FED:Quotes from today's Bali memorials

WHAT PEOPLE SAID IN REMEMBERING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALI BOMBING:

"Some days it's like an eternity because I haven't seen my girl, other days it's like an eye-blink." - David Byron, who lost his 15-year-old daughter Chloe.

"Yes, we were deeply wounded but those responsible for this haven't won and they never will." - Bombing survivor Ryan James.

"I'm a story of luck, a story of gratitude. I'm just a very lucky person to be here today." - Survivor and Sturt footballer Julian Burton.

"Not only had I lost my brother but I had lost a part of mum and dad." - Jane Elkin, whose brother David Mavroudis was killed.

"It wiped out innocent people who were doing just a very Australian thing - having a good time." - the Reverend Brenton Daulby in Adelaide.

"When I hear of the 88 Australians that died, I shed a tear. My beautiful daughter Simone was number 88." - Danny Hanley, who lost two daughters in the attacks.

"Now I am standing here, the same date and month when Daddy left us." - Made Bagus Arya Dana, who was only 18 months old when his father was killed, speaking at the Kuta memorial service.

"We saw in those days those two great qualities of our nation, strength but also tenderness." - Former prime minister John Howard said the event had brought the two nations closer together.

"We must never forget what was meant to shatter us strengthened us." - Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu.

"This is a day of contesting emotions, from anger and unamended loss to forgiveness and reconciliation with a bitter past. Wounds and scars abound, healed and unhealed. But nothing can replace the empty seat at your family table, the graduations and christenings you will never know." - Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

"This morning the waft of frangipani and wattle bloom connects our two people and places." - Governor-General Quentin Bryce of the two flowers used in ceremonies.

"What was a terrible day of shared grief for Indonesia and Australia became a day of great shared resolve - resolve to defeat terrorism, resolve to see the perpetrators brought to justice, resolve to defend democracy and tolerance." - Acting Prime Minister Chris Evans.

"Their attack was nothing less than an assault on humanity. Yet in all this they have utterly failed." - Indonesian foreign minister Marty Natalegawa.

"Let us use this new dawn to remind us of what we have ... cherished memories that are ours to keep. Love and wonderful memories outlast the pain of grief." - Kevin Clune at the Perth ceremony.

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FED: Flowers unite Aust, Indonesia 10 years on

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CANBERRA, Oct 12 AAP - Ten years on from the first Bali bombing, the wattle and the frangipani have drawn together as symbols of resilience and hope.

The presence of the two flowers, representing Australia and Indonesia, united ceremonies from Kuta to Coogee to mark the anniversary on Friday.

The terrorist bombs that ripped through two Bali nightclubs on October 12, 2002, killed 202 people including 88 Australians.

The Sari Club, in the bustling tourist area of Kuta, was levelled when a massive bomb loaded into a van parked outside was detonated just after 11pm that night.

About 20 seconds earlier, a suicide bomber had detonated a backpack loaded with explosives inside Paddy's Bar.

Governor-General Quentin Bryce told a memorial service in Parliament House's Great Hall the Australian spirit remained strong despite the co-ordinated "act of barbarism", which was partly funded by al-Qaeda.

"This morning the waft of frangipani and wattle bloom connects our two people and places," she told the 450 officials and everyday people affected by the event who gathered in Canberra.

In Bali, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said it was a day of mixed emotions "from anger and unamended loss to forgiveness and reconciliation with a bitter past".

But there was now peace on the island, which hosts the around 700,000 Australian visitors to Bali each year.

"And perhaps there is a grim reassurance in knowing that the terrorists did not achieve what they set out to do," Ms Gillard said.

Candles placed on the edge of a pool of remembrance were then lit to represent the 22 nations that lost people in the bombings, and another six lit to represent the major faiths.

Made Bagus Arya Dana, the son of an Indonesian victim, was just 18 months old when the bombing occurred and spoke at the ceremony on hill high above Kuta.

"Now I am standing here, the same date and month when Daddy left us," he told the gathering in a reading titled "Letter for Daddy".

Indonesia's foreign minister Marty Natalegawa, said the bombing had been an "assault on humanity", but the terrorists had "utterly failed".

Former prime minister John Howard said the event had brought the two nations closer together.

"We saw in those days those two great qualities of our nation, strength but also tenderness," he said.

Back in Canberra, acting prime minister Chris Evans said Australians would always remember this day, as Americans remembered September 11, 2001.

Former Australian of the Year Fiona Wood, who was honoured for her work with burns patients at the Royal Perth Hospital after the blasts, spoke the "privilege" of helping 28 of those injured.

"I see within those hearts, resilience that is inspirational, love that is selfless and an energy ... across Australia in all sorts of areas," Dr Wood told the Canberra service.

"All you have to do is look for it and to connect with it and it will grow."

