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The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to develop advanced methods for measuring and monitoring the condition of imperilled reef shark populations - USA

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REWARDING AUSTRALIANS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

“To each, there comes in their lifetime, a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents…

Winston Churchill

Remembering Sir Winston

Winston Churchill died in 1965 and many Australians born since would not be aware that The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was formed to perpetuate and honour the memory of Churchill.

The amazing success of the initial fund-raising appeal held shortly after Churchill's death was due to the gratitude that the Australians of that time felt for Churchill. However, the Churchill Trust also recognises that, with the passage of time, fewer Australians will now remember Churchill or the qualities that made him such a great statesman and arguably the most influential individual of the last century.

It is appropriate, therefore, that we publish the following paragraphs about Churchill so that more of today's Australians are aware of who Churchill was and what made him such an inspiring individual.

When World War II broke out in September 1939 Winston Churchill, whose 65th birthday was then a little more than three months off, could look back on a long life distinguished by more success in more careers than could many men of his age. In the dark days of May 1940, when Hitler's Nazi war machine had overrun most of Western Europe and, with France about to fall, only the British Commonwealth countries stood against him. Winston Churchill became Britain's undisputed war leader as Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury, Minister of Defence, and Leader of the House of Commons. He was obviously undaunted by his assumption of this supreme power at a time of great peril for Western democracy.

From a seemingly hopeless position, Churchill, by his dauntless and vigorous leadership, rallied the British people to prepare to resist an invasion and to sustain the air attacks against their country during the Battle of Britain and then the Blitz.

He inspired them through 'blood, toil, sweat and tears' to 'hold the ring' until the Commonwealth Empire and eventually American Forces built up the combined Allied strength to achieve final victory five and a half years later.

Those who lived through the years of World War II are unlikely to forget the vital role Churchill played in ridding the world of a tyranny the full magnitude of which was only revealed after the final victory was won. It is to be hoped that, with perpetual memorials like The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, future generations will come to appreciate the debt that they also owe to Churchill for the freedom they enjoy. It can be truly said of Churchill, as perhaps of no other figure of the Twentieth century, that he saved the Western world.

Churchill died on Sunday 24 January 1965, two months after his ninetieth birthday, after a remarkable public life in which, with only one break, he was a Member of the British House of Commons for nearly sixty years across the reigns of six sovereigns.

The Churchill Fellowships that the Churchill Trust provides today are awarded to Australians who, like Churchill, are innovative, filled with a spirit of determination, and who possess a strong ethos of wanting to benefit the community rather than themselves as individuals, and who recognise that 'with opportunity comes responsibility'.

Fellowships in Focus

A Churchill Fellowship provides opportunity, by offering financial support, to enable Australian Citizens from all walks of life who, having exhausted all opportunities within Australia, wish to further their search for excellence overseas to benefit Australia.

Churchill Fellowship

A Churchill Fellowship can offer you:

- The opportunity to enhance further work in a particular field of interest
- Overseas travel for 4 weeks to approximately 8 weeks
- Air travel expenses
- A variable allowance for internal travel
- A variable allowance to assist with living expenses while overseas
- Possible assistance with the cost of conference fees, tuition or course expenses
- The prestige of being a Churchill Fellow

A number of sponsored Churchill Fellowships are also offered each year, usually confined to a particular field of endeavour.

Selection of Churchill Fellows

There are no prescribed qualifications, academic or otherwise, for the award a Churchill Fellowship.

Merit is the primary test and is based on past achievements or demonstrated ability of applicants for future achievement in any walk of life.

The value of an applicant's work to the community and the extent to which it will be enhanced by the applicant's overseas project are important criteria, taken into account when selecting Churchill Fellows.

Throughout Australia a short list of applicants is compiled by each State and Territory. The short lists are then submitted to the Trust's Board of Directors for final consideration.

In July each year the Board of Directors announces to whom Fellowships will be offered.

All Churchill Fellows are presented, at an appropriate ceremony, with a certificate and lapel pin, to identify them as such. These items indicate the recipient has been awarded the prestige of being a Churchill Fellow while overseas, and serves to unlock opportunities that would not otherwise be accessible to a private individual.

Applications are invited each year from November and close mid February.

Strategic Direction Statement

Our Vision is to expand the benefit that the Australian Community receives from the award of travelling Fellowships to talented Australian citizens from all walks of life.

Our Mission

In accordance with the Constitution of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, to perpetuate and honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill by:

- **encouraging** the further development of promising Australian Citizens in their field of endeavour, without discrimination, through the award of Churchill Fellowships for study, training or research overseas; and
- **enabling** through such awards Citizens from Australian external territories to study, train or conduct research in Australia or elsewhere overseas;

for the benefit of the Australian community.

Our vision and mission will be accomplished by:

- **promoting** an increased awareness in the Australian community of both the Trust and the Fellowships that it provides
- **awarding** of Fellowships to Australian Citizens of general promise or ability in their callings or occupations and, as far as is possible, fairly and reasonably across all the seven classification categories
- **ensuring** the selection process is fair and equitable
- **facilitating** easy access to the Fellowship Reports by the Australian community
- **encouraging** Churchill Fellows to utilise their project for the benefit of the community
- **implementing** corporate governance that is strategic and progressive with financial and compliance issues regularly addressed
- **ensuring** that the Trust's investment strategy and financial expenditure safeguards the perpetual nature of the Trust
- **seeking** further sponsorship and bequest opportunities through a consistent and ongoing programme
- **providing** a forum for Fellows for continued networking, personal development and the exchange of ideas in close consultation with the Churchill Fellows' Associations
- **valuing** those people whose contributions reflect the ethos of the Trust

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Fellow's Feature

David Manning 2012 Churchill Fellow

To investigate snake management techniques, tools, first aid and educational programs - South Africa, USA

The first Cobra was the trickiest; a backdrop of thorn trees and scrubby red hills at Mokolodi Nature Reserve in Botswana pulsated with heat. The Cobra was reluctant to yield but soon enough I had it contained securely under the watchful eye of reptile expert Johan Marais.

The first stage of my Churchill Fellowship experience had definitely begun. I learned about the snakes of Botswana and sub Saharan Africa, how they impacted on peoples lives and, importantly for the public, how not to worry about them and if needs be to catch and relocate them effectively with the right approach and methodology. It's a universal story I was told all over (I tell it here) – leave them alone and they will not bite, they will not attack but some species may defend vigorously once agitated or fearful.

The first Cobra I encountered was reluctant to yield

In South Africa under the guidance and well-humoured company of Dr Tony Phelps I spent two weeks learning herpetological field study techniques.

Within the vast De Hoop Reserve the Cape Cobras, Boomslangs, Mole Snakes and Puff Adders came thick and fast. Caught, measured, weighed and on many occasions just passively observed, pulse quickening with no equipment just pen and paper. Watching and recording what snakes do best – avoiding interactions with people and getting on with their lives.

We also counted the game; Zebra, Rhino, Eland, Bontebok and Baboons but our eyes ever alert for our focus, the Serpents.

I observed endless educational encounters teaching many fearful South African resort staff to respect the snakes, whose shrieks often alerted us to another specimen entering a laundry room or up in the workshop rafters.

One afternoon we rushed back to the historic homestead, the large Puff Adder that had meandered into the outdoor wedding reception was neither invited nor welcome and was subtly and speedily whisked away moments before the guests arrived.

My Fellowship journey took me around the globe. Botswana, Johannesburg and Cape Town in South Africa then onwards to Florida, New Mexico and finally California – I wish now I could go again. So much to learn, so much more to see.

Everywhere, I was warmly greeted; people with similar interests are universally sympathetic to your quest and your own experience. I found at each venom lab, each interview, each and every wildlife park I visited that the people I met wanted to know about my journey and especially about my own wildlife experiences back home in Perth, Western Australia. I learnt and shared in equal measure.

I trust other Churchill Fellows feel the empowerment as I did. My trip has vastly improved my ability to teach and my knowledge through this journey has increased beyond measure. I am more accomplished in my dealings with kids, community groups and the resource industry training courses that I deliver.

Many Australians, myself included, have benefitted from my Churchill experience. I think the giving back part is the whole point and it certainly has worked out that way for me.

David Manning's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website **churchilltrust.com.au**

Fellow's Feature

Julie Bernhardt 2012 Churchill Fellow

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to study environmental enrichment as a new treatment for brain injured individuals - Sweden, Spain, USA, Canada

It is well established that environmental enrichment, when applied to animals with stroke, results in marked improvements in the extent of recovery from the brain injury.

Enrichment includes 4 main elements: physical and social activity, sensory input and cognitive challenge, which are achieved by changing both the physical environment of the animals' housing, and the activities within that environment.

Despite the robust evidence base for environmental enrichment in animals, we have only just begun to consider whether enrichment should be applied to human health care. Typical hospital environments are not 'enriched' and in stroke care, patients are inactive and alone for much of the day.

This Fellowship enabled Julie to research enrichment activities in research and practice and to explore the contribution of the built environment (hospitals) on opportunities to enrich health care.

Highlights of her trip included:

- visiting a rehabilitation program for Swedish stroke survivors held in Spain guided by the concept of environmental enrichment;
- learning about the science of evidence-based design in architecture and discussing the challenges of building health facilities that can meet the pragmatic needs of stakeholders;
- gaining knowledge on enrichment activities that are likely to improve health outcomes such as listening to music for 1-2 hours a day after stroke and how it can improve thinking ability and memory and the possible mechanisms for this effect.

Having now completed the trip, Julie's goal is to develop an Australian collaborative group interested in the practice and science of enrichment, with a view to improving the outcomes of patients with brain injury.

Julie says "we need innovation and collaboration in this currently conservative sector to make progress".

Julie worked with staff from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm

Swedish stroke survivor swimming in the ocean for the first time

In 2013 Julie ran the first Optimising Health Environments Forum in Melbourne which included scientists, health architects and change leaders in the health sector. Despite the diversity of backgrounds, the Forum helped foster understanding of the opportunities for collaboration in this space.

"The big vision is to build better hospitals that promote health and wellbeing and have a solid evidence base to underpin these innovations," Julie said.

We wish her well with this endeavour.

Julie Bernhardt's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website **churchilltrust.com.au**

Fellow's Feature

Mike Rungie 2012 Churchill Fellow

The Geoffrey White Churchill Fellowship to explore roles for people in their 70s, 80s and 90s specifically relating to work, volunteering, learning, sport and networks - USA, UK, Ireland

Vita Needle Company in Needham Massachusetts

Retirement has become problematic as it often begins earlier and is therefore longer. It is not clear what you do, it is hard to anticipate, prepare for, be purposeful and be admired. I visited a large number of places where older people are engaged in work, learning, volunteering, sport, networking, social enterprise, art, caring and transition roles, as seriously as people in their younger decades.

I also observed an emerging range of ways people are being supported to make the difficult role transitions that occur in your 70s, 80s, and 90s. I also saw how Governments, Communities and Service Providers are starting to respond to this reinvention movement.

The findings from my Fellowship are indicating that, over time, life in your 70s, 80s, 90s will be less about retirement/ageing and more about three decades of life with their own characteristics (just like younger decades). But it is early days, and rather than observing major social and policy change, I observed a very large number of small changes of early adopters. Highlights included:

- **Vita Needle Company in Needham, Massachusetts** a highly successful business employing mainly people in 70s, 80s, 90s – with only minor changes to work practices.
- **Equalarts in Newcastle, UK** engaging frail residents in Care Homes for many hours of the week as they have turned the care of hens into a creative career.
- **Lasell Village in Boston, Massachusetts** offering student accommodation to older people but only if they agree to study full time, every year.
- **Hudson Institute in Santa Barbara, California** offering highly professional, potent transition support and peer learning.
- **Newton at Home in Newton, Massachusetts** connecting frail golfers for a weekly putting competition and lunch at the 19th, with the only difference from younger golfers being how far you walk.

What I learnt:

- Older people want roles, not entertainment.
- A vision of what you do in your 70s, 80s, 90s is developing from the efforts of early adopters. Older individuals and communities will need this vision because driving change without it will be hard.
- Potent transition support and individual effort is as mandatory to success in these decades as younger decades.
- Aged Care providers must redefine quality as life quality and not be satisfied with care quality.
- The visions of older people align with Governments' and employers' vision of greater productivity and less dependence and poor health.

  This is a major policy and social change, with substantial resistance from ageist attitudes and vested interests. Much of the leadership will come from inspired older people who will see this more as an adventure, and less as a problem to be solved.

Since returning to Australia Mike is proudly leading the reinvention movement by facilitating and speaking at relevant national conferences, connecting with Industry Peak Bodies and engaging Not For Profit aged care providers in mission and quality discussions and partnerships.

Mike Rungie's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website **churchilltrust.com.au**

National Chairman's Report

It is my privilege to present my third Annual Report as National Chairman of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the Finance Report for the year ended 31 January 2014

by Margaret White AO

Once again, especially in a Fellowship sense, the Trust has had a very successful year and we have selected another group of very talented and deserving Australians as our 2013 Fellows. These new Fellows join the ranks of many fine Australians who have previously been awarded Fellowships. I am sure they will find the Fellowship experience profoundly exciting and stimulating.

The total value of the 109 Fellowships awarded by the Trust this year was $2.2 million and they cover the broadest range of topics as applicants design their own Fellowships in their own field of expertise. The Australian community is enormously enriched by the knowledge gained from these Fellowships. Over 3800 Fellowships have now been awarded in Australia since the inception of the Trust in 1965, covering a wide range of skills, occupations and talents, all directed towards the betterment of our society. Sir Winston Churchill would be immensely gratified at this achievement by the Trust in Australia which was established to honour and commemorate his memory.

