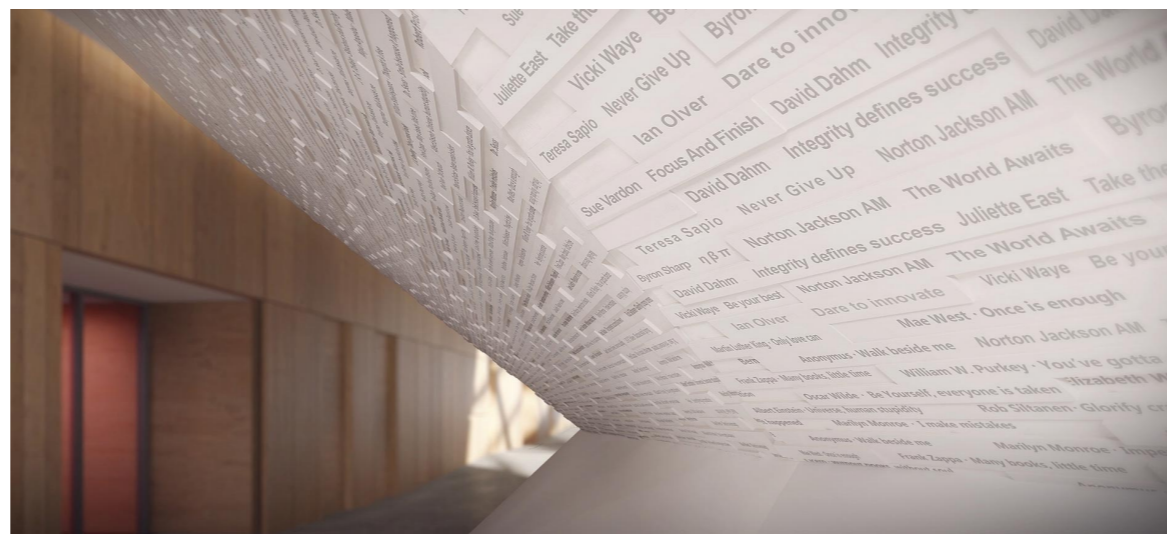
Mr Shane Daw ESM, Graduate Diploma in Management. Emergency Services Medal.

View the full list of UniSA alumni, honorary doctors and fellows who received honours [here](#).



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Pridham Hall Pool sold out! Get in quick - corporate opportunities



Hundreds of graduates, staff and supporters have donated to have their name and three words to live by permanently etched into one of three sculptural features of Pridham Hall, UniSA's iconic new sport and education building now under construction at the City West campus. This initiative has been so widely popular, that the Swimming Pool is now SOLD OUT.

Don't worry, you still have the opportunity to **embed your name and three words** onto the blades of the Chandelier or have them carved on the Inverted Pyramid, both of which will be part of the impressive foyer of Pridham Hall.

UniSA has recently opened this unique opportunity to corporate businesses. For \$5,000 your business can be proudly displayed on one of the two permanent fixtures – inspiring the next generation of leaders. For further information please contact: giving@unisa.edu.au

Some of UniSA's generous supporters, who have chosen to embed themselves in Pridham Hall, explain why they donated and what inspired their three words to live by.

'Celebrate your Ancestry'

Lyndell Heuston - New South Wales

"I chose these three words as the lack of celebration caused a certain amount of tension and vacuum in my family: I wondered, but did not know, that my mother was of the 'stolen generation'. This situation was unspeakable in the 50's and 60's and this removal from family had a strong influence on my mother's behaviour and thus her attitude towards me. If she had lived in a society where aboriginal heritage was lauded as much as convict heritage, she would have felt more relaxed and her children would have felt more grounded. I now know my heritage is British, Spanish and Aboriginal and I can see those influences in me. If young people know their ancestry it gives a strong rock on which to stand, a strong connection on which to draw strength, a many-textured tapestry of identity in which to celebrate their own brand of individuality."

