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Governor to present the Annual Albert Coates Oration



Her Excellency, the Honorable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria, will deliver the Annual Sir Albert Coates Oration held by Federation University Ballarat.

On 1st July 2015, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC was sworn in as Victoria's 29th Governor, the first female in the role.

The Governor was born in Melbourne in 1953, and was educated at St Catherine's Girls' School, matriculating in 1969, before attending the University of Melbourne, where she gained the degree of LLB (Hons).

In 1975 she was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

In 1982 she married fellow Victorian barrister, Anthony Howard, and

together they took up roles as Crown Counsel, and later Senior Crown Counsel in the Hong Kong Attorney-General's chambers, where they prosecuted criminal trials.

Soon after returning to Australia in 1985, the Governor was appointed a part-time member of the Small Claims and Residential Tenancies Tribunals, taking her first judicial appointment as a Magistrate in 1986.

In that role, she served in the Children's Court, Coroners Court and Melbourne Magistrates' Court where she ultimately headed the Civil division and later the Committal Court.

During that time she chaired or participated in various national projects within and outside the Court in relation to child abuse, family violence, mediation, less adversarial trial procedures and case management, and represented the Family Court on the Commonwealth Family Law Pathways Advisory Group.

The Governor was actively engaged in the area of judicial education, including as a Director of the National Judicial College of

Australia, and as a long-standing faculty member and facilitator of the National Judicial Orientation Program.

In 2010 the Governor was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to family law and the community.

In 2017 the Governor was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for eminent service to the people of Victoria through leadership roles in the judiciary, to the advancement of economic ties and business relationships, and as a supporter of charitable, sporting and arts organizations.

The Governor and her husband have two sons, both of whom have completed Bachelors of Laws and Arts at Monash University.

This year's Oration will be held on Thursday 28th November 2019, at 6.00 pm in the Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium, Federation University Australia, Chancellor Drive, Mt Helen.

A Dinner will follow the Oration. Dinner arrangements can be found on page 4

Inaugural Deakin Scholarship Awarded



Using funds provided by the Australian legion of ex-Servicemen and Women and The Coates Trust, Deakin University awarded medical student Justin Galvin \$2500 to support his surgical elective, working in Ophthalmology at Cambridge Hospital in the UK. Justin has been involved in Rural

and Indigenous health events, and is well aware of the problems in eye care for this group of Australians.

His Grandfather was a veteran in the Australian Armed Services.

(Photo shows the presentation of his award at Deakin University Geelong on 16th May by Professor Jon Watson (head of the Deakin School of Medicine), Justin Galvin and Mr Don Moss (Chair of the Coates Trust))

Albert Coates Memorial Trust Scholarship at Notre Dame University

Francis Ratnakumar is the successful applicant for 2019.

He is a 4th year student in the MD programme.

The \$2500 award will help support his elective, working in Mexico in a busy Emergency and Critical Care department.

He knew of the work of Albert Coates during WW2, working in situations of very limited resources in the POW camps.

While his learning in Australia is very different, he feels the experience working in a limited resource centre in Mexico will be stimulating and a great learning opportunity.



New Scholarships to be offered at Ballarat Health Services

Special Care
Nursery
Scholarships to
be offered at
Ballarat
Health Services



Following a bequest from the Leckie Family, the Albert Coates Memorial Trust (ACMT) is offering two Scholarships in conjunction with Ballarat Health Services.

Ballarat Health Services has a Level 2 Special Care Nursery caring for sick, low weight and/or premature babies born after 32 weeks gestation.

The ACMT will award two \$5000 scholarships over the next five years in a Post Graduate Program.

This will enable the development of Specialist staff in Special Care Nursery Nursing; offer

training at a regional centre; and enhance leadership in the Special Care Nursery team.

Ballarat Health Services is keen for this to happen and will supplement these Scholarships.

The Co-ordinator of this Program will be Denielle Beardmore, Director of the Clinical Education and Practice Department.

The ACMT and Ballarat Health Services are excited about this program and thank the Leckie Family for their generous donation.

Sir Albert Coates Surgical Scholarship at the University of Melbourne Rural School

The award for 2019 will go to Mark McOwan. Mark will use his \$2500 award to help with the costs of his surgical elective at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester in Minnesota.

Mark was born in Ballarat and is undertaking his medical training in the MD course at The University of Melbourne Rural training school with several regional terms.

He has a strong family background in the Australian Army, and is himself commissioned as an Officer Cadet in the Army reserves.

His elective will be under the direct supervision of a Urologist surgeon at the Mayo Clinic.

Generous Donation

The Trustees of the Glenyis McIver Trust recently donated \$10000 to the Albert Coates Memorial Trust for its work in providing Nursing and Medical scholarships. The ACMT thanks the Glenyis McIver Trust for its generosity.

Lunch with the Speaker: Dr Misty Jenkins



About eighty people gathered at the Ballarat Golf Club, in March, for 'Our lunch with the Speaker', to hear Dr Misty Jenkins speak of her research work at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute.

Dr Jenkins heads an Immunology Laboratory at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne and, with her team, is working toward finding a cure for brain cancer.

Misty was born in Ballarat and attended Mt Clear Secondary College and then the University of Melbourne, followed by post graduate studies at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. She was the first person in her family to attend university; a huge step for her being an indigenous student - she believes she probably was the first Australian Indigenous woman to study at the English Universities. Misty holds a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology

Misty was entertaining as she told stories of her life. As a youngster, she was probably labelled as a 'nerd' when she joined the St John's Ambulance Brigade and entered its competitions rather than play sport.

She was always interested in how the human body worked and wondered why various parts reacted in the way they did when she was ill.