The Board of the Churchill Trust consists of a team of dedicated and talented Directors who give of their time freely in the management of the Trust's investments and in the selection of our Churchill Fellows. I consider it a great honour to be the National Chairman of such a team. There have been three Board changes during this reporting year.

The first change was the retirement from the Board at the 19 June 2013 AGM of Mr Lloyd Guthrey. Lloyd has served as a Director of the Trust for over eighteen years.

In his time on the Board, Lloyd has been especially influential in the service he has given in managing the Trust's investments. His prudent and cautious approach as Chair of the Investment, Audit & Risk Committee (IARC) during some very challenging times has served the IARC and the Trust well. In this role his approach has always been inclusive and this has been much appreciated by the Board. The Board's best wishes go to Lloyd and his wife Jan.

Subsequently Mr Warwick Hemsley was elected to the Board at the 19 June 2013 AGM to replace Lloyd. Mr Helmsley is a very experienced Director, especially in the area of financial investment. He is a widely respected leader and holds high profile roles in the community. Warwick was elected to the Board as a member of the IARC.

The second change was the retirement of Ms Jane Brazier from the Board on 31 October 2013. Jane has served as a Director and Chair of the Regional Selection Committee Western Australia for fifteen years. Jane has made a significant and enduring contribution in these roles and the Board's sincere thanks and best wishes go to her.

Subsequently Mr Robert Harvey was invited to join the Board with effect from 1 November 2013. Mr Harvey has been a member of the Regional Selection Committee Western Australia under Jane's stewardship and is an experienced Director and educator.

The third Board change was the retirement of Sir David Smith on 31 December 2013. Sir David has served fifteen years as a Director and Chair of the Regional Selection Committee of The Australian Capital Territory. Sir David has been an exceptional advocate for the ACT and has also served the Trust with dedication and distinction over a very long period of time.

Mr David Trebeck, who is a 1974 Churchill Fellow and who has been on the ACT Regional Selection Committee since 2003 was invited to join the Board with effect from 2 January 2014 to replace Sir David. Mr Trebeck is a very experienced Director and has conducted, or been part of, a number of major Government initiated inquiries.

On behalf of the Board, I warmly welcome Mr Hemsley, Mr Harvey and Mr Trebeck to the Board of the Trust and look forward to their participation at both the State and National level.

The Trust's investments continue to be conservatively and prudently managed in accordance with its Investment Policy Statement which is reviewed annually. On behalf of the Board, I thank the members of the Trust's Investment, Audit and Risk Committee (IARC) under the Chairmanship of Mr Lloyd Guthrey (until 19 June 2013) and then Dr Jane Wilson (from 20 June 2013) for their oversight of the Trust's investments. The Trust has six Directors who are members of the IARC, including the Trust's National President, Miss Elizabeth Alexander. These Directors meet frequently and the Trust is very grateful for their stewardship. The Board also acknowledges the advice and investment management assistance it receives from its investment adviser, JANA Investment Advisers Pty Ltd.

I am delighted to report that the Trust's investments have improved over most of this reporting period although market conditions have remained volatile and are expected to remain so. However the Trust achieved strong absolute returns and outperformed the Trust's benchmark. As a perpetual Trust it is fortunate that we are able to take a very long term view with investment returns and not be unduly concerned by market volatility. In the meantime, the income generated by the Trust's investments is sufficient to easily cover the Trust's operating expenses and maintain the number of Fellowships which the Trust awards annually, at approximately 100 or just over this number.

The Board wishes to ensure that the Trust remains responsive to change and best practice. In keeping with current trends in Australia and overseas, the Trust's online application submission system was offered nationally for the first time for the 2013 application round. This was a most successful initiative, with over eighty per cent of applications received online. To maintain relevance, The Trust has strengthened its social media presence to reach new audiences as well as establish closer links with our Fellows. In this regard the Trust has employed another staff member at National Office and welcomes Ms Julia Quantrill, Executive Officer Marketing.

The Churchill Trust continues to be very grateful for sponsorship from many public spirited organisations and individuals who wish to have their name associated with the work of the Trust. A list of our sponsors for the 2014 selection round is included in this Annual Report.

The Trust is greatly indebted to all our sponsors and donors for their generosity and interest in the Trust's work and in identifying subjects for study and investigation by appropriate applicants. The Trust welcomes offers by sponsors and gratefully accepts donations to increase the Trust's financial base so that more Fellowships can be awarded to benefit Australia. Since the Trust was first established sponsorship arrangements have been entered into with 85 sponsors.

I must sincerely thank and acknowledge those whose support is so important in assisting the Trust achieve its objectives.

Here I include the Churchill Trust Board, the Regional Secretaries, the Regional Selection Panels and Committees, the Churchill Fellows' Associations and the Trust's National Office. My sincere gratitude goes to all these individuals who continue to serve the Trust with such enthusiasm. The record of the Trust continues to be a very proud one and I can report that from my perspective the degree of commitment by those involved in implementing the ideals of the Trust at both the National, State and Territory levels is most impressive. This is even more remarkable given that the Trust is essentially a volunteer organisation.

The Churchill Trust is extremely grateful for the continuing personal support and encouragement provided by the Trust's Patron-in-Chief, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Her Excellency takes a close personal interest in the affairs of the Trust and especially in the very diverse and eclectic range of Fellowship topics.

The State Governors, the Administrators of the Northern Territory and the External Territories continue to provide ongoing support to the Trust. I thank them all for presenting the Fellowship certificates each year and for the generous hospitality provided at the receptions hosted by Their Excellencies. The involvement by Her Excellency, the State Governors and the Administrators at the presentation ceremonies is always a highlight for the new Churchill Fellows and is a visible acknowledgement of the prestigious nature and value of a Churchill Fellowship. Vice-Regal recognition ensures that the status of the new Fellows is acknowledged by the highest authority in the Commonwealth of Australia.

The Churchill Trust also benefits greatly from the support and encouragement provided by our joint Patrons, Sir Rupert Myers KBE AO and Mr William Park CBE AM. Both Sir Rupert and Mr Park have had a very long and close association with the Trust and continue to offer comment and advice which is highly valued and appreciated.

The outlook for the Trust remains excellent. The high application numbers reflect the increasing awareness of the Trust by the Australian population and this can only be of benefit to the Trust by enhancing its object of rewarding Australians striving for excellence. The Board and National Office take every opportunity to promote the Trust and the Churchill Fellowships so that an increasing number of Australians become aware of this inspirational institution.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate the 109 remarkable Australians who have become our 2013 Fellows. Each of them has demonstrated a desire to further develop their expertise so they can use the resulting skills and knowledge in a way that will benefit the wider Australian community.

My best wishes go to all of them.

Sponsored Fellowships 2014

The Churchill Trust welcomes sponsorships from appropriate organisations and individuals who wish to have their name associated with the work of the Trust. This approach has been successful because the ethos of the Trust is a very strong one, the exuberance of the Churchill Fellows never lessens and the Trust continues to find organisations and people of goodwill who wish to help Australians striving for excellence.

Sponsored Fellowships can have any topic of study or investigation and this is usually left entirely up to the sponsor. The Trust is responsible for promoting the Fellowship and for all administration costs associated with the application and selection process.

A one-off sponsored Churchill Fellowship costs well in excess of $20,000. Some sponsors have continued their sponsorship for many years at the yearly rate and others have elected to have a Fellowship named in perpetuity at a one-off cost.

If you would like more information about sponsorship, or if you would like to make a donation towards the work of the Trust, please contact the CEO at National Office.

A list of sponsored Fellowships available for award in 2014 follows:

Sponsored Churchill Fellowships for Award Regionally in 2014

ACT Government David Balfour	ACT - Innovations and resourcefulness for fire fighter and community safety in the fields of training or equipment developments or through interagency liaison and cooperation
NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust	ACT or NSW – For contributions to research and/or policies leading to a reduction in deaths and suffering caused by road crashes, from any perspective, including education, health, engineering, regulation and administration
Blakeney-Millar Foundation	NSW Tumut – The benefit of Tumut and its environs
Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney)	NSW – School and/or pre-school education
James Love	QLD – In any field
Samuel and Eileen Gluyas	QLD – Tropical pastoral industry
Jack Brockhoff Foundation	VIC – Health and/or community welfare for the benefit of Victorians, especially children
Department for Child Protection and Family Support	WA – Protection and care for children and young people or support for at risk individuals and families

Sponsored Churchill Fellowships for Award Nationally in 2014

Australian Biological Resources Study	Overseas taxonomic research on Australian flora or fauna (2 Fellowships – 1 for an early career researcher, 1 for an established career researcher)
Australian Institute of Management	To investigate leadership and management
AV Jennings	Domestic architecture, building and planning
Bob and June Prickett	An aspect of the health of Australians
Dame Roma Mitchell	Excellence in the performing arts
Donald Mackay	Countering organised crime
Dorothy and Brian Wilson	Community service or social welfare
Dr Dorothea Sandars	Medical / veterinary parasitology or Parkinson's Disease, or advances in medicine in general
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	Enhancement of the delivery of palliative care
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of ophthalmology
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of marine science
Dr Iain C Medgett	Study of classical voice
Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws	A project in the field of surgery, including surgical nursing
Gilbert Spottiswood	Subjects related to the theatre
Jack Green	The dairy industry
Leslie (Les) J. Fleming	Oncology and cancer research
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Strategies which support and encourage role model behaviour for Australia's elite athletes domestically and overseas
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Performance excellence in classical music or voice
Park Family	Educational and/or vocational training
Stuart and Norma Leslie	Performance excellence in the arts
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	Australians in their advancing years
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	Leadership and education issues for the benefit of Indigenous Australians
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	Early childhood and/or primary education (in honour of Nancy Fairfax)
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	Strategies which engage and facilitate older Australians to participate in the workforce, the not-for-profit sector and for paid and/or unpaid work in the volunteering sector (in honour of Geoffrey White)
Wildman River Stock Contractors	To advance and protect the interests of the buffalo industry

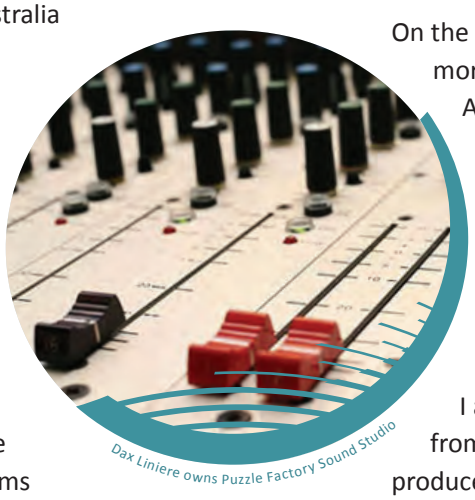
Fellow's Feature

Dax Liniere 2012 Churchill Fellow

To enrich Australian music by bringing new, culturally diverse techniques and perspectives to Australia - France, Germany, Netherlands, UK

Just like a film director, a good music producer can be the difference between an ordinary representation of a creative work and one that's potential is fully realised. Australia has very few internationally recognised audio engineers and producers. Subsequently, many talented Australian artists take their projects overseas. Australia needs to be able to support its people's creative endeavours since it is artistry that keeps us culturally rich.

The aim of my Fellowship project was to enrich the Australian music scene by bringing new, culturally diverse techniques and perspectives in music production to Australia with a view to bridging the gap in production standards currently available within Australia, further bolstering it in the face of international competition.



Dax Liniere owns Puzzle Factory Sound Studio

There is a wealth of creative and artistic talent in Australia. While it is true that many albums are made in Australia each year, there seems to be a disappointing trend, especially among those artists who have achieved some form of success within Australia.

Many artists who release a well-received album in Australia will often look overseas to produce subsequent albums. There are numerous examples of this including Kylie Minogue, AC/DC, Wolfmother, and The Vines. These are well-known, household names, but it should be noted that countless lesser known Australian artists send Australian dollars off-shore each year. Furthermore, empirical evidence shows that involving foreign personnel does not preclude greater success in either Australian or foreign markets.

There are, of course, exceptions to this. In 2004, Melbourne's The Cat Empire travelled to Cuba to record with legendary producer Jerry Boys, of Buena Vista Social Club fame, and a troop of Cuban musicians. It could be argued that there's no place better in the world than Cuba to find experienced Cuban session musicians for a Latin-inspired record.

On the whole, foreign productions will often cost more than an equivalent record produced in Australia and I, for one, would like to see that money stay here.

It is hoped that my research will contribute to the advancement of audio engineering practices in Australia and this will spell an end to the mindset that a foreign production is a better production.

I aimed to achieve this by gathering knowledge from some of the world's top engineers and producers in Europe and the UK and to implement it in my own workflow, but also to disseminate it to the Australian arts-tech community via a series of workshops to be held under the name of MixDirection.

Fellow's Feature Dax Liniere

I use the connections I made overseas to foster new opportunities for Australian artists with regard to acknowledgement, promotion and distribution in foreign markets.

I feel we are under-represented on the
world stage and with such genuine talent, we really should be seeing more Australian music stretching around the globe.

Something else I noticed while overseas, of which I've been an advocate for many years, is collaboration and the sharing of knowledge among engineers.

From my own experience, many engineers and studio owners are extremely insular about our craft. It's almost as if they feel if they let someone into their studio and give away one of their tricks or 'secrets', the recipient will become a better engineer and steal all of their work.

I feel this is wrong for two reasons;

The truth is that everyone will approach a song and a band differently. No two engineers' or producers' results will be the same and, as with most of the arts, there is room for interpretation and so what is "good" is highly subjective. Diversity is the key.

