

Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law

In 2006 ANU Law Professor Phillipa Weeks died at the age of only 53, after a year-long battle with cancer. Former colleagues and students of Phillipa remember her with profound respect and deep affection.

One of the ways that the ANU College of Law has kept Phillipa's memory alive is to establish a scholarship in her name, and to raise funds to ensure that the scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity. This gesture not only keeps before us the extraordinary contribution that Phillipa made to the ANU and the Canberra legal community, but also gives a boost to generations of deserving students. Indeed, for some it will make the difference between coming to university or not.

Phillipa would well understand the point. She got her start with the assistance of a National Undergraduate Scholarship. She had been a brilliant student at Cootamundra High School, but this was not quite enough for a National Undergraduate Scholarship as the school had not been able to offer the full range of subjects at the highest level. An alert administrator at the ANU suspected that there might be more to the story than Phillipa's overall score, checked with the school, confirmed that she had done as well as it was possible to do given the curriculum limitations of the school, and promptly awarded her a scholarship. Never was a discretion exercised in a more enlightened and prescient way!

The Phillipa Weeks Scholarship resonates with Phillipa's somewhat serendipitous entry to the ANU. It targets young achievers from a rural or regional background, with emphasis both on their academic achievement and on their leadership or citizenship qualities.

There are many ways of remembering a beloved friend, teacher or colleague. Her former students will not be able to forget the care and attention she gave to individual students, regularly writing personal notes of encouragement or congratulations. Others benefited from her intelligent and compassionate insights into labour law and her forays into community service. As Dean of Law at ANU, I personally benefited from her wise counsel and support when she was my Associate Dean and Head of School for five years from 2000 to 2005. But, like all of us I suspect, I benefited most simply from having Phillipa as a friend. It was in that capacity that one best absorbed the impact of the values that made her such an awesome role model as a human being, values that I endeavoured to catalogue in my eulogy at Phillipa's funeral: her integrity, her kindness, her grace, her unaffectedness, her generosity, her humanity, and her many other almost 'saintly' characteristics.

There are many ways of remembering. And there are many ways of honouring that memory. A scholarship is perhaps one of the best ways of all, with its dual purpose of remembering the past by securing the future. I commend it to you, and warmly welcome your contribution to the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship fund.

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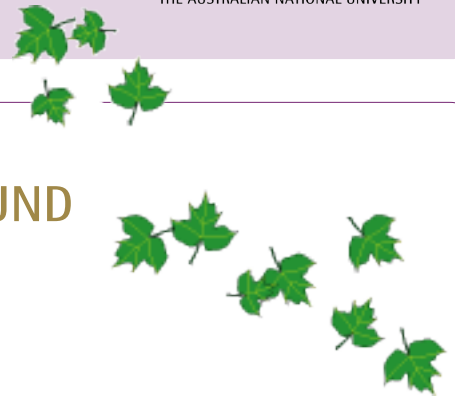


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