In Sydney, dozens of white doves were released at Coogee's Dolphin Point as hundreds gathered at the local Bali memorial to hear speeches by Foreign Minister Bob Carr, Premier Barry O'Farrell and tributes from family members and friends of those who were lost.

Twenty of the Australian dead were from Sydney's east, including six members of the Coogee Dolphins rugby league club.

David Byron, who lost his 15-year-old daughter Chloe, said it didn't get any easier.

"Some days it's like an eternity because I haven't seen my girl, other days it's an eye-blink," he said.

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott, who sat next to Mr Howard at the ceremony, visited the Sanglah Hospital where a decade ago hundreds of the injured were given emergency treatment and a morgue was established.

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Fear the music may stop

Ian Young says the ANU may lose its competitiveness without some big cuts now to avoid worse later, EMMA MACDONALD writes

A former foreign minister says he is a “brilliant strategist”. His former boss calls him “gifted and insightful”. And those who work closely with him say he is unflappable and unfailingly polite.

So, why has Ian Young, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, upset so many people this year?

In his 18 months at the helm of the university the almost painfully private Young has built a reputation that most would rather not want – branded a barbarian for axing jobs and slashing million of dollars from faculties and programs, most notably at the much-loved School of Music.

Concert-goers at Llewellyn Hall get a dose of politics with their symphony as they pass corridors plastered with posters of him in the famous red, white and blue Obama campaign homage – only with the word HOPE replaced by the word MONEY.

Young admits it has been “very tough at times” dealing with the vitriol on campus. “I don’t think anyone is oblivious to criticism, and certainly this year has been tougher than I expected,” he says.

This is the first profile interview Young has agreed to since he got the job. “I’m an engineer, what do you expect?” he deadpans.

“I’m really boring, it’s true.”

But he divulges a few personal truths which may surprise his detractors, including a considerable sporting prowess, family tragedy, and the extent to which he worries about his beloved only daughter, who has chosen the hard-scrabble career of being an artist.

Yes, an artist.

While Young has been branded a philistine for his treatment of staff and students at the School of Music, he reveals his 24-year-old daughter Katrina completed a fine arts degree at the Victorian College of Arts and is eking out a living as a freelance illustrator.

“Despite my great efforts to teach her mathematics, she is unbelievably talented in art and all her subjects were art and theatre. It’s a tough area to be in but it is her passion and of course we support her.”

Young is regarded by some critics as a blow-in. But while he was headhunred from Swinburne University he is merely returning to a region he knows well – having lived in Queensland for 12 years while he taught engineering at the fledgling Australian Defence Force Academy.

Born 55 years ago in Cunnamulla in outback Queensland, to an ambitious school teacher father and a selfless mother willing to move with her husband and three children 17 times in 23 years, Young found contentment in coastal life when his father was promoted to principal of Townsville’s largest state school.

He revelled in sailing, snorkelling, boating and fishing while also finding the time to excel in maths and science at Pimlico High, prompting a suggestion from the principal that engineering might be a good fit.

“It just seemed logical to everyone, me included, that I’d do engineering. Even though, ironically, I did better in English and debating in senior school.”

Young had a natural inclination to pull things apart and put them back together again – notably his first car, a green Mazda 1200, which may have returned to the road with a pile of parts left behind on the garage floor.

Enrolling in civil engineering at James Cook University, Young moved from cars and home mechanics into concepts of building roads, bridges and water infrastructure.

His affinity with the ocean tweaked his academic interest into marine science, ocean hydraulics and dams.

As part of his Masters, he developed a computer for predicting ocean waves in tropical cyclones and published a handful of journal articles – precocious at that level.

Supported by his parents, Young would head off to mines in Weipa and Mount Isa during the Christmas holidays – where he would sweep workshop floors, undertake basic maintenance and accept every scrap of overtime.

He was in no rush to leave university and a PhD was cemented with the offer of a Commonwealth scholarship.

He would concentrate on looking at how air blows over water and how energy is transferred from wind to ocean waves – the practical applications of which were immediate for the offshore oil industry, ports and harbour authorities and the Bureau of Meteorology.

Not long after his laboratory program was designed, Woodside offered him the job of chief ocean engineer – responsible for developing the North West Shelf.

“They offered me quite a lot of money as I recall.”

But Young was absorbed in research and wanted to go offshore himself. In the early manifestations of a methodical approach to administration, he wrote more than 100 letters to every single academic he had referenced in his PhD.

He remembers being floored when the “God-like figure” in modern oceanography Klaus Hasselmann – then the director of the Max-Planck-Institut fur Meteorologie – invited him to move to Hamburg, Germany.

“He was a brilliant mentor – the smartest man I have ever met in my life,” Young says fondly. They are still in regular contact.