Secondly, the 'pie' is big enough for everyone. If we all work together to grow the Australian musician industry, imagine what we could achieve. New Zealand's film industry is a prime example. Would it be as strong as it is today without the collaboration and networking of so many talented individuals?

So I put out the call to Australian engineers and producers - let's all lift our game and give Australian artists a reason to choose to stay in Australia when they record.

Let's all grow together.

Highlights of my Fellowship

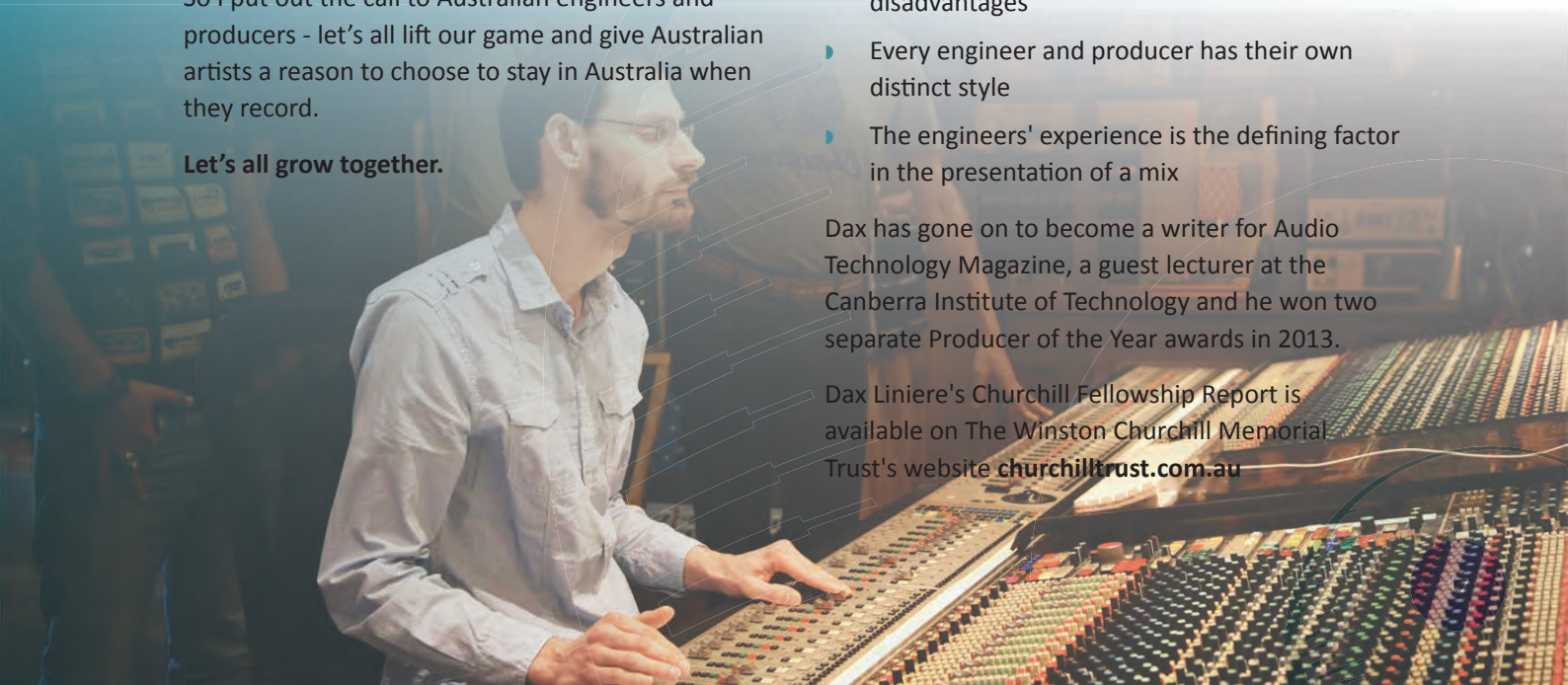
- Studio time with Alan Moulder
- Mix with the Masters with Joe Chiccarelli
- Mix with the Masters with Michael H Brauer
- Making many new friends and international colleagues through Mix with the Masters
- Visiting numerous studios around Europe and the UK

Major Lessons and Conclusions

- The answer to "Why?" is more important than the answer to "How?"
- Collaboration, support and sharing of knowledge allows us to all grow together
- Analogue consoles have distinct advantages and disadvantages
- Every engineer and producer has their own distinct style
- The engineers' experience is the defining factor in the presentation of a mix

Dax has gone on to become a writer for Audio Technology Magazine, a guest lecturer at the Canberra Institute of Technology and he won two separate Producer of the Year awards in 2013.

Dax Liniere's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website **churchilltrust.com.au**



Chief Executive Officer Report

It is with great pleasure that I present my report as Chief Executive Officer of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. It continues to be a privilege to serve such a wonderful institution and meet the talented and deserving Australians, who become our new Fellows.

by Paul Tys

Our Fellows are passionate about their subject, know what it is they are striving to achieve and will set about doing just that through their overseas Fellowship experience! I like to think of them as Australians who are 'paddling their own canoe' but usually with the important distinction, that it is very much for the benefit of others – the community dividend is very important to Churchill Fellows, as it is for the Trust.

In 2013, we saw 109 optimistic and enthusiastic Australians selected as Churchill Fellows, some of whom departed for overseas and others who will travel in 2014 in search of excellence, new ideas and innovation. The Fellowship experience will greatly benefit these Australians and in turn enrich the Australian community.

Each year I have come to expect that the Churchill Fellows will contribute in significant ways to making Australia a better place and consequently the next year will be an improvement on the year just gone. It is this cyclical process offered by the Churchill Trust that makes the Fellowships so accessible.

Since the Trust was established in 1965 the mission of the Churchill Trust has remained unaltered 'to enable Australians from all walks of life to undertake overseas research, or an investigative project, of a kind not fully available in Australia'.

The attributes of the Fellowships are evident in the flexibility and wide scope of topics that can be researched to directly benefit the Australian community. What makes us unique, is that we can support any worthwhile endeavour with no preconceptions as to what form that endeavour may take. It is the adaptable aspects of the Fellowships we offer, that sets us apart from other Trusts and bodies in Australia, who mostly award fellowships and scholarships according to rigid predetermined criteria.

In 2015, we will observe two important occasions in the history of the Trust. I refer to the 50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill (24 January 1965) and the establishment of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in Australia (12 April 1965).

Firstly, we must not forget the namesake of the Churchill Trust, Sir Winston Churchill – the individual himself. The Trust, after all, was established to commemorate and honour his memory. To achieve this purpose, the Trust has now sent more than 3800 Australians overseas as Fellows – in Churchill's name - to acquire knowledge for the benefit of Australia.

It is important to recall that the initial fund-raising campaign in Australia on Churchill Memorial Sunday (28 February 1965) was an exceptional success. A volunteer army of 250,000 took part in the national fund-raising effort which was dubbed 'Operation G' (we believe G was for gratitude). The amount raised was approximately $50 million in today's terms and was collected in a single day. Other national appeals have raised more, including the $190 million raised for the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, but not through door knocking and not on a single day. The Trust's fund raising effort still stands as a record.

I am sure that Churchill himself would be very pleased with this legacy in Australia which continues to grow from strength to strength. However, the Trust recognises that with the passage of time, fewer Australians will be aware of Winston Churchill or of the qualities that made him such a great statesman and arguably the most influential individual of the last century.

Activities that raise the profile of Churchill should be considered regularly, both to promote the Trust itself and the memory of Churchill. The 50th Anniversary will provide scope for such activities.

> "I always say to the new Churchill Fellows 'prepare yourself for a life changing experience and embrace all the richness that the Fellowship offers'.

Secondly, and as equally important as the commemoration of Churchill himself, is all that has been achieved by the Churchill Trust and the Churchill Fellows over the last fifty years. The Trust has engaged an established author, Dr Penelope Hanley, to write the history of the Trust which will have a strong focus on the contribution Fellows have made to Australian society over the past fifty years. Dr Hanley's book will be published in conjunction with a reprint of the two earlier published books written by Margaret Auchmuty. These two books outline in great detail the formation of the Trust and Churchill Fellows up until 1984. All three books will be produced in hard copy and eBook format, so that they can be downloaded from our website, in due course.

There are also other activities being planned for 2015/16 including a 50th Anniversary National Convention of Churchill Fellows in Sydney from 9 to 11 October 2015. Over the coming year, the Trust's National and State/Territory websites will provide more details about this event along with other supporting activities. The Churchill Fellows' Associations in the States and Territories will have an important role to play, with regional events also being organised during this time.

My observation over the years I have been CEO of the Trust, is that financial management and administration of the Fellowships has increased exponentially in complexity, as has the management of a range of compliance and investment management issues. Adding to this workload, we are now also initiating new marketing and communication activities in the areas of online advertising, email communications, website development and social media engagement for the Trust.

Over the coming year a new marketing and branding strategy will evolve to drive these activities and move the Trust forward in innovative directions, using latest industry approaches. It is hoped that this strategy will give our Fellowships fresh appeal to new audiences, helping to reposition the Trust in the Australian landscape, as an organisation that offers Fellowships that are well within reach of ordinary Australians.

In addressing this increasing workload I must acknowledge the professional and tireless contribution by my three colleagues at National Office. I refer to Ms Louise Hurst, Senior Executive Officer Finance and Administration, Ms Meg Gilmartin, Executive Officer Fellowship and our new colleague Ms Julia Quantrill, Executive Officer Marketing who commenced work at National Office in December 2013.

Our primary goal at National Office is to ensure that the Churchill Fellows are well supported. It is important for us to ensure administration of their overseas experience does not detract from it being the research and travel opportunity of a lifetime. Comments from Churchill Fellows in feedback questionnaires, sent to every returning Fellow, would suggest we are achieving this objective exceptionally well.

Finally, I join with the National Chairman and the Board in congratulating the 109 Australians who were awarded Fellowships this year. I always say to the new Churchill Fellows 'prepare yourself for a life changing experience and embrace all the richness that the Fellowship offers. You have an opportunity to investigate the best ideas in the world, do things you never thought possible and meet people who inspire you in your chosen field. A Churchill Fellowship catapults you into a position to contribute to our country – few people have that opportunity and I urge you to grab it with both hands and make the most of it!'.

Fellow's Feature

Jared Sharp 2012 Churchill Fellow

The Justice James Muirhead Churchill Fellowship to investigate strategies for increasing the cultural integrity of court processes for Aboriginal young people and their families in the Northern Territory Youth Justice System - USA, Canada, NZ

Jared with his sponsor Mrs Margaret Muirhead

In the July 2012 edition of NT Law Society Balance magazine, I wrote in advance of my travels to Canada, the United States and New Zealand as part of the Justice James Muirhead Churchill Fellowship.

The Justice James Muirhead Churchill Fellowship was established by the family of the late Justice Muirhead. His Honour worked tirelessly to improve justice outcomes for Aboriginal people, was a distinguished Supreme Court Justice from 1974 to 1985, the Administrator of the Northern Territory from 1990 to 1993, the inaugural Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology and the first Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

The purpose of my project was to consider justice initiatives in Canada, the United States and New Zealand that have developed to address issues of Aboriginal over-representation in the justice system and to see what lessons we might be able to learn.

In Canada, for example Aboriginal people comprise 4% of the population yet 23% of the prison population.

My project was based on my observations of the interactions of Aboriginal people with the NT criminal justice system. In my experience, too many Aboriginal people do not understand or meaningfully participate in the court process of which they are in the centre. Aboriginal people may be physically present, but few have genuine input into courtroom decisions that can have life-changing consequences.

At its heart, the Fellowship looks at how we might make the justice system fairer, more meaningful and more relevant for Aboriginal people and how this might also lead to improved justice outcomes.

Procedural Justice

A focus of my project was Procedural Justice, a concept which has developed in the United States and is gaining increasing traction around the world. Procedural Justice considers the extent to which court proceedings are comprehensible and understandable to those participating. It also looks at the extent to which court participants have an active role in contributing to court outcomes that affect them.

The Center for Court Innovation in New York has a range of demonstration projects that look to put Procedural Justice into action. One of the main aspects of this is courtroom communication, especially between judges and non-lawyer participants. I was fortunate to see some of those in action.

Pasifika Youth Court, Auckland NZ. Jared with Judge Eivers and Pasifika Elders

The Center has also amassed a body of evidence that links procedural justice and compliance with court orders. In one study, for example Drug Court participants who had a perception of fairness in the court process they were part of and who had formed a strong bond with the judge sentencing them were found to have been more likely to be drug free and ceased offending two years after their court matters were concluded.

A central finding of my research is that we need a renewed focus on Procedural Justice in the Northern Territory.

Until we can ensure that court processes enable Aboriginal people to fully and meaningfully participate and contribute to outcomes, we will continue to see markers of failure, such as outrageously high recidivism rates.

Procedural Justice is a call to the justice system to think about how we communicate, and to ask whether we can do things better. Evidence shows it can also be an ingredient of increased compliance with court orders. But to do this, courts also need a range of resources including smaller lists, more discretion to adapt formal, legalistic court processes to the needs of the defendant, and more accessible, culturally-relevant court-based programs.

Culturally Strengthening Approaches

I was also fortunate to see a range of Aboriginal-specific justice processes. In Canada, these included the Gladue (Aboriginal Persons) Court and the Aboriginal Youth Court, the Tsuu T'ina Peacemaker Court and the Cree Court in Saskatchewan. All have developed in response to R. v. Gladue [1999] 1 S.C.R. 688, the landmark case of the Supreme Court of Canada that is now under renewed consideration in the High Court.

