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President's Report

Dear Member,

May has been a very busy month for us. On May 3rd, I attended the Bright Moon Buddhist Society Inc. vegetarian dinner celebrating the launch of their Reconstruction Temple Hall. While the Hong Kong Club does not endorse or fund religious or political activities, we champion multiculturalism, particularly Chinese culture and communities. The main temple of the Bright Moon Buddhist Society Inc., located upstairs, was tragically lost to a devastating fire on February 5th, 2023. This beloved temple, frequented by locals and visitors alike, has inspired the Springvale community to rally for its rebuilding. Their aim is to restore it as a place of worship, a hub for community gatherings, and a venue for diverse cultural activities.

On May 4th, we celebrated Mother's Day at Golden Dragon Palace. The event was a great success, with nearly 80 members and guests in attendance.

On May 10th, the Yarran Dheran Reserve committee invited Hong Kong Club to join them for a Mother's Day celebration, which included a delightful walk-through Yarran Dheran Reserve with a focus on birdwatching. Over 20 people participated, including families with children and mothers. Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve is a haven for birds, boasting approximately 80 different species thanks to the creek's constant water supply and the diverse bushland habitats, which offer both permanent homes and visiting grounds. We are grateful to Gay Gallagher, Hon. Secretary, and Frank Gallagher for organizing and leading the walk. We were fortunate enough to spot many laughing kookaburras and rainbow Lorikeets, Australian magpies, crimson rosellas, and sulphur-crested cockatoos. We observed Australian Wood Ducks swimming freely in the Yarra River. This river,

also known as Birrarung, stretches 242 kilometres from the wooded slopes of Mount Baw Baw in Yarra Ranges National Park, winding through Templestowe and Fairfield before emptying into Port Phillip Bay in Melbourne.

Yarran Dheran Reserve is not only a haven for birds but also home to diverse wildlife. We spotted kangaroos, wallabies, and frogs. As a wetland, it's common to see snakes basking in the summer sun. This walk offers a unique way to celebrate Mother's Day, providing education and fostering family connections. We encountered a group of scouts, also with families and mothers, who were participating in the same meaningful Mother's Day celebration.

On May 13th, we were invited to attend The Federation University Australia Foundation Showcase 2026. The Hong Kong Club offers two scholarships. The first was launched at the 60th Anniversary Dinner, and the second was initiated by Lawrence Hui and his family. The latter donates the proceeds, after costs, from the sale of photos from past Hong Kong Club events featured at the Photo Exhibition during the Annual Dinner Dance 2025. The 2026 scholarship recipients are Yuen Yee Poon, Angela, and Joann Joseph. Angela, an overseas student from Hong Kong, was also a recipient of the Hong Kong Club Scholarship in 2025. The other 2026 recipient, Joann Joseph, is pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing. I am attaching their message of appreciation to the Hong Kong Club.

Upon my arrival, I was greeted by Vanessa Brady, Callum Blackmore, Helen Ryan, and Felicity O'Meara from the Federation University Australia Foundation Team. I was introduced to our 2026 recipient, Joann Joseph, who expressed her gratitude for our scholarship, noting its significant impact on her studies.

Federation University's Mission Statement: "The Federation University Australia Foundation exists to enhance access to high-quality educational opportunities, supporting and engaging our students, our business and industry partners, our indigenous affiliations, and our local, national, and international communities to assist in building a strong, resilient future for the university and TAFE." The foundation's Vision is to support student success by addressing financial and structural pressures that can limit participation in tertiary education. By mobilising the support of our community, we ensure that every student -regardless of background-has the resources to learn, excel, and thrive in both TAFE and Higher Education.

The showcase was chaired by Professor Duncan Bentley, Vice-Chancellor and president, and his message is attached. He said in his speech, "For many students, a scholarship isn't a bonus – it's what makes completion possible. Together, we're ensuring talent, not circumstance, shapes a student's future. Apart from the attached 2 messages from our recipients, Angela and Joann, some other student stories are "Foundation scholarship helped her secure essential resources – including a laptop and textbook." "As the first person in her family to attend university, she is carving a new path for her siblings and future students." "This student uses university support services alongside his scholarship to stay on track with labs and exams." "The foundation scholarship helped her secure stable housing during the semester, providing the safety and confidence needed to focus on learning and long-term career goals."

Scholarships are not just financial assistance. They are investments in talent, resilience, and leadership. Every award helps a student succeed and ensures our regions have the skilled professionals they need. Together, we are building a

stronger, more inclusive future. The spirit coincides with Hong Kong Club's first point of purpose and common value is "To promote the social, educational, intellectual, and general welfare of the club, which is well fit in our purposes of establishing scholarships to help and to build students in need, and to Confucius' motto:

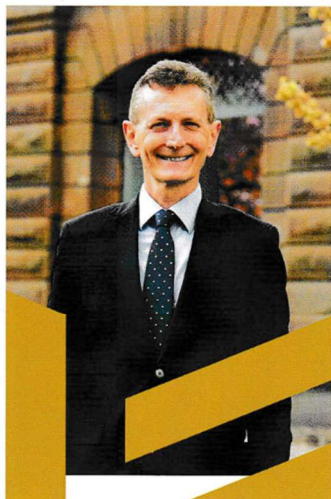
孔子:「生而知之者, 上也; 学而知之者, 次也; 困而学之, 又其次也」

Our 61st AGM will be held on the 19/7/2026, members are welcome to nominate for position and to serve in the next committee.

