In January, which seems like a lifetime ago, we were concerned about bushfires and the impact of climate change. How the world has changed – again. We now face a global crisis in the shape of COVID-19, and the role of universities as a vital resource for social and economic recovery is even more compelling.

Universities will be integral to the nation’s recovery because of our health workforce education programs and our research to develop a vaccine and therapies for COVID-19. But we also have a significant role as employers, in stimulating economic activity and producing graduates, and doing R&D. We are vital to Australia’s economic recovery.

La Trobe has an important role to play in the long-term response. We have researchers whose work can contribute directly to COVID-19 responses including helping with the development and delivery of therapeutic treatments.

This newsletter summarises some of our recent achievements and ways that our current activity can help in the recovery effort.

I’m delighted to share these stories with you.

Professor John Dewar AO
Vice-Chancellor and President
6 countries, 6 curves
Nations that moved fast against COVID-19 avoided disaster. Associate Professor Hassan Vally is a public health expert and epidemiologist, experienced in analysing health data.

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Would you like a hospital? Take ours
While the pandemic is physically disconnecting us, it’s also drawing many communities together. Here’s how we are supporting our communities in regional Victoria.

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Influenza hijacks our defence
New research from La Trobe has revealed influenza A virus can kill key white blood cells and hide among them like a Trojan Horse to aid its spread in the body.

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Universities more important than ever
Read Vice-Chancellor John Dewar’s opinion piece on the importance of universities in our social and economic recovery.

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Research into COVID-19 related psychosis
Researchers have completed a rapid review to assess the potential impact of COVID-19 on people with psychosis.

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Post lockdown injury
Sports clubs and players are being urged to ensure they are match fit before they hit the court or field when we return to normal life.

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Finding our earliest ancestor

An international team of researchers have unearthed the earliest known skull of *Homo erectus*, the first of our ancestors to be nearly human-like in their anatomy and aspects of their behaviour.

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Alcohol’s financial toll on women

Research shows that women in Australia are twice as likely as men to experience financial harm from a partner, family member or loved one.

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New tool to eliminate modern slavery

The global fight to keep business slavery-free has a new weapon: a world-first legal platform created by La Trobe researchers.

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