In Gladue the Canadian Supreme Court unequivocally found that in making sentencing and bail decisions involving Aboriginal people, courts must acknowledge and place at the forefront the unique history, background and circumstances of Aboriginal people. Gladue also challenged the justice system to develop restorative justice practices more consistent with Aboriginal conceptions of resolving disputes than conventional court processes.

I had the opportunity to see processes designed to take up this challenge. These included the Cree Court, where an Aboriginal Judge conducts Cree circuit court sittings in the Cree language and the Gladue Court, where the court is able to order detailed reports about the cultural background and systemic issues affecting an Aboriginal defendant called Gladue Reports.

The Gladue Court is also able to utilise the Community Council Program, where Aboriginal defendants can be diverted to a Community Council prior to sentence where a panel of three Elders puts together a plan to reconnect the defendant with their culture and community, and also seeks to address that person's offending needs. Descriptions of each, as well as the Tsuu T'ina Peacemaker Court are contained in my Fellowship Report.

In New Zealand, I saw what is regarded as the best youth justice system in the world. The New Zealanders pride themselves on diverting 80% of young people from the formal court process. These 80% are regarded as 'desisters' who are likely to desist from further offending if the right support is put in place. Court then becomes reserved for that more entrenched 20%.

The lynchpin of the system is family group conferencing. Rather than courts seeking to decide how best to deal with offending, a young person is dealt with in a less formal conference setting.

The young person and their family, the victim (if appropriate), community Elders and service providers come together to develop a plan of how to address the harm done and how to best address the underlying causes of the young person's offending.

In its 20 plus years of operation, the success of New Zealand's youth justice model speaks for itself. Whereas adult crimes rates have increased, youth crime has gone down. Principal Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft sets the challenge for Australian jurisdictions to do the same; if New Zealand can divert 80% of young people from the justice system, so can we. It is a challenge we surely must take on.

In 2009, some of New Zealand's Mäori judges embarked on an experiment to take this one step further. Instead of having a young person's progress in achieving their conferencing plan monitored by the conventional Youth Court, the Rangatahi Court is a unique initiative that uses Mäori language, customs and protocols to teach offending Mäori youth who they are and where they come from.

It is premised on two notions that may have application in the Northern Territory:

1. the overwhelming amount of offending by Mäori young people is actually committed by Mäori young people disconnected from the culture and support networks; and

2. in modern New Zealand, there is no reason why two cultures cannot co-exist and both be promoted through the mainstream justice system.

One of the things that struck me more powerfully than anything else during my Fellowship was the importance of judicial activism. I observed Aboriginal-specific justice initiatives in different parts of the world, but there was a common thread - Aboriginal judges were leading from the front.

This was most clearly seen in New Zealand, where Mäori judges are being increasingly appointed, and increasingly leading justice reform. Judge Heemi Taumaunu recently spoke of the need to appoint more Mäori judges.

As an example of the type of change His Honour is leading, I reproduce lyrics his Honour composed as the Waiata (Song) for the Rangatahi Court:

Ko te anga whakamua nei
The vision for the future

Kia whakahoki tätou e
Is for us to return

Ki te Reo me öna Tikanga
To our Mäori language, its customs and protocols

Kia mohio mai
So that our Mäori youth will know

Ko wai? No whea? A tätou rangatahi e
Who they are, and where they are from

E whai nei matou
We are seeking

I te ara tutuki pai
The pathway to achieve success

Aratika
The right path

Mö ngä tamariki
For our children

Mokopuna e raru nei
And grandchildren who are in trouble (with the law)

Kia ora ai
To secure their well-being (for the future)

Jared (far left) with court staff and lawyers in transit from Pelican Narrows to Prince Albert, Canada

There has never been a more important time for us to heed Judge Taumaunu's words. The Rangatahi Court demonstrates that in a modern legal system, it is possible for two cultures, and two approaches to justice, to co-exist.

Moreover, if we can find a way to make this happen, these two approaches may actually serve to strengthen and bring out the best of each other and create a justice system that can achieve the outcomes we all want it to achieve – less recidivism, and less crime.

But for this to happen, we need to confront the current reality, which is that the Intervention-introduced provisions which exclude considerations of Customary Law and cultural practice are not only unfair and discriminatory, but also send a message to Aboriginal people that the justice system rejects their Law and culture.

If we are to bring culturally strengthening perspectives to deal with the underlying causes of an Aboriginal person's offending, this needs to be challenged and the legal community has a crucial role in this regard.

My report makes twenty recommendations which seek to develop a more culturally inclusive, procedural and just legal system. Some key themes to emerge from my research include:

- the role of Customary Law and cultural practice to assist individuals in trouble with the law, to address unresolved trauma and cultural disconnection, and repair community harmony;
- the urgent need for Aboriginal judges and magistrates, whose life experience enables them to work across both worlds. With over 30% of our population Aboriginal and never having had an Aboriginal Judge or Magistrate, this is a glass ceiling we need to break;
- reports modelled on Canada's Gladue Reports that give the courts in-depth information about a defendant's cultural background;
- the need for processes such as the Rangatahi Court to address the dislocation of many Māori young people from their culture, and make court process more meaningful and less alienating for Maori people.

I wish to thank The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and in particular Mrs Margaret Muirhead for funding this Fellowship. I hope that my Report can, if only in a small way, acknowledge Justice Muirhead's enormous legacy in the Northern Territory justice system and perhaps lead to some practical changes to improve procedural justice for Aboriginal people.

Jared Sharp's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on the NAAJA website **naaja.org.au** and The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website **churchilltrust.com.au**

Finance Report YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

The Financial Statements of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust have been audited by KPMG and agreed as a true and fair record of the Trust's results and affairs.

The extracts that appear here do not present the full Financial Statements and notes in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. For a full understanding of the Trust's financial performance, these extracts should be read in conjunction with the notes and disclosures presented in the audited Financial Report.

Complete audited Financial Statements have been sent to all members of the Trust.

For the year ended 31 January 2014 the Trust made an operating profit of $12.1 million. This included a net loss on the sale of investments of $59,649. Capital donations of $10.4 million, which included a substantial bequest of $9.94 million from the Estates of the late Dr Dorothea Sandars and the late Miss Irene Lee, contributed to this operating profit. After the addition of amounts for the revaluation of collectibles and the change in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets the Trust's comprehensive income at 31 January 2014 was $21.1 million.

The value of the Trust's investment portfolio at 31 January 2014 was $79.1 million and cash of $11.8 million gave the Trust total investments and cash of $90.9 million at year end.

During the financial year the Trust's investments returned approximately $4.7 million in dividends, interest and distribution income which was reinvested or used for Fellowships. The Trust provided $2.17 million for the award of one hundred and nine 2013 Churchill Fellowships.

The Trust's investment objective is to maintain the real value of the corpus funds, collected in a National Appeal in 1965, over rolling ten year periods to achieve a target return after fees of CPI plus 5% per annum. This objective has been achieved.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	31 January 2014	31 January 2013
Revenue	10,754,072	548,864
Gross profit	10,754,072	548,864
Release of unused provisions	32,932	56,513
Administrative expenses	(653,719)	(693,611)
Personnel expenses	(501,831)	(470,391)
Fellowship provisioning expense	(2,166,302)	(2,142,876)
Operating profit/(loss) before investment income	7,465,152	(2,701,501)
Investment income	4,724,666	3,791,121
(Loss)/gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	(59,649)	1,887,074
Net investment income	4,665,017	5,678,195
Operating profit for the year	**12,130,169**	**2,976,694**
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	8,886,001	4,560,483
Collectibles revaluation	85,750	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	8,971,751	4,560,483
Total comprehensive income for the year	**21,101,920**	**7,537,177**

Statement of Financial Position

	31 January 2014	31 January 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,753,107	6,063,342
Receivables and other current assets	1,459,177	622,914
Total current assets	**13,212,284**	**6,686,256**
Non-current assets		
Financial assets (investments)	79,148,366	64,684,752
Plant and equipment	11,957	8,195
Other non-current assets	274,763	184,030
Total non-current assets	**79,435,086**	**64,876,977**
Total assets	**92,647,370**	**71,563,233**
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	111,012	102,185
Employee benefits	124,908	112,360
Unearned income	137,000	223,000
Provision for Fellowships	1,417,894	1,397,311
Total current liabilities	**1,790,814**	**1,834,856**
Non-current liabilities		
Unearned income	83,659	57,400
Total non-current liabilities	**83,659**	**57,400**
Total liabilities	**1,874,473**	**1,892,256**
Net assets	**90,772,897**	**69,670,977**
EQUITY		
Gains and losses taken to equity	22,123,957	13,237,956
Collectibles revaluation	85,750	-
Retained earnings and corpus funds	68,563,190	56,433,021
Total equity	**90,772,897**	**69,670,977**

Finance Report YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Corpus Funds	Gains and Losses taken to Equity	Collectibles Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total equity
Balance at 1 February 2012	10,807,155	8,677,473	-	42,649,172	62,133,800
Comprehensive income / (loss) for the year					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	2,976,694	2,976,694
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	4,560,483	-	-	4,560,483
Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year	-	**4,560,483**	-	**2,976,694**	**7,537,177**
Transactions recorded directly in equity					
Capital donations	126,000	-	-	(126,000)	-
Total transactions recorded directly in equity	**126,000**	**-**	-	**(126,000)**	**-**
Balance at 31 January 2013	**10,933,155**	**13,237,956**	-	**45,499,866**	**69,670,977**
Balance at 1 February 2013	10,933,155	13,237,956	-	45,499,866	69,670,977
Comprehensive income / (loss) for the year					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	12,130,169	12,130,169
Capital donations	10,401,288	-	-	(10,401,288)	
Other comprehensive income:					
- Collectibles revaluation	-	-	85,750	-	85,750
- Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	8,886,001	-	-	8,886,001
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	**10,401,288**	**8,886,001**	**85,750**	**1,728,881**	**21,101,920**
Balance at 31 January 2014	**21,334,443**	**22,123,957**	**85,750**	**47,228,747**	**90,772,897**

Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2014	31 January 2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from Fellows, donors and others	10,504,748	261,610
Cash paid to Fellows	(2,112,786)	(2,252,974)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,041,073)	(1,032,482)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operations	7,350,889	(3,023,846)
Interest received	293,854	238,485
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operations	7,644,743	(2,785,361)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets	4,376,791	15,022,085
Cost of purchasing available-for-sale financial assets	(10,330,754)	(15,600,000)
Dividends received	3,651,673	3,475,000
Return of capital	356,809	133,374
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(9,497)	-
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities	(1,954,978)	3,030,459
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,689,765	245,098
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 February	6,063,342	5,818,244
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 January	**11,753,107**	**6,063,342**

Bequests and Gifts for the Year to 31 January 2014

The following bequests and gifts to the Trust made during the year to 31 January 2014 are gratefully acknowledged:

Estates of the late Dr Dorothea Sandars and the late Miss Irene Lee	$9,941,287
Estate of the late Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan	$450,000
Mrs Patricia D New	$80,964
The Jack Brockhoff Foundation	$36,470
Mr William A Park CBE AM	$25,000
The Australian Institute of Management	$23,591
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	$22,000
Estate of the late Kevin Bell	$18,259
Department for Child Protection and Family Support	$16,967
Trust Company of Australia / Peter Mitchell Estate	$12,693
Mr RJ (Bob) Prickett	$10,000
Churchill Fellows' Association of South Australia	$8,000
Mr Warren Muller	$100

Fellow's Feature

Laura Jellins 2012 Churchill Fellow

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate the emerging use of technology to enhance the delivery of psychological services in schools – USA

A typical day for a School Psychologist can vary greatly – from administering psychological and educational assessments, to counselling children and adolescents, to consulting with teachers and collaborating with families to monitor student progress, to assisting in the management of critical incidents – a typical day for a School Psychologist is never the same!

In the context of the diverse role of School Psychologists, the varied locations, the significant number of students seeking services, and the range of student needs, "many School Psychologists report that they are unable to fulfil all the activities that may be demanded of them in the time available"[1].

There is no denying that technology is profoundly changing the way we live, learn, work and interact with each other.

A typical day for a School Psychologist is never the same!

"Modern technology has become like a phantom limb, it is so much a part of us"[2] yet at the time of my Churchill application in 2012, incorporating innovative technologies into psychological practice was an emerging area in the field.

As a member of 'Gen Y' and as an early-career practitioner, I set out to explore –

- How could technology support School Psychologists in their tasks?
- How could technology support School Psychologists to meet service needs?
- How could innovative technologies increase efficiency, productivity, accountability, and, in turn, enhance effectiveness to enable School Psychologists to carry out tasks that would not have been otherwise possible?

The Churchill Fellowship enabled me to travel to the USA to interview academics at leading universities and visit school districts to shadow pioneering School Psychologists in an attempt to answer these questions, and with better understanding, more questions emerged.

My study tour was filled with many absolutely incredible experiences. Attending the National Association of School Psychologists' Annual Convention in Seattle alongside 5,000 colleagues was amazing. With over 1,200 educational sessions, the Conference offered a wealth of research-based presentations, interactive workshops, cutting-edge seminars, posters of innovative practice and more than 100 exhibitors showcasing new psychological tests and products. I couldn't have planned the timing of my trip better – with rapid developments in the lead up to my departure, and the launch of several new assessment instruments on digital platforms at the convention, this was an opportune time to explore current innovations.

I also received training directly from technology consultants and I visited School Psychologists who were involved in beta-testing products in their schools which allowed me to observe first-hand how technology could be integrated into practice.

