

A GENEROUS BEQUEST

The Foundation has received a generous bequest from the late **Andrew Alford**, of Brisbane. An only child born in 1956 in the Channel Islands, Andrew migrated to Australia with his parents at 19 and was raised in the Catholic faith by his parents, Bob (a carpenter) and Gwen (a hairdresser).

In Australia, he enjoyed recreation in the Boy Scouts and a state school education where his favourite pastime was reading – he won awards for essay writing.

Though obsessive-compulsive disorder interfered with regular employment as a kitchen hand, his generous nature led him and his mother (till her death in 2010) to be active in church events, after his father died in 1987.

For the last few years, Andrew had worked three to five days a week at the Holland Park Meals on Wheels kitchen as a volunteer.

Andrew gave careful consideration to a number of charities he'd support, when drawing up his will in 2020, including the Sir Henry Royce Foundation. He'd read much about Rolls and Royce and wanted to support this charity, whose chief objective is to encourage young people to achieve excellence in engineering. Andrew expressed the wish to see other young men have a better chance in life than he did.

An avid reader, Andrew spent all his spare time reading as well as buying and selling secondhand books. He died suddenly at the age of 65 years on 9 July 2021, due to several physical health problems.

This major bequest from Andrew Alford will be used, as per his request, to promulgate Sir Henry Royce's engineering ethos, particularly among young people interested in following a technical/engineering career.

Using Andrew's bequest, the Trustees have decided to establish an investment trust to preserve the capital with only the income being used for the educational outreach.