Kind Regards

Michael Tse
President

Vice-Chancellor's message



Every year, Federation University Australia's Foundation Scholarships help students reach their full potential.

From easing the cost of learning to helping students manage the pressures of study and life, your generosity is life-changing.

In 2025, we awarded 306 scholarships and awards totalling \$967,325, with individual grants ranging from \$200 to \$19,000. These scholarships supported both higher education and TAFE students who demonstrated strong potential, commitment to learning and determination to succeed.

For many recipients, this support provided the momentum they needed to continue their studies with confidence and focus. Just as importantly, it sent a clear and powerful message: we believe in you and your future.

While providing scholarship assistance to students managing financial pressures will remain a cornerstone of the Foundation's important work, we will also continue to grow academic achievement scholarships in coming years to ensure emerging regional talent is strongly supported.

Throughout 2025, we hosted Foundation Scholarship presentation events across our Berwick, Gippsland, Mt Helen and Wimmera campuses. These were joyful celebrations of student achievement and donor generosity, bringing together those who give and those whose lives are changed by that generosity.

Importantly, these events celebrated the shared belief that potential should never be limited by circumstance.

To our donors, thank you for your belief, generosity and continued support. You play an essential role in helping our students be their best and ensuring Federation remains a place of opportunity.

I look forward to all that we achieve together in 2026 and beyond.

Professor Duncan Bentley
Vice-Chancellor and President

21 April 2026
Hong Kong Club Victoria Incorporated
Maria Hui
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Dear Maria

On behalf of the Federation University Australia Foundation, thank you for your generous support of our students. Your ongoing commitment plays a vital role in helping students realise their potential, and we are sincerely grateful for the difference you make.

We are pleased to share the impact of your generosity and to let you know that the following recipient(s) have been awarded your scholarship:

Scholarship: 2026 Foundation - Hong Kong Club Vic Inc Scholarship

Recipient(s): Yuen Yee Poon, Joann Joseph

Messages from your scholarship recipient(s):

Dear Donor, I hope you're doing well. I just wanted to sincerely thank you for selecting me again as a recipient of the Hong Kong Cup Scholarship this year. It really means a lot to me to be supported for a second year. Your support has helped me in so many ways. Of course, it has eased some of the financial pressure of my studies, but more importantly, it has given me confidence and reassurance to keep going. Knowing that someone believes in me truly motivates me to continue studying hard and doing my best. Over time, I've grown not only in my studies but also as a person. This scholarship has allowed me to focus more on my goals and think about how I can contribute to others in the future. I really hope that one day I'll be able to support people in the same way you have supported me. Thank you again for your generosity and for believing in me. I truly appreciate it. Warm regards, Angela Poon

Dear team, I am writing to sincerely thank you for awarding me the Foundation- Hong Kong Club Vic Inc Scholarship. I am truly grateful for this generous support. Receiving this scholarship will significantly help me cover my campus-related expenses, including study materials, accommodation, and daily living costs. As an international student, financial responsibilities can be challenging, and this support will allow me to focus more on my studies and clinical learning without added financial stress. I deeply appreciate the opportunity and the confidence you have shown in me. This scholarship motivates me to continue striving for excellence in my Bachelor of Nursing course and to contribute positively to the healthcare field in the future. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Yours sincerely, Joann Joseph

Your support means far more than financial assistance alone. It provides students with the confidence to focus on their studies, to make the most of every opportunity available to them, and to pursue their ambitions with greater certainty.

Sincerely,

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Michael Tse with Federation University Vice-Chancellor Professor Duncan Bentley



Federation University Hong Kong Club Scholarship No.2 Recipient Joann Joseph





Mother's Day Celebration Event

By Patrick Leung

Held on 4 May 2026, the Mother's Day Dinner was a warm and joyful celebration that brought guests together for an evening of appreciation, fellowship, and community spirit. Carefully planned by the organising team, the event combined formal acknowledgements, a shared dinner, presentations, and interactive activities to honour mothers and celebrate their important role in family and community life.

The evening commenced at 7:00 pm with a welcome address by Patrick Leung, who also respectfully acknowledged the Traditional Owners. This was followed by speeches from Michael and Bruce Atkinson, both introduced by Patrick. Michael spoke about the love and dedication of mothers, as well as the commitment of fathers within the family unit. It was also proudly noted that Bruce Atkinson had been awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM), with the official presentation scheduled for the following day. Bruce shared that his mother was deeply appreciative of this exceptional honour. Together, their remarks set a respectful and celebratory tone for the evening, highlighting the significance of Mother's Day and the importance of community connection.

