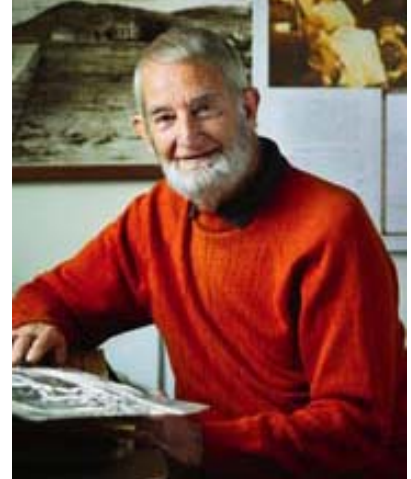


Barker Family PhD Fund

Don and Annette Barker's story captures the true essence of philanthropy. Living minimally has allowed the Barker family to assist PhD students at the University of Newcastle to achieve breakthrough research.

The Barker Family PhD Fund was established in August 2001, offering the first scholarships to PhD students at Newcastle University.

With the Barker family history strongly grounded in Newcastle's early marine history, Don says his motivation behind donating to the University of Newcastle is pride in Newcastle and honouring the family's name and history.



The Barkers anticipate that the diligent efforts of their scholars will benefit not only the Newcastle community, but will also obtain international recognition.

For Don and Annette however, there is no greater satisfaction than knowing they are contributing to the future of our country, through providing the financial assistance students require to achieve such potential.

"We have no axe to grind other than helping Newcastle, the Hunter, the state, the country... the world," Don said.

Don and Annette live by the simple ideal that 'as soon as your income is a dollar more than you need, you've found contentment.'

Don, who initially followed his father into an electrical career subsequently became an illumination engineer and finally ran his own handyman business, helped found the Newcastle Family History Society in 1983. His son David graduated with a PhD in science from the University in 1987.