The work was incredibly stimulating and he got his first taste for residing in a seat of world-class research. But after a year in Germany, Young was homesick.

He returned to James Cook on a Queen’s Fellowship in marine sciences in 1986 and met Heather Beckwith at a local Rotaract meeting. They married shortly after and Heather gave birth to their only daughter in 1988.

Young recalls his own childhood was a never-ending round of physical activity in an obsessively sporty family. If he wasn’t on the ocean, he was being ferried from cricket, hockey, tennis, basketball and rugby league training and a continuous round of local competitions.

He even played first-grade hockey and cricket in Townsville and was considered for Queensland’s senior state hockey team.
And he half suspects his sporting ability landed him his first job on the rising of academicians when he applied for the job of lecturer in civil engineering for the fledgling Australian Defence Force Academy in 1986.

It turns out that deputy rector and cricket tragic Alan Gilbert was keen not only for Young to join University College but also the academic cricket team.

Young happily agreed, he and Heather moving to a small flat in Hackett. They would later buy a home in Queanbeyan to raise their daughter, Katrina.

“We lived in Struggletown for 12 years. And we enjoyed it,” he said.

Now he resides on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, happily ensconced in a much grander abode – the official vice-chancellor’s residence.

He says living on campus is different to his suburban experience. “It’s great that you can walk to work but a bit of a challenge to switch off from a high-pressure job.”

But he and Heather enjoy Canberra and “returning to the place where we spent so much of our early married life”.

Family life, however, has not always been ideal.

Young’s older sister Marlene died from a stroke while working in India and Nepal as a missionary. His older brother was diagnosed 10 years ago with Parkinson’s and lives in a nursing home in Queensland.

“I visit him whenever I have a chance,” says Young.

“But he doesn’t remember who I am. It is a terrible disease,” he says, clearly uncomfortable speaking of his “lost” siblings.

Young moved up the ranks at the ADFA, becoming professor, then head of the School of Civil Engineering by 1994 – positions he was encouraged to apply for by the then deputy rector and long-time friend John Richards (a former deputy vice-chancellor of the ANU and recently retired master of University House).

Richards remembers being on the selection committee at the time and being impressed by Young’s CV, which, in its 2012 incarnation, stretches to 199 published books, journal articles and conference proceedings.

Young would become Richard’s deputy by 1996.

“I remember saying to people at the time, this man is a vice-chancellor in the making. He was a gifted academic and an insightful person, who had the ambition to make it to the top,” says Richards.

When asked to comment on how the first 18 months at the top have gone, Richards demurs, saying he is no longer in the thick of things.

In 1998 Young accepted an offer from the University of Adelaide, ending up as pro vice-chancellor (international).

Waving away intermittent offers from headhunters, Young’s interest was tweaked in late 2003, when the offer came to become vice-chancellor and pro vice-chancellor of Swinburne University of Technology.

It was a testing ground.

“Swinny tech” as it was affectionately called, was a dual-sector university, straddling the line between offering TAFE-level vocational qualifications and competing with other Victorian universities for its share of the degree market.

Young arrived to find a particularly large and well-run engineering school, but a “distinct lack of research focus or excellence” elsewhere.

“Swinburne certainly had a humble background, but I liked that it was bringing the battlers on, and providing them with pathways.”

He forensically dissected the university’s strengths and weaknesses and set about a dramatic course of action, which, he admits, is not unlike what he has done at the ANU.

“It was controversial at the time, but I decided we had to pick and choose. I could sell a vision and I could build up research but it had to be in a focused way. Of course, those who weren’t picked were pretty vocal about it at the time.”

The winners were astronomy, physics, nano-materials, industrial engineering, neuroscience and social sciences – many of which received esteemed professors parachuted in from elsewhere, lavish budgets and a sense of ambition.

Young’s ultimate – although many said at the time preposterous – goal was to catapult Swinburne into the top 500 in the world.

“Yes, some people told me to my face that I’d lost it,” says Young.

He gave the institution until 2015 to make it.

On an otherwise quiet Sunday morning in 2008 he got word that the Shanghai Jiao Tong rankings – now the Academic Ranking of World Universities – had included Swinny Tech in the 400-500 category – seven years ahead of schedule.

“The pride was unbelievable,” Young recalls.

“And then the panic set in for next year’s ranking, as we all wondered whether we had scraped in at 499.”

They stayed in the next year, and the year after, and now come in the 300-400 category.

What Young had achieved in such a short time was noticed across the sector, although some of his more cynical colleagues might observe that with billionaire businessman Richard Pratt as Swinburne’s chancellor, purchasing excellence was not too hard.

When Ian Chubb announced his departure in 2010 after almost a decade at the helm of the ANU, Young was selected as its 11th vice-chancellor.