Highlights also included travelling to Kentucky and Tennessee where I visited universities and school districts, and the Pfohl and Reschly families opened their homes to me – a genuine experience of 'southern hospitality'. In Arizona, Sharon Carpenter, the Lead Psychologist, went above and beyond to arrange a productive and exciting program shadowing her School Psychologist team in the Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1.

I examined technologies that assist School Psychologists across all aspects of service delivery including in the areas of assessment, intervention, consultation and professional development. And I reflected on the applicability of tools in the Australian school context as well as the ethical implications and considerations. Independent of my findings overseas, interest in technology in the mental health sphere has gained momentum in Australia, and recent advances in youth wellbeing research and digitally assisted therapeutic interventions offers promise for integrating technology in the field of school psychology.

As Sir Winston Churchill once said, "With opportunity comes responsibility," and since returning from the USA, I have shared my findings with colleagues across Australia. Through the Association for Australian Psychologists and Counsellors in Schools as well as the Australian Psychological Society's Psychologists in Schools Reference Group Forum, I have presented to School Psychologists in Canberra, Sydney, Goulburn, Cairns, and will be travelling to Perth and Adelaide. I have also been invited to present at a symposium at the next International School Psychology Association conference which will be held in Lithuania, so the journey continues!

To celebrate Canberra's Centenary year in 2013, the ACT Churchill Fellows' Association offered support to members through a scheme entitled "Fulfil the Dream" to help returned Fellows "realise the benefits of their Fellowship for the good of the community". I successfully applied to purchase a virtual psychological instrument library which will be trialled amongst our district group. This generous grant will allow us to evaluate the applicability and usability of new technology tools in our schools and help Australia lead in innovative School Psychology practice.

I am enormously grateful to The Winston Memorial Churchill Trust for granting me this exceptional opportunity and for nurturing my enthusiasm as an early-career practitioner. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the late Mr Peter Mitchell, who so generously invested in the Churchill Trust, and I am delighted to help fulfil his desire to support the next generation of Australians.

A Churchill Fellowship certainly is a life changing experience. The lessons I have learned have significantly influenced my life, and I look forward to contributing further to my field and most importantly, to students in our Australian education community.

Laura Jellin's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website **churchilltrust.com.au**

1. Australian Psychological Society, 2013

2. Sherry Turkle – A Psychologist and Professor at MIT investigates the intersection of digital technology and human relationships

Regional Committees and Panels

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Community Service	Ms L Esdaile Ms M Mitchell	Ms A Hampshire Ms D Rygate	Mr L Hatcher
Education	Em Prof P Foreman Mr P Merry Mr G Wargen	Prof S Groundwater-Smith	Mr P Ireland Mr R Yates
Health and Medicine	Dr M Ball Ms T Mitchell-Paterson	Dr S Carey Dr K Moore	Dr S Lal
Land, Commerce and Logistics	Prof G Cassis Mr C Kerr	Mr V Graham Mr E Liew	Mr T Grosskopf Em Prof G Swain AM
Professions and Services	Ms A McDonald Ms C Pidcock	Mr A Lai	Mr T Park
Public Service	Supt I Krimmer	Com J Smith	Insp M Smith

Victoria

CHAIR	Hon L Dessau AM		
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SECRETARY	Ms P Oakes Ms A Power		
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Community Service	Ms G Ferrari Dr P Renkin	Ms N Horton Dr T Szirom	Mr M Letch Mr D White
Education	Ms H Barrow Mr M Newton Ms L Sayer	Ms S Crowe Mr A Nixon	Prof D Forrest Assoc Prof B Nyland
Health and Medicine	Dr S Hacker AO	Dr D Munro	Dr J Munro
Land, Commerce and Logistics	Ms A Adams Mr D Purchase	Ms A Johnson Mr M Stephens	Mr I McClelland
Professions and Services	Mr D Butler Mr H Gaughan	Ms C English Ms J Sutton	Mr J Gardiner
Public Service	Mr R Grant APM Ms M Nuttall	Mr A Jackomos PSM Mr S Ringin	Ms S Morris Mr S Wallace-Smith

Regional Committees and Panels

Western Australia

CHAIR	Ms CJ Brazier (until 31 October 2013) Mr R Harvey (from 1 November 2013)		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Mr M Dimmick Ms W Murray Ms K Usher	Mr B Gabbedy Ms C Poultney Mr D Woolfe	Mr W Hemsley Prof T Snell
SECRETARY	Dr N Marchant		
PANEL MEMBERS			
The Arts	Ms H Carroll Ms W Were	Mr L Lovering	Mr M Moore
Community Service	Mr J Clements Mr G Trewern	Dr M Crowley	Mr B Duck
Education	Ms R Beck Mr G Wheatley	Mr J Nelson	Ms L Sherwood
Health and Medicine	Assoc Prof C Cheetham Dr J Scurlock OAM	Mr S Lewis	Dr P Reid
Land, Commerce and Logistics	Mr T Cyster Mr M Webb	Mr K Palmer	Dr V Semeniuk
Professions and Services	Mr F Landels Mr K Thomas	Ms S McHale	Ms L Percy
Public Service	Mr K Benham Mr R Waldock	Ms C Gwilliam	Dr K Schofield

Queensland

CHAIR	Dr D Thomson		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Prof B Andresen Ms M Juratowitch A/Prof R Roylance Mr G Sarra	Mr T Baxter Hon Justice A Lyons Mr M Shepherd	Mr B Heiser Dr B Pengelly Dr EJ Wilson
SECRETARY	Mr B Muche		

South Australia

CHAIR	Ms A Cannon		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Mr C Fennell Ms C Morris Ms C Treloar	Ms L Glass Mr B Parkes Prof M Westwell	Ms D Kay Mr C Stewart
SECRETARY	Mr G Sauer		

Tasmania

CHAIR	Mr RWL Turner		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Mr A Bishop Ms J Hawkins Ms J Read	Prof R Clark Mr C Jackson	Mr T Doe Mr R Mulvaney
SECRETARY	Ms J Brownrigg		

Northern Territory

CHAIR	Hon Justice J Blokland		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Dr S Giles Mr R Richards Prof C Webb	Mr A James Ms P Ring	Ms U Raymond Mr I Summers
SECRETARY	Mr D Martin		

Australian Capital Territory

CHAIR	Sir David I Smith KCVO AO (until 31 December 2013) Mr David Trebeck (from 2 January 2014)		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Ms J Bowles Mr M Hazell CVO AM Mrs H Palethorpe OAM	Mr RJ Cahill OAM Mr P Jones Mr D Trebeck	Mrs W Dodd Ms A O'Donnell Dr C Turner AM
SECRETARY	Mrs S Deutsch		

ACT Churchill Fellows' Association Report

The ACT Churchill Fellows' Association is proud of its achievements over the past year. The small but enthusiastic Committee has worked diligently to promote and support past, current and future Churchill Fellows.

Sir David Smith was ACT Director for 15 years

In the year that celebrated the Centenary of Canberra, the ACT Churchill Fellows' Association proudly sponsored three past Fellows to enable them to 'Fulfil Your Dream'. The year was also remembered for the retirement of long serving Chairman of the ACT Regional Committee, Sir David Smith KCVO AO.

CFA Committee

President Bill Caddey
Vice President Jane Shelling
Secretary David Pang
Treasurer Chris Clarke
Newsletter Coordinator Laura Jellins
Committee Members Peter Halsey, Peter Minson, Wilma Davidson, Helen Palethorpe, Brian Lucas, Jo Slattery, Helen Walker

New Fellows

This year the ACT welcomed eight new Churchill Fellows from a variety of fields including; tourism, aged care, disability sport and support, curatorship, construction, recruitment and music including:

Tim Clarke To explore models and the benefits of Indigenous tourism on Protected Areas

Peter Downs To investigate models of best practice in sport and physical activity programs that include people with disability particularly people with high support needs

Jennifer Elton To investigate the management of house museums and collections

Lisa Grant To assist young people with disabilities who have been sexually abused to deal with that experience and likely impacts

Darcy Henderson The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to gain practical knowledge and expertise in sustainable green construction from world leading countries

Julie McKay The ACT Government Audrey Fagan Churchill Fellowship to promote thought leadership on gender equality, focusing on recruitment and retention of women in management roles in non-traditional sectors

Meriel Owen The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to study diverse repertoire and techniques for harp in orchestra and chamber music

Tony Schumacher Jones The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to study person centred care for people with dementia

Below: 2013 Fellows with Trust National Chairman the Honourable Margaret White AO. Back row from left Peter Downs, Tony Schumacher Jones, Darcy Henderson, Tim Clarke. Front row from left Lisa Grant, Jennifer Elton, Margaret White, Muriel Owen (Julie McKay unable to attend)

ACT Churchill Chat

2013 Annual Fellows Dinner

ACT Fellows Nancy Tingey, Josephine Alchin and Laura Jellins

Sir David Smith

After 15 years as Chairman of the ACT Regional Committee, Sir David Smith retired from his role at the end of 2013. Sir David has been a staunch advocate for potential Fellows from the ACT and I'm sure many are very grateful for his wisdom, leadership and determination. As a keen supporter of the ACT Churchill Fellows' Association, Sir David regularly attended functions and was always keen to meet with returned Fellows and discuss their findings. Sir David and his wife June were presented with a glass teapot crafted by local Fellow Peter Minson.

Churchill Chats

Over 80 people attended our two Churchill Chats and Information Sessions at the new location of the ACT Legislative Assembly. At each Chat we were entertained by the stories, learnings and adventures from returned Fellows. It is always wonderful to recall our own experiences through the journeys of others. Information was distributed and Fellows were available to chat informally with potential applicants.

Fellows Dinner

In late July, the ACT Churchill Fellows' Association hosted the Annual Fellows' Dinner. Our special guest for the evening was National Chairman of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, The Honourable Margaret White AO. Over 100 people gathered at The Commonwealth Club in Yarralumla to welcome our eight new Fellows and hear the excitement in their voices as they told of their plans. Seven returned Fellows were presented with their Churchill Medallions acknowledging the acceptance of their Fellowship Reports.

Centenary of Canberra 'Fulfil Your Dreams' Project

2013 marked the Centenary of Canberra as our Nation's Capital. To celebrate the occasion, the ACT Churchill Fellows' Association developed a project to support returned Fellows to practically apply the learnings from their Fellowship. It was brought to our attention that many Fellows often return with enthusiasm and aspirations but lack the funding or support to successfully 'fulfil their Churchill dream'.

Returned Fellows were invited to apply to the Association for funds or specific support. The recipients of the ACT CFA 'Fulfil your Dreams' support were:

Josephine Alchin (2009 Fellow) to enable a colleague from the ACT Child at Risk Health Unit to attend a Developmental Psychotherapy training course. This was the same course Josephine attended during her Fellowship and it will build capacity of the staff to implement this special method of treatment.

Laura Jellins (2012 Fellow) to purchase a virtual library of Psychological Assessment Tools which could be trialled by ACT School Psychologists in supporting student education and wellbeing.

Nancy Tingey (1996 Fellow) to publish a book recording the history of the Painting with Parkinson's Program. Nancy established this program in the ACT over 20 years ago and it was the focus of her Fellowship. Over 200 members of Parkinson's ACT have benefited from this program over the years.

Drinks on the House

Our annual celebration of Churchill's birthday is held at Churchill House. Over 60 Fellows and friends joined with the staff to raise a glass and toast Sir Winston. The casual atmosphere was an ideal catalyst for Fellows to share their stories and updates. The occasion also provided a fitting opportunity to farewell Sir David Smith and announce the successful applicants in the 'Fulfil your Dreams' project.

It has been a busy year for the ACT Churchill Fellows' Association. I would like to thank our small band of dedicated Committee Members who regularly go out of their way to ensure that our Fellows are well supported in the ACT.

Bill Caddey President
Churchill Fellows' Association ACT

NSW Churchill Fellows' Association Report

Churchill Fellows Association of NSW

What a fantastic band of people we have here at the NSW Churchill Fellows' Association, they are enthusiastic, committed, passionate, busy and multi-talented, still achieving so much for the Association long after returning from their Fellowships.

A highlight for 2013 was a meeting of the Presidents of each Australian State-based Churchill Fellows' Association (CFA). It was a mark of the enthusiasm and support for this meeting that there was a full house in attendance.

At an initial dinner meeting four early arrivals got together and spent a lovely evening comparing notes and sharing experiences about how each approaches their Association. A major subject was how to maintain engagement and support from Fellows.

All were very committed to the idea of building a 'Community of Fellows' and grappled with ways to achieve this. The other topic was geography. It seems that NSW is not alone in challenges of getting Fellows together.

The main purpose of the Presidents' meeting was to receive a briefing from the Trust CEO, Paul Tys about plans for the 50th Anniversary of the Trust in 2015 and to discuss ideas from each State Association of what they might do to mark the Anniversary. Celebrations will kick off in every State and Territory with the Annual Dinners.

The major national event will be the National Convention 9th – 11th October 2015, hosted by the CFA New South Wales.

In late June, twenty seven 2013 NSW Fellows were announced (109 for Australia). I represented the Association at the Awards Ceremony at Government House where Her Excellency, the Governor, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO presented 2013 Fellows with their awards. Later, the NSW Churchill Fellows' Association welcomed the 2013 Fellows, family members, and guests to the Association's Annual Dinner.

The 2013 Fellows were invited to briefly speak about their travel plans and were presented with a travel diary. Talk about 'ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things'!

The range of topics and depth of scholarship involved in Fellows' study plans was truly inspiring. Attendees were also entertained by Churchill Fellow, pianist, Grace Kim (2004 Fellow) and soprano, Kathryn Zerk. The discussion continued the next morning when Fellows gathered for brunch to share their experiences and travel tips with 2013 Fellows. We look forward to hearing from the 2013 Fellows about their research and encourage them to support and contribute to our various activities.

