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AUD195,000 FOR AUSTRALIANS TO PURSUE RESEARCH & STUDIES IN WORLD CLASS AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS – SIR KEITH MURDOCH, MACQUARIE GROUP, MERCK COMPANY FOUNDATION & QANTAS AIRLINES FELLOWS

New York, N.Y. – Friday, June 17, 2005 – Six young Australians will share over AUD195,000 (USD150,000) in fellowship grants announced today by the largest national not-for-profit group in the United States devoted to American and Australian and New Zealand relations - American Australian Association.

The Association's Fellowship program is the largest privately funded program between Australia and the United States – and has become a much sought after and prestigious program. These newly named Fellows will join 22 Association Fellows throughout the United States and Australia forging groundbreaking collaborative relationships with world class researchers and further strengthening the American and Australian bilateral alliance academically.

This year's American Australian Association Sir Keith Murdoch Fellowships have been awarded to Nathan C. Gianneschi PhD, David W. Lupton PhD, Natalie M. Scott PhD and Gemma C. Solomon. The Macquarie group of companies Stanford Graduate School of Business Fellow is John D. Foong; the Merck Company Foundation Fellow is Dr. Mark R. Hutchinson and the QANTAS Airways Fellow is Danielle. I. Stanistic PhD.

The Fellows come from top Australian universities – the Australian National University, University of Adelaide, Monash University, University of Sydney, University of Western Australia, and the University of Queensland – and will all use their Fellowships for graduate study and research in the United States.

"The Fellows are representative of Australia's academic and cultural diversity and have a wide range of academic interests," Malcolm Binks said. "As an association with the strongest of ties to both Australia and to the United States, we want to contribute to the growth of the intellectual capital of Australia by giving young Australians the opportunity to advance their knowledge in the U.S. They will be able to work with research facilities and mentors unavailable in Australia.

The fellowships have been funded entirely from the private sector through a series of annual benefit dinners that have honored prominent Australians in the United States – Rupert Murdoch

AC, Chairman and Chief Executive of the News Corporation; author and educator Jill Ker Conway; World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn AO KBE; Chairman Emeritus of Philip Morris Companies Inc. Geoffrey C. Bible; Peter S. Lowy, Chief Executive of Westfield Corporation USA; Retired Chairman and CEO of the Coca-Cola Company, Douglas N. Daft and Greg Norman AO the world famous golfer and entrepreneur; this year the Association will honor, Andrew N. Liveris, President & CEO of The Dow Chemical Company – and from direct contributions to the Education Fund – the lead sponsors being the ANZ Investment Bank, The News Corporation Limited, the Macquarie group of companies, Merck Company Foundation and QANTAS Airways; as well as numerous private contributions to the Education Fund.

Dame Elisabeth J. Murdoch AC DBE, the wife of the late Sir Keith Murdoch, and mother of global publisher News Corporation Chairman and Chief Executive Rupert Murdoch AC, has praised the fellowships as giving Australians “a real chance to extend their learning in the United States.”

“I fully support this valuable enterprise that enable some of our most accomplished young people to study in the United States. I am also delighted to know that the fellowship program is moving forward with such focus and success.” Dame Elisabeth said.

Sir Keith Murdoch was one of the first Australians to promote the Australian-U.S. relationship and was instrumental in founding the American Australian Association in 1948. The Murdoch family continues its active support of the Association to this day.