Dinner commenced at 7:15 pm, providing guests with the opportunity to enjoy a shared meal in a warm and festive atmosphere. During the meal, members of the committee led a toast following the prawn dish, creating a special moment of celebration and gratitude.

The program also included presentations recognising service and contributions. A Certificate was presented to 陳崇亮先生 to acknowledging his many years of generous support. A Certificate was also presented to Frank Cheng and Mei Cheng 鄭源烈伉儷, owners of Happy Reception 榮樂豪華宴會酒席禮堂, to congratulate them on their well-earned retirement. The presentation was delivered by Maria Hui, Michael Tse, and Teresa Tse.

Later in the evening, Johnson Ng delivered an environmental talk on the advantages of solar energy, adding an informative and meaningful dimension to the celebration.

One of the highlights of the event was the Chinese character penmanship game featuring the character 「母」. Hosted by Maria Hui and Teresa Tse, the activity encouraged guests to participate in a creative and culturally meaningful way. Entries were collected and reviewed by four judges,

generating enthusiasm and friendly competition, with four winners ultimately recognised for their outstanding penmanship.

Another engaging segment was a secret quiz led by Patrick Leung and Bruce Atkinson. Guests worked collaboratively in table groups to interpret the hieroglyphic origins of the character 「母」. This interactive activity fostered laughter, participation, and a strong sense of togetherness. Shortly afterwards, gifts were presented to the ladies, with roses distributed across the tables as a thoughtful gesture to mark the occasion.

The celebration concluded with a raffle at 9:15 pm, led by Peter Hui, Maria Hui, and Teresa Tse, before the event officially closed at 9:30 pm. From the opening welcome to the final draw, the Mother's Day Dinner was a well organised and memorable occasion that successfully combined gratitude, entertainment, and community connection. It served as a fitting tribute to mothers and a wonderful evening shared by all who attended.

母親節晚宴

By Paula Lau

爲了慶祝母親節，香港會于 2026 年 5 月 4 日星期一晚上舉行晚宴，帶出一場溫馨歡樂的慶祝活動，讓賓客們歡聚一堂，共度一個充滿感恩、友誼和社團精神的聚會。這次活動的策劃團別隊精心安排，結合了正式的致謝、晚宴、頒獎、簡報和互動節目，旨在向母親們致敬，特是她們在家庭和社團生活中的重要角色。

七時正，由 Patrick Leung 的歡迎詞掀開當晚的程序，緊接著由會長 Michael 和貴賓 Bruce Atkinson 分別致辭。Michael 讚揚了母親的愛與奉獻，同時點出父親對每個家庭的深情厚誼。得知 Bruce Atkinson 即將于翌日獲頒發 the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 勳章，現場全體都向他祝賀，實在是送給他母親的極大榮譽。他倆的致辭都有助於為當晚營造尊重和慶祝的氛圍，突顯母親節的意義以及社團聚會的價值。

晚宴于七時十五分開始，讓賓客有機會在溫馨喜慶的氛圍中共享美食。用餐期間，委員會成員在享用完蝦麵後，一起到每一桌祝酒，為當晚增添了特別的慶祝和感恩時刻。

當晚的程序還包括表彰服務和貢獻的特別頒獎環節。陳崇亮先生獲得 Generous Support Certificate (卓越支持感謝狀)，以表彰陳先生多年的支持和貢獻。

Michael Tse, Maria Hui 和 Teresa Tse 亦共同頒發了祝願狀給 Happy Reception 榮樂豪華宴會酒席禮堂的東主鄭源烈伉儷，敬祝他們「榮休之喜」。

稍後，Johnson Ng 就環保議題之太陽能的優勢作簡報，為慶祝活動增添了豐富內容兼具意義的元素。

該晚活動的亮點之一是漢字書法比賽遊戲，遊戲的主角是漢字「母」。由 Maria Hui 和 Teresa Tse 主持，這項活動旨在以一種富有創意和兼具文化意義的方式邀請賓客參與。現場氣氛活躍，友善而熱烈。參賽作品經收集後，交四位評判評審；最終，四位參賽者憑藉其精湛的書法脫穎而出。

當晚另一個熱鬧的環節是由 Patrick Leung 和 Bruce Atkinson 主持的神秘問答遊戲，鼓勵每一桌組成一小組，透過有趣的團隊合作精神，來解讀象形文字「母」。這互動形式為賓客帶來了歡笑和投入感，並增強了彼此之間的凝聚力。隨後，女士們都收到了禮物，是每人一支玫瑰花，乃香港會為慶祝這節日而精心準備的禮物。

抽獎活動于九時十五分開始，由 Peter Hui, Maria Hui 和 Teresa Tse 主持，整個慶祝活動在九時三十分結束。

從開場的歡迎詞到最後的抽獎，母親節晚宴都組織得井井有條，令人難忘，完美融合了感恩、娛樂和社團聯誼。這既是對母親們的一份恰當致敬，也讓所有出席者共度一個美好的夜晚。



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