We had other very successful Fellows gatherings this year including three Churchill Chats and a Winston Walk.

CFA Zoofari Group - Excursion to Weston Plains Zoo

A Churchill Chat is an opportunity for an informal presentation by Fellows about their Fellowship research and what they have done with their Fellowship on return. We began in March with a focus on welfare with Sue Cripps (2011 Fellow) speaking about developing integrated programs to improve housing opportunities for the homeless; Sister Myree Harris (2002 Fellow) about working with people living in boarding houses; and Dr Bibiana Chan (2010 Fellow) speaking about providing assertiveness training to people, particularly members of the Chinese community, with anxiety and depression.

In May, we took up a health theme with three further presentations from recent Fellows with Associate Professor Kim Foster (2011 Fellow) speaking about building resilience programs for children and families living with mental illness; Dr Sandra Meihubers (2010 Fellow) about developing community-based dental programs in remote Australia and in other parts of the world such as Nepal; and Professor Kate White (2011 Fellow) about programs to improve nursing-led support services for people with cancer.

Our final Chat for the year (September) drew together three scientists to speak about their work with coastal water systems. Alessio Mariani (2011 Fellow) spoke about combating beach erosion; Dr William Glamore (2005 Fellow) spoke about restoring tidal wetlands; and A/Prof Ian Turner (2002 Fellow) spoke about developing 'coastal imaging' technology to enhance coastal engineering and management in Australia. All were very interesting and an opportunity to showcase the work of Churchill Fellows in NSW.

A Winston Walk is a longer function involving a site visit. We had a wonderful Winston Walk to the Western Plains Zoo as the guests of 2011 Churchill Fellow, Matthew Fuller, General Manager of the Zoo. Fellows gathered at the Zoofari Lodge in the early afternoon where they were familiarised with their accommodation, participated in some behind the scenes tours and enjoyed the hospitality of the Lodge. A highlight was a night time visit to Bubbles, the elephant, who demonstrated her ability to deftly extract treats from a large plastic container, and an early morning visit to feed carrots to the giraffes. Our sincere thanks to Matt and staff at the Zoo and to Grant Wargren for co-ordinating this event.

In 2013 we started to work towards forming a communications committee for the Association.

In recognition of the rapid changes to communications, the development of a wide range of social media, and shift from more traditional means of communication, it is imperative that we create new opportunities to assist the Association in keeping in touch with Fellows. I would like to thank Raymond McCluskie (1973 Fellow), who has taken on the Association's database and created a Facebook page and also Peter Merry (honorary member) who has taken over the website from Lynne Challinor (2009 Fellow).

We ended the year with an information evening to provide an opportunity for people who are interested in applying for a Churchill Fellowship in 2014 to learn more about the scheme. This was the first time that we have done this. It was encouraging to have a good attendance; to have the support of Fellows who promoted it to their colleagues, friends, and family; and to generate discussion and interest.

It demonstrates the importance of the 'Community of Fellows'. Not only do we need to support 'new' Fellows but we need to work to keep all Fellows engaged in the cause! As we approach the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Trust, these are some of the ways that we can help to maintain interest in and build support for Churchill Fellowships.

The Committee comprises a small band of Fellows who generously support our various activities. I am grateful for the support of Vice-President, Ian Krimmer; Secretary, Grant Wargren; Treasurer, Kevin Gardner; Committee Members: Louise Halsey (2000), Anthony Hatch (2009), Christine Griffiths (2011), and Raymond McCluskie (1973); and Ex officio Member, Peter Merry. New Members in 2014 are Kevin Kitchen (2012), Susan Liersch (2007), Carla Rogers (2002), and Paul Meek (2011). Thank you to Christine Griffiths, Debra Dunstan and Lynne Challinor for their good work prior to retiring from the Committee.

Churchill Fellows Association of NSW

Elizabeth Comino President
Churchill Fellows' Association NSW

QLD Churchill Fellows' Association Report

I would like to thank our energetic Committee for the considerable efforts they have made to the Association this year. Every meeting is a joy to attend, every idea is most welcome and every option is explored openly and with good humour.

Management Committee 2013

President Matthew Shepherd
Secretary Wendy Haynes
Treasurer Ken Horrigan
Vice President and Newsletter Editor Fiona Hawthorne
2012 Selection Committee Representatives Richard Roylance, Heidi Meunchberger, Areti Gavrilidis, Ester Barter,
Observers Jo Thomas, Len Bytheway

2013 Fellows

Over 150 applications were received from potential new Fellows for 2013. The Regional Selection Committee diligently worked before and through the long weeks to short list and then interview 32 candidates. From this cohort, a recommendation was made to Canberra, of the best of Queensland for 2013. Thank you to Barry Muche for his work as Regional Secretary for Queensland.

The interviews for 2013 were conducted for the first time at the new Magistrates Courts in George Street. It is an excellent location for this event. The position of Fellow Whisperer and support for interviewees was again very popular both for the Whisperers and for the candidates.

Undertaking the role of Whisperer is an easy way to give back to the Fellows' community and the benefit of experience from past Fellows is always greatly appreciated by the candidates. Thank you to Fiona Hawthorne for organising these days.

Congratulations to the 19 successful Fellows from fields as diverse as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Men's Tailoring, Domestic Squalor, Education Architecture, and Reef Sharks. Many of these new Fellows have already departed on their Fellowships and are busily writing up their Reports following their return. Congratulations to the Queensland Regional Committee for their fine stewardship which has enabled so many Queenslanders to travel and conduct research this year.

The Governor, Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley AC was most flattering in her praise of the quality and enthusiasm of the new Fellows at the presentation held in their honour at Government House on a beautiful Friday in August. Each new Fellow was presented with their badge, and certificate by Her Excellency.

Annual New Fellows' Dinner

The CFAQ Annual New Fellows' Dinner was held that night in the Victoria Park Conference Centre in Herston. The Dinner was attended by Sponsor Mr Bob Prickett, WCMT Chair The Honourable Margaret White AO, WCMT CEO Mr Paul Tys, Queensland Regional Committee Chair Dr Damien Thomson, Regional Secretary Mr Barry Muche, Regional Committee Members, CFAQ Committee Members and many other wonderfully interesting people.

Right: 2013 Fellows at Government House with the QLD Governor, Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley AC

2013 QLD Medallion Presentation

2013 QLD Fellows Orientation Workshop

2013 Fellow Dianne Greathead with Fellowship sponsor Bob Prickett

This year, we changed the format of the Dinner. Normally, returning eligible Fellows were presented with their medallions at the Annual New Fellows' Dinner. This year, we rescheduled this component, creating a new function at which to recognise this important achievement. Despite the change in demographics, the guests at our Dinner still numbered 160 and the opinion from all who attended was very positive. Nineteen new Fellows were presented to the Association at the Dinner, where they provided a brief glimpse of their intended course of research.

Orientation Session

This year we added an orientation session for all new Fellows. Held the morning after our Dinner, fifteen of the new Fellows were able to attend this session where we provided them with support to plan their travel, develop their Reports, organise their information, and still find time to enjoy the experience. Thank you to Ester Barter for coordinating this first time event.

Medallion Function

Our annual Spring celebration was re-badged this year as the Medallion Function. This function was created specifically to allow our returning medallion recipients the time to talk about their experiences.

We timed the session perfectly, holding it at the Queensland Terrace at the State Library of Queensland on the same night as Riverfire. The event was an opportunity for us to listen to Jazz supplied by new Fellow Mr Andrew Butt and friends. We hosted over 120 guests for the night including Mr Paul Tys, CEO of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. We will be repeating this event in 2014. Thank you Heidi Meunchberger for coordinating this event.

Christmas Function

Our final event for 2013 was the annual Christmas Party at the home of Past President Dr Richard Roylance. The man is a wizard with tongs, catering to every taste with his usual wit, charm, good humour, world class beef and whole roasted fish. Accompanying all of this was a table laden with Christmas delights brought by attending Association Members and friends.

Information Sessions

The CFAQ held an information session in early in February 2014, and provided to assist applicants in completing their 2014 Fellowship applications. We were expecting a modest turnout, and were delighted to find a room overflowing with eager applicants. In 2015, we will look to extend this session by taking it on the road to some of Queensland's regional cities.

2013 in Review

2013 has been a complex year of mixed emotions for many and the CFAQ looks forward to a new and vibrant 2014. The CFAQ has been eager to provide recognition to those who have worked for the benefit of the Trust and the Association. This year, we welcomed Dr Barry Appleton as an honorary Life Member of our Association.

Looking backwards, I would like to acknowledge the work of the WCMT as they begin to build towards 2015, the 50th Anniversary of the Trust. In November the Trust held a National President's meeting, bringing representatives from Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales and the ACT together to share experiences, develop support networks, and most importantly, begin to plan for 2015. It is our fervent expectation that these national meetings will continue and will serve to provide experience and a support structure to Associations planning their National Conventions.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all Fellows and friends of our Association who give their time and expertise tirelessly each year, and to those who will give again in the year to come. Our Association's core role is to provide a connection point for Fellows and to facilitate their communication. To that end we will continue to employ every opportunity possible, using paper newsletters, meetings, email, our website, our Facebook presence, Blogs and other arising technologies. Importantly though, the technology is only the enabler, it is the news and the ideas and the people that make up the Association. This is where our strength lies.

As always thanks to WCMT for their support and guidance through 2013. We look forward to continuing to go forward in good company. Thank you also to the wonderful CFAQ Committee Members who personify the principle of giving back.

Matthew Shepherd President
Churchill Fellows' Association Queensland

SA Churchill Fellows' Association Report

We have completed another successful year with a dedicated, energetic Committee. Our main activities this year have focussed on promoting Fellowships, induction and support of new Fellows.

In addition two of our Committee Members are on the Regional Selection Panel, which provides an excellent link between the Churchill Fellows' Association and the Regional Committee.

We are also supported by our Patron Mr Hieu Van Le, Lieutenant Governor of SA, whose ongoing support has been invaluable.

Richard Heathcote leading a walking tour at Carrick Hill

Churchill Chat at the Motor Museum

CFA Patron Hieu Van Le presents Deb Nias with her medallion

The Committee for 2013/14 were:

President Christine Morris

Secretary Sheridan Flint (2009 cochlear implants)

Treasurer Peter Elder (1986 business training)

Promotion Allison Russell, Jane Rossetto, Peter Elder, Sheridan Flint, Maxie Ashton, Christine Morris

New Members Graeme Adcock

Website Jane Rossetto

Membership Brent Banham

Newsletter Allison Russell

Dinner Jane Rossetto, Allison Russell, Sheridan Flint, Maeve Downes, Graham Adcock, Baohong Hou, Christine Morris

Committee Members Julie Dini, Maeve Downes, Baohong Hou, Pat Toolan, John Zwar, Gillian Weiss, Maxie Ashton, Annie O'Connell, Mike Rungie

At the SA Dinner over 100 Churchill Fellows and their guests welcomed 9 new Fellows for 2013; Mark Bell, Luke Dollman, Karen Glaetzer, Trudi Mannix, Courtney Ryder, Marwa Shabbar, Lisa Simonetti, Christopher Wainwright and Simon Whyatt. Of these four were sponsored Fellowships with Mark Bell receiving The Australian Institute of Management Churchill Fellowship, Luke Dollman receiving the Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship, Karen Glaetzer the Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship and Christopher Wainwright the Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship. Congratulations to all of the new Fellows.

Several returned Fellows received their medallions and there were two presentations from Fellows who received their Fellowships 25 years ago.

Above: 2013 Fellows with the Governor of SA His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR and our SA Director Alexandrea Cannon. Back row from left Christopher Wainwright, Simon Whyatt, Mark Bell, Karen Glaetzer, Marwa Shabbar, Courtney Ryder, Luke Dollman. Front row from left Trudi Mannix, the Governor, Alexandrea Cannon, Lisa Simonetti.

The constant theme in these presentations is that receiving a Fellowship is a privilege and that it makes a substantial contribution to the life of the recipient, their profession and their community.

A key initiative of the SA Branch is to support our new Fellows each year. We do this through running a new Fellows' afternoon and through provision of a mentor for each of our new recipients. This has been running over several years and new Fellows report their appreciation of this process.

The Branch had a focus on updating our website this year and Committee Member Jane Rosetto (2002) worked to update the site. The Branch also started discussion on the SA response to the 2015 Anniversary year.

Committee Member Pat Toolan, historical rose expert was invited to send root stock of a rose called Sir Winston Churchill to Churchill College to be planted as part of the UK celebrations for the 50th Anniversary. Pat has since been invited to be an Australian Member on the establishment of a 2015 committee which includes representation from The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in the UK for the 50th Anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill's death.

Once again we held Churchill Chats throughout the year. Jane Rosetto took us on a backstage tour of the Adelaide Festival Centre describing her Fellowship and the links to current practice in the Centre. Allison Russell (2010) our new President, hosted a tour of the National Motor Museum in Birdwood, with stories of the cars and her learnings from her Fellowship on the importance of community linkage and outreach in museums. Our end of year get together was hosted by Richard Heathcote (2007) at historic Carrick Hill. His Fellowship on making heritage sites more accessible to children through interpretation and play was demonstrated with the children's areas at Carrick Hill. Many thanks go to the hosts for providing us with such interesting topics and the opportunity to meet up with our friends and colleagues.

Allison Russell, the incoming President for SA, travelled to Canberra ACT for the National President's Meeting in November, where plans for the 2015 celebrations were discussed. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for networking between the various State-based bodies.

In late December we trialled a workshop to encourage more applications from people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups. Feedback was that this was a valuable workshop but will need to reschedule the timing to September or October.