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About the American Australian Association: Founded in 1948, the American Australian Association is the largest non-profit organization in the United States devoted to relations between the United States and Australia and New Zealand. Its goal is to encourage stronger ties across the Pacific, particularly in the private sector. The Association has an active program of corporate, educational, economic, cultural and social activities. For more information on the Association please visit our website: www.americanaustralian.org

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EDUCATION FELLOWS PROFILES

RECIPIENTS REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY OF AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL SIR KEITH MURDOCH, MACQUARIE GROUP OF COMPANIES, MERCK COMPANY FOUNDATION & QANTAS AIRLINES FELLOWS TO PURSUE RESEARCH & STUDIES IN WORLD CLASS AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS

Sir Keith Murdoch Fellow – Nathan C. Gianneschi, PhD of Adelaide, gained his science degree at the University of Adelaide in 1995. There he majored in physical chemistry, inorganic chemistry and biochemistry and then earned an honours degree in chemistry.; he was awarded the Chemistry Thesis Prize in 1999. Later that year he began his PhD studies in chemistry at Northwestern University. There he worked in the research groups of Prof. Chad A. Mirkin and Prof. SonBinh T. Nguyen where his collaborative research projects spanned inorganic coordination chemistry, catalysis, analytical chemistry, supramolecular chemistry and synthetic organic chemistry. Dr. Gianneschi's research involved the development of a new class of biomimetic catalyst, catalytic molecular machines and the invention of a novel molecular detection method. He was honored with the Award for Excellence in Graduate Research in 2004. Completing his PhD in 2004, he started a Postdoctoral fellowship with Prof M. Reza Ghadriri at The Scripps Research Institute. His research interests at Scripps include the development of a novel biomolecule-based detection method for DNA, proteins and small molecules and the development of novel, catalytic therapeutic devices. He is coauthor of six original research publications, several reviews and scientific commentaries and a patent. Dr. Gianneschi also plays competitive hockey in both Australia and the United States.

Merck Company Foundation Fellow – Dr. Mark R. Hutchinson of Adelaide graduated from the University of Adelaide, Department of Clinical & Experimental Pharmacology, with a Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine & a science degree with 1st class honors. His research focus is PAIN. Specifically, understanding how our brain & nerves communicate with our immune system, & how this system controls our sensitivity to pain. Furthermore, Dr Hutchinson investigated how pain medications, such as morphine, change this brain-immune relationship, modulating our sensitivity to pain in both positive & negative ways. This research area, known as Neuroimmunopharmacology, is a highly novel area with immense clinical relevance & it has huge potential to generate new approaches to treat the worldwide pain epidemic. He was awarded in 2004 the Australian FreshScience prize for communication of science to the media & the general public. He has several publications in medical research journals & presented at many conferences His publications in the panicle Pain research journal: PAIN, received an editorial, demonstrating the high caliber of his research. He is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Colorado, in the laboratory of Prof Linda Watkins, in the Center for Neuroscience & the Department of Psychology. Dr. Hutchinson volunteered and served on the committee of youth outreach programs in his local community as well as playing field hockey.

Sir Keith Murdoch Fellow – David W. Lupton, PhD of Sydney, graduated from the University of Adelaide with 1st class honours in Chemistry in 2000. He moved to Canberra and commenced studies in the Research School of Chemistry at the Australian National University and was awarded his PhD in 2004, his research interests are organic chemistry and asymmetric catalysis. He has been a lecturer within the Department of Chemistry at the Australian National University while extending my PhD based research through studies in the Research School of Chemistry. His research would possibly lead to more efficient and sustainable ways to perform chemical transformations through catalytic methods rather than the traditional organic synthesis. Dr. Lupton received various accolades for academic excellence during this period from the Royal Australian Chemical Institute; the Alan Sargeson Scholarship for merit and the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Merit at the Australian National University. He has also published extensively in academic journals of note and presented at various scientific conferences. Dr. Lupton has also volunteered for world music festivals, and plays soccer.

Sir Keith Murdoch Fellow – Natalie M. Scott PhD received her Science degree with 1st class honors in chemistry and her Ph.D. from Monash University where she worked with Prof. Glen Deacon. During this time she received a DAAD Fellowship that enabled her to carry out six months of her Ph. D in Germany with Prof. Gerd Meyer at the University of Cologne. She received the Molly Holman Medal at Monash University for the best Ph. D. thesis in the Faculty of Science. She was then awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship to carry out work with Prof. Kempe in Bayreuth where she conducted research in lanthanide chemistry. She is now a postdoctoral researcher at the University of New Orleans with Prof. Steven P. Nolan where she has carried out late transition metal organometallic synthesis. She intends to continue her work with Prof. Nolan investigating the conversion of under-utilised natural gas resources into higher value feedstocks and commodities. Dr. Scott also actively plays tennis, netball and horse rides; she was previously involved with the riding for the disabled in Australia.