Chancellor Gareth Evans was on the selection panel and remains a committed supporter, having backed Young even in the face of overwhelming community outrage at the changes to the course structure and funding cuts to the School of Music.

“He has a strong track record of making something out of rather little – as is the case of Swinburne, which now has several centres of excellence. He has a strategic brain and is a meticulous and effective administrator,” says the former foreign minister.

But there are far more detractors than admirers on campus at the moment. Those who detest him are loathe to come on the record but a common refrain is that Young lacks empathy, people skills or insights into his own limitations.

One of his most public opponents, Steven Darvin from the National Tertiary Education Union,
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thanks Young for nothing except driving union membership to record highs this year.

“I think his biggest mistake is not understanding the ANU before he moved in with a template that just doesn’t fit,” says Darwin.

Young took time to look around his new institution and issued a comprehensive and detailed 2020 vision statement last year that focused on lifting research and philanthropy and boosting the ANU’s place in Australian public policy debate.

That part sounded good to staff and students.

What caught them unawares was his sudden announcement in April that $40 million in budget cuts and 150 job losses would need to be found by the end of the year because the ANU was facing a financial crisis and could not remain internationally competitive with a surplus of just $14 million.

Outrage followed, and then, just like that, he backed off a mere six weeks later.

Instead, he would undertake a two-year process of “administrative business-process engineering” with “redeployment and retraining” as potential outcomes and he set his sights on the loss-incuring School of Music.

Meanwhile he and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Marnie Hughes-Warrington have instituted a succession of program and course reviews with an eye to trimming whatever fat they can find. It has engendered a sense of fear and loathing on campus.

Young is unapologetic about the need for the ANU to tighten its belt.

He wants scholars to focus not only on world-class research but on earning money for their institution. And with his CV tallying personal external research income funding of $11.3 million, he is not asking any of his staff to do anything he has not already done himself.

But the union’s argument is that the ANU’s $1.3 billion asset portfolio means no one should be losing their jobs.

Moreover, the way the esteemed performance musicians employed at the School of Music had their positions spilled overnight caused enormous damage to Young’s reputation, and seemed to insult the wider Canberra community, which fears its cultural life is under direct threat.

Both Young and Evans are honest enough to declare it could have been handled better.

Evans – now an international crisis management consultant – is unperturbed by Young’s lack of popularity. “He is a classic planner, a true engineer in that sense, and very thoughtful.”

While he understands that “performance indicators and metrics may be irritating to the old-style university people”, Evans believes Young must pursue his cost-cutting if the ANU is to maintain its national and international reputation for excellence.

“It is a competitive environment ... The ANU cannot afford to continue to peddle at the same pace.”

He admits Young is “not as flamboyant” as his predecessor Chubb, who oversaw unprecedented financial growth and development on campus.

Whether that was by sheer force of character or by the new Labor government coughing up with some long overdue cash for the sector depends on whom you talk to.

Evans also admits the School of Music cuts have been “a lumpy process” which “have been handled at the outset less carefully than they could have been”.

But both men believe the course has now been set, and savings will be delivered. Says Young: “It hasn’t been easy, but would I do it all again? Yes, because it simply has to be done. And in the end, I am prepared to be judged on how it turns out.”
Survivors and families share pain without end

FOR Margaret and John Harrison, the passage of time does not make it any easier. The couple lost their daughter Nicole in the Bali bombing in 2002 and their son Lee was injured.

"There is no such thing as closure," Mr Harrison said after he attended the national memorial service for the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in Canberra, with his wife, Margaret, and their three nieces.

It was a sentiment echoed by the families of the Australians lost in the tragedy who attended a service at the Great Hall of Parliament House. And it was reflected in the speeches given by Governor-General Quentin Bryce, Acting Prime Minister Chris Evans, Opposition Deputy Leader Julie Bishop and burns surgeon Fiona Wood.

Ms Bryce said the service was a time to pay tribute to those who carried "the heavy weight of loss". "Nothing can ease your burden," she said. "We pay tribute to your courage."

Eileen Tappe, whose 31-year-old daughter, Angela Grey, was killed in the bombing, said it did not matter whether it was one year or 10 years ago. "You miss them every day," she said.

Ms Tappe, from Bendigo, said it was good to be with people who had lost loved ones: "Everyone is understanding of everyone else."

Ertan Sumer, of Sydney, lost his brother Behic, 42, as well as being injured. He said there were "good sides and bad sides" to memorial services. "It is always difficult to remember these things. Usually you are trying to escape, you just don’t want to remember those bad days," Mr Sumer said.

"But it is good because you can see you are not the only one."

Dr Wood, who treated many of those injured in the attack, spoke about the "strength of resilience to face such horror and keep going".

"I felt it was a privilege to help those lives on that day," she said. "We will make sure that tomorrow is a better day."

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