'A Brighter Tomorrow'

Xavier Woon - Singapore

"I donated to Pridham Hall in gratitude to the UniSA professors who imparted their knowledge and skills to me in counselling. Their dedication and professionalism in their fields of expertise inspired me. Naturally, when UniSA sought three words to inspire the students on campus, I chose 'A Brighter Future' because that was what the professors did in counselling. They created a path for the lost. They made friends among strangers. They gave hope where there was none. I encourage all students, alumni, and stakeholders to donate. UniSA is a place where valuable knowledge and ideas are exchanged. Each time an idea is shared with others, it creates a brighter future for all."

'Only Connect'

Dr Lyn Bray - South Australia

"Actually, the reason why I wanted to donate to Pridham Hall was mainly that I couldn't resist having my name and something about me preserved forever in glass. Even if it is only one of many and not likely to be picked out by a passer-by, to be part of the chandelier just seems to be a marvellous thing to be.

I couldn't think of three words, I could only think of two: 'only connect'. I saw it in a movie once, but it comes from 'Howard's End' by EM Forster.

'Only connect! Only connect the prose and the passion and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height. Live in fragments no longer. Only connect, and the beast and the monk, robbed of the isolation that is life to either, will die.'

The meaning this has for me is about the importance of making contact with other people, within and across relationships and communities and countries and cultures. It's also about connecting with what you do, not just going through the motions, but believing in your work and living with an awareness of the significance of how you move through your life. And both of these need to be grounded in connection with self, with who you are, and being true to yourself.

So donating for me is about community, about sharing a bit of myself with many, many others to make a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts."

'Head Heart Backbone'

Tom Steer - South Australia

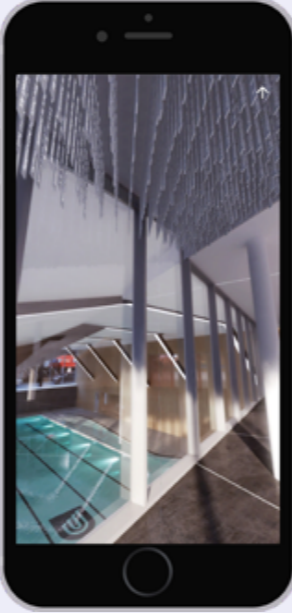
"Studying at UniSA gave me a head start in my career and I'm grateful for the doors that it opened up for me. Throughout my career I've stayed close to the University and have seen it continually evolve and improve. Pridham Hall is going to be a great drawcard for UniSA students and the envy of other Universities. Hopefully I'll also get to hit the basketball court one day!

I've chosen the words 'Head Heart Backbone' to be the words carved on the Inverted Pyramid in the foyer. This is a tribute to Fraser Nicholson, a very charismatic and successful Canadian executive who I was lucky enough to have as my manager and good friend for the first 10 years of my career in Hewlett Packard. Fraser saw potential in me, took me under his wing, gave me incredible opportunities and continually pushed me out of my comfort zone to help build my confidence and skills.

Fraser was well known for his mantra 'Head Heart Backbone' which was a very simple but powerful way to describe the characteristics of a great leader:

- Head – intelligence and judgement
- Heart – passion and ambition
- Backbone – courage to make tough decisions and never give up

Fraser also loved Adelaide (and its surrounding wine regions). Sadly, we lost Fraser in 2014 and I wanted these words to live on. Having your name and three words on display in Pridham Hall is a rare opportunity to make your mark and pass on some inspiration to the next generation of students."



Pridham Hall App

You don't have to wait until Pridham Hall officially opens before taking a tour inside the new building.

The **Pridham Hall App** allows you to 'virtually' step inside the completed Pridham Hall building. To download the Pridham Hall App please search for 'UniSA Pridham Hall' in either Google Play (Android) or the App Store (iPhone).