I am very proud of the achievements of the SA Branch and would like to thank the Committee and the Members of the SA Branch of the Churchill Fellows' Association for their continued involvement in keeping the Branch vibrant and relevant to the Fellows.

2013 was my last year as President and I feel very privileged to have led the SA Branch for three years and to have worked with a wonderful Committee who have organised so many activities that have contributed to the successful running of the SA Branch.

Christine Morris President
Churchill Fellows' Association SA

TAS Churchill Fellows' Association Report

It has been another productive year for the Tasmanian Churchill Fellows' Association, made possible due to our hard working and enthusiastic Committee members.

We always welcome some change in our CFA Committee composition at the AGM in August held concurrently with our Annual Dinner as this allows numerous Fellows to offer their services. However, we were a little thankful our long-serving Secretary Patricia Corby has continued in her role which has been much appreciated by many Presidents due to her encyclopaedic knowledge of all Tassie Fellows and the WCMT organisation. Also, our invaluable Treasurer, Annette Roehrer has agreed to continue to manage our finances after many years in that job.

The Dinner held on 16 August 2013 was an enjoyable evening attended by 70 people at the Old Woolstore in Hobart. The proceedings were expertly managed by Patricia as MC. She introduced the speakers and led us through the events of the night with humour and good organisation. We heard from the 5 new Fellows and from 3 returned Fellows. The Loyal Toast was given by our representative on the National Board of the Trust and Chairman of the Tasmanian Selection Committee Mr Bill Turner who attended the Dinner accompanied by his wife Karin.

Our special guests from National Office were Louise Hurst and her husband Phil. Tasmanian Panel members present were Richard Mulvaney and wife Mary, Julie Hawkins and partner Paul Yonka , Andrew Bishop and wife Hilda with Julie Reed and partner Paul Bennison. We are always delighted to have our Panel share in this occasion.

Fellows BBQ at Tolsa Park in Glenorchy

Due to the generosity of Fellows we had an amazing array of interesting and varied raffle prizes; so after parting with our money in the hope of raffle success, we shared convivial company and enjoyed excellent wine and food. We are booked at the same venue in 2014 which suggests a good time was had by all in 2013.

We celebrated Winston Churchill's Birthday on February 24th at Tolosa Park, Glenorchy. We believe that Winston would have admired our creativity in relocating his November 30th birth date to a more suitable time for Fellows to get together. A small group of Fellows and their families enjoyed sunny weather and a shared BBQ. Annette provided a cake and candles to mark the auspicious occasion.

Our Committee has promoted Churchill Fellowships using our Website, Social Media and a Portable Banner showing photos of a range of Fellows, the latter being designed by Derek Cropp, one of our members and made by the Hobart Xerox shop.

Above: 2013 Fellows at Government House with the Lieutenant Governor. From left Geoff Dobson, Ann Dodd, Lt Gov. Alan Blow OAM, Christopher White, Zoe Rimmer and Adam Edwards.

Our talented and deserving 2013 Fellows were:

Geoffrey Dobson received the Gallaugher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to investigate exceptional public and creative learning programs of leading multi-arts centres - UK, USA.

Ann Dodd received the Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to study and experience innovative care models, including best practice specialist nursing services for people living with parkinsonism, including Parkinson's Disease - UK, Netherlands, Sweden.

Christopher White received his Churchill Fellowship to improve long-range forecasting of extreme weather events and the communication of the associated risk to decision makers - USA, UK

Zoe Rimmer received her Churchill Fellowship to explore ways in which museums are engaging with Indigenous communities and showcasing these cultures to a broader audience - USA, Canada, UK, France.

Adam Edwards received his Churchill Fellowship to undertake advanced training in traditional Hardanger fiddle making - Norway.

On a sad note one of our longest-serving members, George Brown, died in his sleep on 1 January 2014. He was awarded his Fellowship in 1978 and was an enthusiastic supporter of our Association serving on the Committee for many years, including a stint as President. George was made a Life Member in 1995 in recognition of his help and support to many Churchill Fellows. He belonged to a wide range of community organisations throughout his life and counted his involvement with the CFA as one his most passionate interests.

The Canberra get together on 13 November 2013 of State CFA Presidents was a memorable meeting. Many ideas for 2015 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Churchill Fellowships in Australia both locally and nationally were discussed. The Tasmanian Committee has since met to talk about what possible events we can stage and planning for these will be our focus in the future.

Dr Philip Thomson President
Churchill Fellows' Association Tasmania

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Churchill Fellows' Association Report

ChurchillFellows
ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

The Churchill Fellows' Association Committee members across Australia are well known for their commitment and enthusiasm and this is especially true for the Victorian members.

I am honoured to have been elected as your President over the next two years and this honour is further enhanced with involvement in the upcoming 50th Anniversary Churchill Trust celebrations.

The CFAV Committee is particularly pleased that we have developed ways in which to involve members of the Association by introducing a register of Fellows interested in assisting us. Many have offered to host workplace visits and support our events by welcoming guests and acting as table hosts. Others have offered assistance with online and membership development and involvement in the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of Churchill in 2015 currently being masterminded by the Trust. The vast majority have said 'happy to assist with anything'. At the time of writing 35 Fellows representing 44 years of Churchill history have joined the Register.

Our Annual Dinner and AGM was held on July 26 and continues to be our 'night of nights' welcoming as it does a new group of Fellows to all that Churchill has to offer. Twenty three Fellowships were awarded in Victoria reflecting again the Victorian Regional Committee and Trust's insights into the major issues and challenges of the day with Fellows exploring topics such as homelessness, food security, dementia and contemporary artistic and digital practices.

Above: Murray Ashby CFAV President presents Julie Rees, Acting Principal Victorian College for the Deaf and CFAV Committee Member with a plaque of appreciation.

This event marks a turning point in the year for the Association with departures and arrivals from the Committee as it continues to renew and refresh for the future. A significant departure was that of Lou Chamberlin who joined the Committee in 1995 later becoming President. Lou brought energy and passion to her role and is known to work at all hours with emails dispatched to the Committee in the very very early morning! I was so pleased to acknowledge Lou as a Life Member of the Association.

The Churchill Fellows' Association Committee members across Australia are well known for their commitment and enthusiasm and this is especially true for the Victorian members. I would particularly like to acknowledge Janine Barrand's exceptional leadership and guidance during her stewardship as President.

Above: 2013 Fellows at Government House with His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC Governor of Victoria, Mrs Elizabeth Chernov, WCMT Trust CEO Paul Tys and Victorian Regional Chair, The Honourable Linda Dessau AM.

Under Janine's leadership we observed a move into the present with a number of terrific branding and design features for the CFAV.

This included new identity colours, branding templates and promotional banners. We also participated in the development of a strategic plan for the CFAV, which was approved by the Committee and sets a very clear direction for the CFAV in future years. Janine's expertise will not be lost, as Janine has agreed to continue on the Committee and share her wealth of skills and experience.

Over my term as President I am especially keen to embrace the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Churchill Trust, which will commence in mid 2015 and continue through until mid 2016. The Presidents of all Churchill Associations across Australia met at Churchill House Canberra on the 12 and 13 November 2013 to discuss and commence planning for those celebrations. It was a privilege to be involved in such an important and momentous workshop and in the next few months, I will commence consultation with all Victorian Fellows in relation to possible activities within Victoria.

The CFAV again continued to host visiting Churchill Fellows and myself and the Treasurer Shane Ringin recently hosted 2013 UK Winston Churchill Fellow Mr. Michael (Mike) Heyes, Science and Maths Specialism Coordinator, The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls, Queens Drive Acton, United Kingdom.

Mike (Pictured on the left, with Murray at the football) was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in the United Kingdom to study methods for engaging students in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Australia and New Zealand. Mike is a keen sports fan and his bucket list included a trip to the Members Pavilion at the MCG, which coincided with an AFL game between local teams Carlton and Richmond.

The CFAV presented the Victorian College for the Deaf with a plaque in recognition of their assistance in providing the use of facilities to the Committee of the Churchill Fellows' Association of Victoria between 2006 and 2013. The use of the College's facilities have been invaluable in the organisation of CFAV business and functions.

It would be impossible for the Association to achieve its outstanding outcomes over the previous years without a significant commitment from the dedicated members of the Committee. My special thanks go to Julie Rees, Shane Ringin, Dean Cox, Ben Nicholson, Jenny Dwyer, Haig Burnell, Anne Hooker, Andrew Nixon and John Kirby.

The Association would also like to acknowledge the dedication displayed by Committee Members who are stepping down, which includes Lou Chamberlin and Jen O'Brien.

Murray Ashby President
Churchill Fellows' Association Victoria

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Churchill Fellows' Association Report

Thank you to the contributions of a strong and supportive Committee who have been integral to the achievements of the CFA WA this year. They have successfully re-connected the CFA with many other Fellows.

The Churchill Fellows' Association WA started the year with a new concept and branding for our newsletter. It carries a powerful message regarding the benefits that The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the Churchill Fellows' Association WA bring to society. The contribution made by Fellows from their overseas research and knowledge gained over the years has been enormous across the whole spectrum of the community.

Last year we had a number of very successful events which enabled members to re-connect with other Fellows. One event was a bowling night with food and refreshments which was well supported.

In August we had our Annual Dinner to welcome our new Fellows at the start of their journey. It was great to hear them describe their projects and what they hoped to achieve on their Fellowships.

Our 2013 Fellows are out there now, either travelling or returned and we look forward to hearing about their adventures:

Mr Samuel Bayley to investigate key factors that enable Indigenous communities to successfully manage natural resources and increase social capital.

Dr Ruth Blackham to investigate the role of simulation in teaching surgical skills to health professionals.

Mr Paul Bridge who was awarded the WA Department for Child Protection Churchill Fellowship to research models and programs that address challenges facing Indigenous men and their capacity to support their children into the future, and how schools can help support successful models.

Mrs Carly Davenport who was awarded the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to explore the use of Participatory Media toolkits by global Indigenous communities in bridging cultural, political and digital divides, conserve cultural diversity and build community leadership.

Ms Lea Dias to investigate electronic Closed Loop Medication Management systems in global leading hospitals to improve patient safety at the New Children's Hospital Project in Western Australia.

Mr Jeff Dzodz to examine the effectiveness of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy and what it can offer to Australian youth.

Dr Cat Hope to study the creation, programming, performance and dissemination of graphically scored music.

Ms Bronwen Kelly to investigate how social media is transforming the way patients receive health information and care.

Mr Brodie McCulloch to explore innovative models for scaling social initiatives to maximise social impact.

Mr Ashley Smith to undertake intensive contemporary bass clarinet tuition with three renowned pedagogues and self directed professional development at the Banff Centre.

Mr Bruce Wicksteed to examine varied models for paediatric critical care transport with the intention of establishing a service in Western Australia.

Mr Lloyd Guthrey

Mr Robert Harvey new Chair of WA Regional Committee

Ms Jane Brazier

We held our Annual General Meeting and elections at which I was nominated and voted in as the new President of the Association which was a great honour. Near the end of the Dinner we held an auction where we raised funds to support future Fellowships.

We also recognised the contributions of our WA Directors Mr Lloyd Guthrey and Ms Jane Brazier by the awarding of Life Membership to the CFA WA. Lloyd retired from the Board of the Trust and the WA Regional Committee in June and Jane also retired in October. We warmly welcome Mr Robert Harvey who has replaced Jane as Chair of the WA Regional Committee and who now sits on the Board of the Trust.

Towards the end of the year we held an event to celebrate the 40th Anniversary screening of the ballet Don Quixote. The Q & A session that followed involved two of the original dancers Dame Lucette Aldous and Alan Alder (parents of Floeur Alder 2011 Fellow) and costume designer Bill Miles. It was another diverse and successful event with many attending.

By way of Life Memberships and fundraising events the Association is hoping to sponsor half a Fellowship each year and the Committee is recommending to the Trust that it be for a regional Fellow. We are seeking financial and mentor support to assist them face the challenges of the opportunity.

Below: 2013 Fellows at Government House. Front Row His Excellency the Honourable Malcolm James McCusker AC CVC QC and his wife Tonya Nicole McCusker. Behind from left to right Brodie McCulloch, Paul Bridge, Cat Hope, Carly Davenport, Jeff Dzodz, Samuel Bayley, Bruce Wicksteed, Bronwen Kelly (Lea Dias, Ashley Smith, Ruth Blackham not present).

The CFA WA is looking to hold a number of events this year and leading up to the closing of applications for next year, to support prospective applicants through the Churchill Fellowship application process. Last year we separated our Medallion presentation from the Annual Dinner. This has now become our Return Fellow's event and in this way we celebrate the achievements and journey that our new Fellows have taken. This year's event was very successful with over 65 people in attendance. We also took the chance to present more Life Membership certificates and were very pleased to present one to Reginald Doran, 1968 Fellow.

