

## Rotary Club of Woden – Robert Harvie Memorial Bursary

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### **Guidelines:**

Initially, an amount of \$1,500 is available each year for a deserving student from Melrose High School who is going to continue their education at Canberra College. This Bursary is for the recipient's use on out-of-pocket college expenses while a student at Canberra College (over one or two years). The amount made available to a student may be increased over time, by Woden Rotary, in line with inflation.

Each year the principals of Melrose High School and Canberra College will determine the most deserving student to receive the Bursary – based on the selection criteria.

A presentation of the Bursary (and accompanying certificate) will be made at the Melrose High School end-of-year awards ceremony. Representative(s) from Woden Rotary and Bob's family are to be invited to attend the ceremony.

The certificate, provided by Woden Rotary, will include the Rotary International, Woden Rotary and Melrose High School logos and text and citation similar to the following:

“Rotary Club of Woden - Robert Harvie Memorial Bursary  
presented to  
(recipient's name)  
to assist with and encourage future education and development  
(signed .....)  
President, Rotary Club of Woden  
Dated .....”

### **Citation:**

Rotary Club of Woden, Robert Harvie Memorial Bursary is presented to .....

Robert (affectionately known as Bob) died in mid-2015. In Dec 2015, his widow Helen presented the Club with a substantial cheque to be used in Bob's memory to 'help young people'.

Bob was born in Canberra in 1930 to Canberra's first dentist who practised in Kingston from 1925. Bob lived in Giles St, Kingston, till 1937 when the family moved to a 'Spanish Mission' style house in Furneaux Street, Manuka across the road from the Manuka Shops. His education was at Telopea Park Infants, Canberra Grammar and Canberra High. After leaving school he enrolled in Optometry at the Sydney Tech College. Before graduating he started to work with Gibb & Beeman Optometrists, who had a network of venues and trucks. He started touring NSW, as an Optometrist, for a couple of years driving one of G&B's Bedford trucks. In 1954, he set up a practice in Manuka briefly and then Civic at various locations around Garema Place and finally City Walk before retiring in 1994. Bob married Helen in 1963 and they had many happy times together over the past 52 years. They had 3 children Anthea, Guy and Dalton, although Guy died at an early age. They lived for many years in a home in Forrest which they named "Blandfordia", Walter Burley Griffin's original name for the suburb.

Bob was inducted into Woden Rotary Club in December 1990. He was Secretary in 1992-1993, Treasurer in 2003-2004 and Director Community Service in 1999-2000. He was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2008.

Over years of membership Members of Woden Rotary got to know Bob enjoying his impish sense of humour, sharing his curiosity about the world around us. This extended into mechanical devices - the pinnacle being the restoration of a player-piano and, while still working, constructing simple and ingenious equipment which made assessment of the optical needs of his patients easier.

**Selection criteria:**

Each year the recipient will be chosen from the year 10 students attending Melrose High School who will be continuing their education at Canberra College the following year.

Each recipient will be chosen by the Principal (or their delegates) of Melrose High School.

The award is to go to a deserving and less-fortunate student for whom the bursary is likely to make a significant difference to their ability to achieve their potential in College. Academic and other achievements, leadership qualities and career choices should be considered, but they are not priority criteria. The aim is to encourage and enable students to achieve their potential.

**Operation of the Bursary:**

After a Bursary has been awarded, Woden Rotary will pay the Bursary money for that student into an account administered by Canberra College for use by that student. It is a one off payment for each student.

Disbursement of the student's Bursary monies on the student's behalf for College related activities and requirements is at the discretion of the Principal of Canberra College (or their delegate) and is to be recorded in a sub-dissection within the school accounting system and reconciled at the end of (each) year in a report to Rotary Club of Woden.

The College related activities or requirements that can be funded (wholly or partly) from the Bursary are for academic, education and vocational training, sport and other college activities that could include (but are not limited to) books and stationery, excursions, technological equipment that assists in multiple learning areas (e.g. tablet, internet connection/dongle), computer applications to assist in specialist learning areas (e.g. CAD), and extension/vocational learning areas (e.g. external lessons, safety equipment, sporting equipment).

When a Bursary recipient leaves Canberra College, all the residual funds allocated to that student by Rotary Club of Woden (if any) should be returned to the Club and the sub-dissection closed.

Should Woden Rotary be wound up, then the bursary funds are to be transferred to another Rotary club that is willing to manage the bursary in accordance with its objectives, requirements and ideals (as set out herein).

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