Sir Keith Murdoch Fellow – Gemma C. Solomon of Sydney completed her science degree at the University of Western Australia majoring in chemical physics. In 2002 she moved to the University of Sydney and received 1st class honors in Chemistry and the University Medal, as well as the Henry Bertie & Florence Mabel Gritton medal; she has published extensively. Ms. Solomon is in her final year of a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Sydney under the supervision of Dr. Jeffrey Reimers and Prof. Maxwell Crossley. Her research area is in molecular electronics, specifically, calculating the conduction properties of single molecules bound to metallic electrodes. In 2006 she will commence a postdoctoral fellowship under the supervision of Prof. Mark Ratner, a leader in molecular electronics, at Northwestern University. Ms. Solomon's work at Northwestern will focus on the electrical properties of single molecules on silicon surfaces. Ms. Solomon was also Past President of the Sydney University Postgraduates

of Chemistry; and has debated throughout the world when she was a member of the University of Western Australia's intervarsity debating team.

Qantas Airways Fellow – Danielle I. Stanisic, PhD of Brisbane graduated from the University of Queensland with an honours degree in Parasitology in 1997. She completed her PhD in Tropical Health (specializing in malaria) at the same university, based at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research in 2003. She was the recipient of the Inaugural Queensland Premier's Award for Medical Research in 2002 and the Centenary Medal for Distinguished Service to Medical Research in 2003. Dr. Stanisic is currently a postdoctoral scientist at the Department of Medical Parasitology, New York University School of Medicine, studying the role of host genetics in natural resistance to malaria infection. She has been invited to continue in the Department of Medical Parasitology at NYU to obtain epidemiological training that will help her to analyze a multi-centre collaborative field study investigating pregnancy and malaria in Papua New Guinea. Dr. Stanisic hopes to return to Australia with the necessary skills to design and implement field studies investigating natural immunity to the malaria parasite in countries where malaria is wide-spread. Dr. Stanisic has volunteered at the Children's Hospital in Brisbane, she also scuba dives.

Macquarie Stanford Graduate School of Business Fellow – John D. Foong of Sydney has a passion to develop leaders – particularly amongst Australia's youth – and spur them on to become more effective at helping others and themselves. Having volunteered as a leader at church and family missions in Australia for over 10 years, his life's calling is to pastor a church or lead a not-for-profit organization in Australia. He hopes that further business training and management experience will make him a more enduring and effective leader. Mr. Foong graduated from the University of New South Wales with 1st class honors in Information Systems & Management, and has been accepted into the MBA program at Stanford University. After working at McKinsey & Company in Sydney for 2 years, John has spent the last 6 months in Mozambique training locals in problem solving skills, as well as designing interventions to stimulate the growth of the southern African poultry industry. He enjoys volunteering for the community, beach walks, singing and playing the piano.

A DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF JUDGES

The judges for the American Australian Association Education Fellows were: Mr. Malcolm Binks, Chairman of the American Australian Association & former senior executive at Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.; Hon. Chris Hurford AO, former Australian Consul-General in New York and Federal Government Minister; Mrs. Linda Bardo Nicholls, Chairman, Australia Post; Dr. Graham Macdonald, Director of Medical & Scientific Affairs, Merck and Company, Inc.; Dr. Jim Peacock AC, former Chief, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) Plant

Industry; Dr. Peter Sheehan, Director, Center for Strategic and Economic Studies, Victoria University; and Dr. John Stocker AO, Principal, Foursight Associates Pty Ltd.

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