

# THE LIVING MEMORIAL

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## Our student from 2016 completes his time at Curtin University



*Jeremy Zhang is presented with his Certificate of Achievement by Major General (ret'd) Michael O'Brien CSC, Chairman of the Scholarship Board*

2016 saw **Jeremy Zhang** from Singapore - our latest student recipient of the AIF Malaya Nursing Scholarship - complete his Bachelor of Science (Nursing) at Curtin University. Jeremy's achievement was justly celebrated at a ceremony and reception held at Australian Red Cross in Perth on 27 October last year. In acknowledging the Scholarship, Jeremy thanked the people of Perth for their friendliness and hospitality, specifically mentioning the beautiful beaches and air quality, as well as saying how wonderful it was to see the whole sky, something that is difficult to do in central Singapore. Jeremy was the first AIF student to do clinical placements and spoke about the person-centred care approach to nursing that he saw while working in Perth hospitals, saying he hoped to take the approach back to Singapore. In concluding, Jeremy mentioned that he wanted to 'be the change you want in the

world' and was determined to make a greater contribution to his profession as a result of the Scholarship and his experiences in Perth.

Of that clinical placement, Jeremy wrote in his student report:

*I did my placement at Armadale Health Service (Acute Medical Unit). I believed that the inclusion of clinical placements would be beneficial for future Scholarship recipients. AIF recipients, like myself, who either are Malaysians or Singaporeans are generally lacking in exposure to a diverse culture and a different healthcare system. I believe that the experiences and knowledge gained during this placement are priceless.*

## Anzac Day 2016

Each year, our students join the Red Cross contingent for the Anzac Day march in Perth. Jeremy wrote of his impressions:

*Unfortunately, 25th April 2016 was a damp day for Perth. However, that did not stop the crowd from viewing the ANZAC Day march held right in the heart of Perth's CBD. I was impressed to see many young Australian children and adolescents at the parade, cheering the marchers. The weather had taken a turn for the worst, yet the crowd stayed on, cheering and clapping. In fact, the cheering and clapping were louder when it started pouring heavily. I did not mind marching through the city even though I was drenched. I caught a cold after the march and still it did not bother me. I was so inspired and motivated by the audience in the Anzac Day parade. This is a memory that I will never forget.*



*Jeremy prepares to take part in the Perth Anzac Day march*



*Red Cross contingent, Anzac Day 2016*

### **Donation received from the 2/15 Field Regiment Association**

With the passing years, the ranks of the Australian 8th Division inevitably grow thin. One by one, the division's various unit associations have been faced with closure. Such was the case in 2016 with the end of the 2/15 Field Regiment Association. But in the spirit of our 1947 founders, a large slice of the residual association fund has been directed to the Scholarship to help keep the *Living Memorial* working. At a reception held at HMAS Penguin in Sydney to mark Legacy Week last year, the Scholarship was presented with a cheque for just over \$10,000. We are extremely grateful and humbled by this wonderful gesture. Appropriately, a substantial donation was also made to Sydney Legacy on the night.



*On behalf of the Scholarship, board member Alasdair McGregor receives a cheque from the Vice-President of the 2/15 Field Regiment Association (and fellow Scholarship board member), Colonel (ret'd) David Ross (right). Joining them at HMAS Penguin on 24 August was Graeme (Tim) MacGregor*

### **Our student for 2017**



*Sze En from Singapore*

Now a permanent resident of Singapore, 28-year old Sze En was born and raised in Malaysia. She completed her Diploma in Nursing in 2011, gained an Advanced Diploma in Orthopaedics in 2016, and currently works at the Changi General Hospital as a Senior Staff Nurse. Of studying in Perth, Sze is 'looking forward to this great experience and exposure that will make my nursing career better and richer.'

## Our Supporters

We would never be able to achieve our aims without extensive community assistance. Our helpers include:

- The Australian Red Cross who provides us with all our administrative and secretarial support.
- The Ministries of Health in Malaysia and Singapore who choose and support our scholarship holders.
- Curtin University who provide us with specially tailored educational courses for our nursing scholarship holders.
- Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and its High Commissioners in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore who give us essential support.
- State Trustees, who administer our funds.
- Our Auditor, Mr Joe O'Brien.
- Our donors.

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