During her Science degree studies she developed an interest in immunology and very boldly wrote to Professor Peter Doherty, a Nobel Prize winner, and indicated her eagerness to learn more with him as her mentor. He obviously recognized her talents and along with Professor Steve Turner, mentored her in her studies for several years.

During her studies, Misty was interested in T- cell immunity and understanding how white blood cells kill things in the body.

Now in her research, she is working on understanding how T- cells kill cancer through manipulating or engineering T- cells with the weapons they need to kill brain tumours.

Quoting from Dr Jenkins's website:

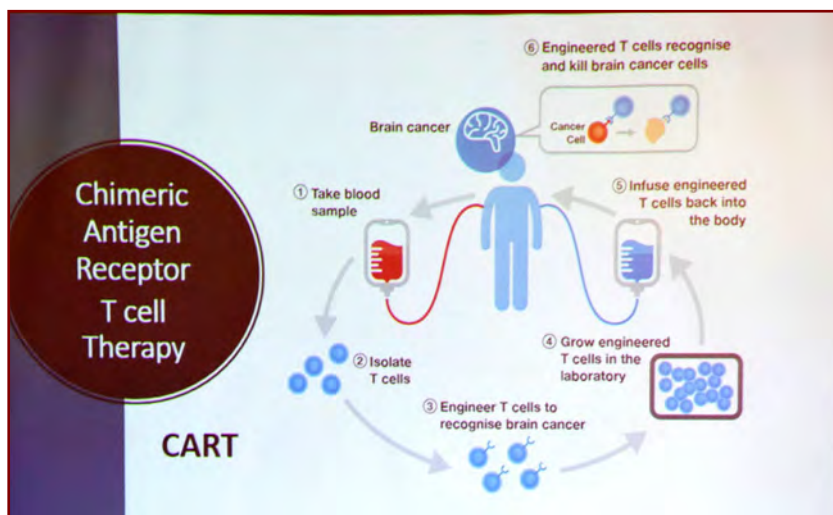
Our research focusses on a type of adoptive T cell immunotherapy called Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cell (CAR T cell) therapy.

CAR T cells are engineered from a patient's own T cell, to recognize and attack cancer cells.

We are designing and testing CAR T cells directed against adult and paediatric brain tumours. We are also investigating how to best activate T cells to allow for tailored immune responses to solid tumours. The biological understanding and development of new immunotherapies has undergone a revolution in the past decade.

Our research will provide insights into T cell biology and we anticipate that our research will ultimately reveal enhanced strategies for targeting tumour antigens in the brain, to treat patients clinically.

Misty was an excellent speaker and attendees were fascinated in her topic.



Photos - Elizabeth Trudgeon



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The Albert Coates Memorial Trust sponsors a range of student scholarships at Federation University Australia and the University of Melbourne.

In 2008 a new program of scholarships for the post-graduate training of rural emergency care nurses was introduced, organised in association with the Department of Health Victoria.

Undergraduate scholarships were created at the Australian Catholic University in 2016 (nursing/paramedics) and at the University of Notre Dame in 2017 (medical).

In 2019 a new scholarship at Deakin University's medical school was awarded for the first time.

Since 2003, the Trust has presented Year 6 prizes at the Mount Pleasant Primary School, which Sir Albert attended from 1900 to 1906. Students develop project presentations on the life and significance of Sir Albert Coates.

Donations to the Albert Coates Memorial Trust are tax deductible.

ORATION DINNER DETAILS

Date: Thursday 28th November
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Albert Coates Complex
Building U
Federation University Australia
Mt Helen Complex
Cost: \$58.00
Online
Payment: BSB 633 000
Account # 144 729 282

Please ensure you record your name with your online payment

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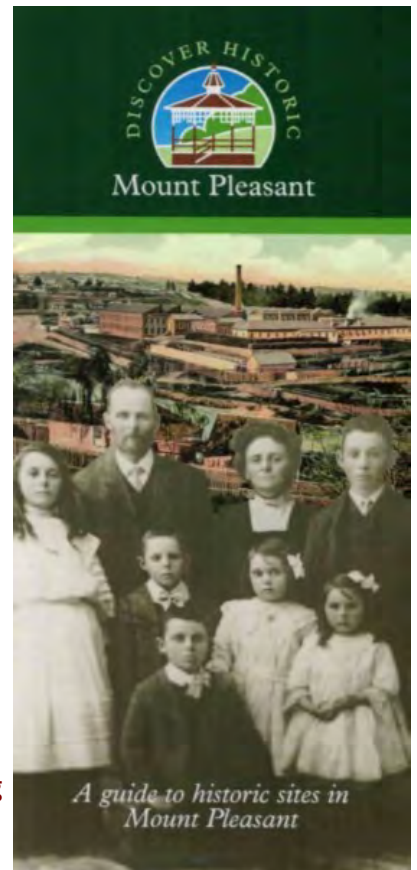
Mt Pleasant History Group Brochure features Coates family

The Mt Pleasant History Group has produced a Guide to Historic Sites in Mount Pleasant.

Twenty sites are featured in the pamphlet and whilst the fit may enjoy the walk to each site, it is a very easy drive. It is hoped that most of the sites featured will have boards explaining the history of the site. Some are already in place.

On the front page of the Guide there is a photo of a young Albert Coates (standing on the right) with his parents Arthur and Clara Coates and his siblings Evelyn, Will, Victor, Maud and Anne. (His youngest sister Elsie was born after this photo.)

Featured in the Guide is the Coates Family Home in Tress Street and also the Mt Pleasant Methodist/Uniting Church which the family attended and where Albert's father, Arthur Coates, was a Lay Preacher and Sunday School Superintendent for many years.



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