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Child Sexual Assault: Preventing the preventable

Inaugural Memorial Lecture for Emeritus Professor Freda Briggs AO, 30 March

Changing the culture of ignorance and denial surrounding child sexual assault is the subject of the Inaugural Memorial Lecture for Emeritus Professor Freda Briggs AO, to be delivered by Hetty Johnston AM GAICD, Founder and Executive Chair of Bravehearts Foundation, on Thursday 30 March at UniSA's Magill Campus.



Photo of Emeritus Professor Freda Briggs AO courtesy of The Advertiser

We know that one in five children will be sexually assaulted in some way before the age of 18. We know how that carnage manifests itself, not only in the victims and their families, but also across every cultural and socio economic demographic. We also know that this is, for the large part, preventable.

Hetty Johnston AM GAICD, a leading Australian child protection advocate, is calling for a Royal Commission into our "broken Family Law System" that is failing our children. We asked her to define her priorities and suggest some ways to prevent abuse.

What are your three most important and urgent priorities to repair the Family Law system?

There is so much wrong with this Family Law system that trying to identify just three most important priorities is almost impossible. Perhaps . . .

- Skillfully and professionally listen to and systemically respond to the Voice of the Child and 'walk the talk' on acting in the 'best interests of the child';
- Send the decision-making and risk assessments around child protection back to its statutory owners – the State and Territories, and out of the unskilled Federal Court;
- Utilise existing Terms of Reference to the current Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse to forensically examine 50 or 100 cases which demonstrate the failings which are occurring across the system, inclusive of judges, court staff, family court consultants/report writers/experts (employed or appointed by the court), internal and external legal representatives including children's lawyers, legal aid, private practitioners, Auscript, all related State Government institutions including police, child protection services, health & education and all non-government organisations, such as family relationship services, counselling services and supervision services.

How can we give children a voice in the legal system?

By enabling them to speak and by believing them when they do. By honouring their wishes, choices and their feelings. They should be able to speak directly to the court if they are willing and able or alternatively, via a skilled professional. The courts must take seriously the testimony of child protection professionals who are working with these children. Currently the courts are routinely ordering that protective parents withhold counselling from their children, urge their children to not raise allegations of sexual assault, not take their children to GPs or police and to ignore them if they disclose further harm. Despite how incredulous this sounds to the ordinary Australian, the truth is that this is an all too common Family Court Order.

How can parents help to protect their children?

In general, the best way to protect children is via: **Educate, Empower, Protect – Bravehearts' 3 Piers to Prevention model**. As it relates to parents this means:

- **Educate:** Parents need to ensure their children receive effective personal safety education;
- **Empower:** Parents need to ensure they themselves are knowledgeable about the crime of child sexual assault, recognising signs to look out for in both their children and in those who interact with them;
- **Protect:** Parents need to ensure that all organisations and institutions that likewise interact with their children have effective child protection policy and procedures in place and that they implement those into everyday practice which prioritises the best interests of the child without exception.

To support Bravehearts' call for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse you can sign the petition via the [Bravehearts](#) Foundation website.

The University of South Australia's School of Education has established this memorial lecture to honour the life's work of the late Professor Freda Briggs AO, who, through her roles as educator, author, scholar and ambassador, ceaselessly and passionately worked towards her vision to provide a safer and more caring world for children.

The University of South Australia has established the Emeritus Professor Freda Briggs AO Memorial Fund to continue her legacy by supporting higher degree scholarships for child protection in law, education or social work. [Donate now](#)



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Photo: Hetty Johnston, AM

Inaugural Memorial Lecture for Emeritus Professor Freda Briggs AO

Presented by University of South Australia School of Education

Date: Thursday 30 March 2017
 Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
 Guest Lecturer: Hetty Johnston, AM
 GAICD Founder & Chair of [Bravehearts](#) Foundation
 Location: UniSA Magill Campus
 H1-44 Amy Wheaton Building - [Map](#)
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