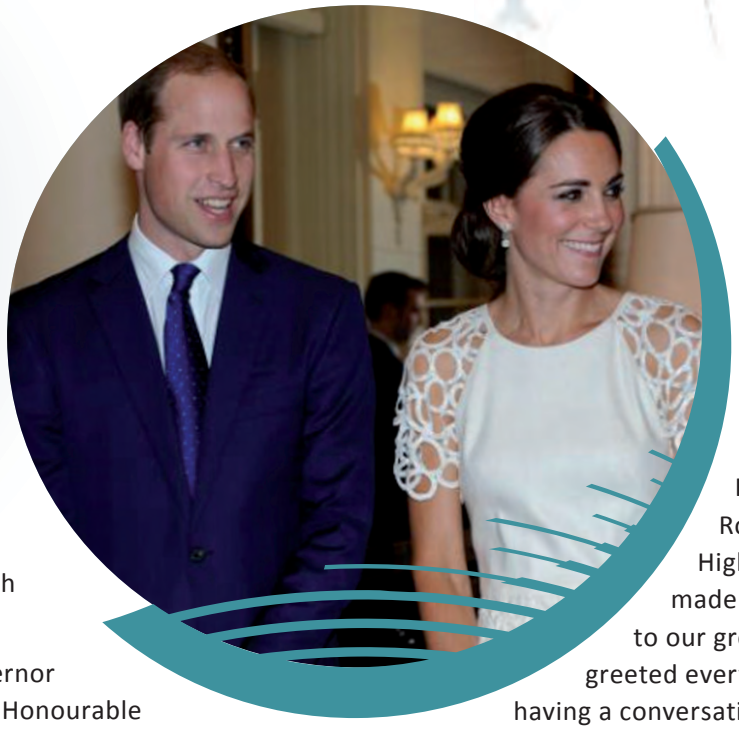
With the support of a strong Committee I look forward to another successful year with more events in the planning.

Marc Dimmick President
Churchill Fellows' Association Western Australia

WA
CHURCHILL FELLOWS' ASSOCIATION

Sharing the experience

Two of our Fellows had the honour of meeting the **Duke and Duchess of Cambridge** at an intimate reception at Government House. Lynda Close from Queensland and James Brazill-Boast from NSW represented the Churchill Trust at this special event.



Lynda Close (2009 Churchill Fellow) shares her experience...

Approximately 100 people gathered at a special reception for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on Thursday 24 April, including some of our country's icons - actors, singers, athletes, servicemen, people who excel in their field.

For me, it was a privilege in itself to meet and talk to such an amazing group of Australians, let alone shake hands and converse with the young royal couple.

With humour and warmth, the Governor General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), made the opening address to welcome their Royal Highnesses and reflect on their tour of Australia. This then set the scene for the Duke and Duchess to circulate around the room to meet everyone.

Her Royal Highness made her way to our group and greeted everyone, having a conversation with each of us. The Duchess asked me about my profession as a Speech Pathologist working with children with hearing loss and their families at Hear and Say in Brisbane, and thoughtfully asked about why I chose this career path. Her relaxed demeanour and caring questions made for easy conversation; she was truly interested in every person's story.

Thank you to the Churchill Trust for inviting myself and Ross to attend this amazing event, it was without a doubt, a once in a lifetime experience for both of us!

All photos appear courtesy of Government House.

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James Brazill-Boast (2012 Churchill Fellow) shares his experience:

It was an ordinary afternoon at work when I received a phone call from Paul Tys, CEO of the Churchill Trust, who wanted to know if I was available on the 24 April to attend a reception with their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Government House in Canberra. At first I thought incredulously, 'why me?' Paul explained that I ticked all of the right boxes for the Governor General's invitation; a Churchill Fellow, young (ish), involved in wildlife conservation and had completed my Fellowship in the UK (Cambridge – even more apt).

The winding drive up through the grounds to Government House was busy with others arriving, television crews and security. Upon arrival we were greeted by the Governor General's staff and ushered into a very grand reception room where we were offered a drink and set about working out how to mingle with this type of crowd. There were about 100 people in the room, all high-achievers of some description, including Victoria Cross recipients, Olympians, Australians of the Year, professional athletes, solo round-the-world sailors, and a guy who had unicycled around Australia to raise funds for breast cancer.

After a quick welcome, briefing and introductory speech by the Governor General, the Duke and Duchess made their way around the room separately. Our opportunity to meet William came quite early, a small group of us introduced ourselves and the Duke chatted away about the highlights of his trip so far and his experiences with local wildlife. He had seen kangaroos for the first time on the grounds of Government House and was amazed at the volume of the parrots (apparently his grandmother had forewarned him about this).

I found the Duke to be very friendly and more down-to-earth than I expected, especially given that the reception came at the end of what must have been a very arduous schedule of public appearances over the preceding 10 days.

It was a great night, we met a lot of very impressive people (and made sure to recommend a Churchill Fellowship to many of them) and walked away with the experience of a lifetime.

A big thank you must go to Paul Tys and the rest of the Churchill Trust team for putting my name forward and organising everything for our trip!

7 things you may not know about Winston

1 Churchill almost didn't make it into military school.

As a student, Churchill performed poorly in virtually every subject except history and English composition. He was particularly inept at foreign languages. His plan to attend the Royal Military College at Sandhurst suffered a setback when he twice failed the entrance examinations. With the help of a military tutor, he finally qualified the third time around.

2 A daring escape from prison camp earned him instant fame.

After graduating from Sandhurst, Churchill took leave from the army and travelled to Cuba, where he reported on an uprising for a London newspaper. He subsequently served as a war correspondent and military officer, a dual role then permitted, in India, Sudan and South Africa. Upon arriving in South Africa in 1899, his armoured train was ambushed by Boers, the descendants of Dutch settlers who were fighting the British at the time. Churchill was captured and marched to a prison camp, which he soon escaped from by scaling a wall at night. With no precise plan, Churchill luckily stumbled upon the house of a British coal mine manager, who hid him in a mineshaft for three days and then sent him on a wool-filled rail truck into Mozambique. From there, Churchill caught a ship back to South Africa and rushed to the front a newfound hero.

3 Most of his famous speeches came within a few months of each other.

Churchill took over as Prime Minister in May 1940 after a disastrous start to World War II in which Nazi Germany conquered much of Europe. A master orator, he did his best to rally the nation in the face of near-certain attack, giving six major speeches in four months. During the first of those, he told Parliament that he had "nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." On June 4, he similarly declared, "We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender." And on June 18, as France prepared to submit to the Nazis, he told his countrymen to "brace ourselves to our duties and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, "This was their finest hour."

4 Churchill lost office before World War II's end.

In July 1945, after Germany had surrendered but not Japan, Britain held its first general election in a decade. To the surprise of many, Churchill's Conservative Party lost in a landslide, having been successfully portrayed by the Labour Party as anti-worker and anti-welfare. "They have a perfect right to kick us out," he purportedly said upon hearing the news. "That is democracy. That is what we have been fighting for." He returned to office in 1951, remaining there until he resigned three-and-a-half years later due to ill health.

5 Churchill popularized the term "iron curtain."

Despite his misgivings about communism, Churchill gladly allied himself with the Soviet Union during World War II. Afterwards, however, he began to harbour serious misgivings about the Soviet Union's aims. In a March 1946 speech, he spoke of "an iron curtain [that] has descended across the continent." "Behind that line," he said, countries are subject "to a very high and, in many cases, increasing measure of control from Moscow." From that point forward, Western officials continuously mentioned the "iron curtain" when talking about the USSR.

6 He was an award-winning author.

Churchill wrote about 20 books over the course of his life, the first of which detailed his army experiences in India, Sudan and South Africa. He later penned a biography of his father, a biography of the first Duke of Marlborough, numerous volumes on World War I and World War II, a history of English-speaking peoples and one novel that he urged his friends not to read. In 1953, while serving his second term as Prime Minister, he received the Nobel Prize in Literature for "his mastery of historical and biographical description as well as for brilliant oratory in defending exalted human values."

7 Churchill was extremely accident prone.

As a youth, Churchill once suffered a concussion and ruptured a kidney while playfully throwing himself off a bridge. Later on, he nearly drowned in a Swiss lake, fell several times from horses, dislocated his shoulder while disembarking from a ship in India, crashed a plane while learning to fly and was hit by a car when he looked the wrong way to cross New York's Fifth Avenue. None of these incidents, however, left him too worse for wear. He lived until age 90 before finally succumbing to a stroke.

Visit **www.history.com** to explore some other surprising facts about Sir Winston Churchill.

2013 Churchill Fellows

109

Number of Churchill Fellowships awarded to talented and deserving Australians in 2013 at an estimated cost of $2.16m.

3816

Number of Fellowships awarded in Australia since the inception of the Trust in 1965

Benjamin Newsome
2013 NSW Fellow
The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to investigate best practice in science education via video conferencing
- Canada, USA

2013 Churchill Fellows

New South Wales

Mr Ian Balcomb, Marrickville

Inspector, Vocational Education
Board of Studies, NSW

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to study programs which enhance the work readiness of young people leaving school - UK, France, Greece, Hong Kong

Mr Neil Bramsen, Austinmer

Assistant Principal, Mt Ousley Public School
NSW Department of Education

To study programs that successfully engage and enthuse primary and middle school students in MES (Maths, Engineering and Science) learning - USA, UK

Ms Priscilla Brice-Weller, Broadway

Managing Director
All Together Now

To research the factors which make non-profit racism prevention initiatives effective - Poland, Belgium, France, UK, USA

Ms Pauline Brown, Cardiff Heights

Executive Director, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC)
NSW Department of Family and Community Services

To use the kinship system to engage Aboriginal families with the National Disability Insurance Scheme commencing with the pilot in the Hunter region and then statewide - New Zealand, Canada

NSW

Dr Amit Chanan, Strathfield

Chief Operating Officer/Executive Manager Operations
State Water Corporation

To review dam operating procedures during floods with particular reference to the role of "Pre-releasing" - USA, Canada, UK, Germany

Ms Samantha Chester, Glebe

Head of Movement
Actors Centre Australia

To research and train with theatre and dance companies working in contemporary devising techniques - UK, Belgium

Dr Margaret Cooke, Annandale

Executive Officer, Nursing and Midwifery Council
Health Professional Councils Authority

To undertake a cross-jurisdictional study of regulatory requirements and programs for managing health and performance notifications about nurses and midwives to improve safety and standards - UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, New Zealand

Ms Kellie Dickerson, Camperdown

Musical Director "Legally Blonde"
Ambassador Theatre Group/Gordon Frost Organisation

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to study the role of Musical Director in the creation of original musical theatre works - USA

2013 Churchill Fellows

New South Wales

Mr Alexander Dunn, Warrawee

Student Ambassador
University of New South Wales

The Leslie (Les) J. Fleming Churchill Fellowship to study the magnetic field induced release of cancer drugs at the Royal Institution of Great Britain – UK

Mr Douglas Dunn, Warrawee

Research Assistant
Dr May Lim

The Leslie (Les) J. Fleming Churchill Fellowship to study the application of polymer-gold composite nanoparticles to cancer treatment at the Davy Faraday Research Laboratory - UK

Mr Matthew Gould, Warragamba

Online Systems Officer
NSW Rural Fire Service

The Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Churchill Fellowship to analyse the use of social media as a communication and intelligence gathering tool during fire emergency incidents - USA, UK, Belgium, Netherlands

Mr David Hughes, Rosebank

Clinical Nurse Specialist, Men's Health
Northern NSW Local Health District

To examine and compare interventions that minimise bladder, erection and cancer return complications related to Prostate Cancer Therapy - USA

NSW

Mr Peter Kirwan, Bauklham Hills

Technical Instructor - Rescue
Fire & Rescue NSW

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to learn new rescue techniques to reduce the national road toll - USA, New Zealand, Norway

Ms Belinda Mawhinney , Dulwich Hill

Co-ordinator, Child Wellbeing
Sydney Local Health District

To identify the key strategies required for health services to effectively work together in response to children and young people at "risk of harm" - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland

Mrs Karen McCarthy, West Pennant Hills

Commander, Botany Bay Local Area Command
NSW Police Force

To examine current and future technology utilised within a variety of law enforcement jurisdictions - UK, USA

Mr Benjamin Newsome, Kings Park

Chief Executive Officer and Founder
Fizzics Education

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to investigate best practice in science education via video conferencing - Canada, USA

2013 Churchill Fellows

New South Wales

Dr Shannon Nott, Orange

Resident Medical Officer
NSW Health

To evaluate the efficacy of telehealth in delivering quality healthcare to rural and remote communities - Canada, USA, Brazil

Dr Emily Oates, Westmead

Neurogenetics Fellow
Institute for Neuroscience and Muscle Research

To use recently established genetic sequencing techniques to advance our knowledge of neuromuscular diseases, and to identify new potential targets for treatment - USA, UK

Mr Buchanan Reed, Boggabri

Station Officer
Ambulance Service of NSW

To establish models of care using a Community Paramedicine approach - USA, Canada

Mr Lindsay Rogerson, Eastwood

Commander, Community Contact Unit
NSW Police Force

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to research community engagement policy and methods effective in countering violent extremism - USA

NSW

Dr Nicholas Rose, Sawtell

Research Coordinator, Think Food
Food Connect Foundation

To investigate innovative models of urban and community agriculture - USA, Argentina

Ms Sarma Rumbachs, Glenbrook

Legal Advisor, Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squads
NSW Police Force

To study the effectiveness of public sex offender registers and the impact on the community and policing - USA, UK

Ms Belinda Russon, Randwick

Acting Executive Director/National Indigenous
Legal Advocacy Program Manager
Tranby Aboriginal College

To investigate culturally specific approaches to learning, and research community controlled organisational models that result in improved learning outcomes for Indigenous students - Norway, Canada, USA

Ms Emma Searle, Leichhardt

Senior Social Worker, Royal Hospital for Women
- Malabar Community Midwifery Link Service

To study culturally competent ways of engaging pregnant Indigenous women with identified child protection issues within an urban hospital environment - New Zealand, USA, Canada

2013 Churchill Fellows

New South Wales

Ms Sarah-Vyne Vassallo, Balmain

Arts Development Officer
Accessible Arts

To explore choreographic processes for creating and presenting contemporary dance theatre within an integrated environment for dancers with and without disabilities - UK, USA

Mr Benjamin Veness, Camperdown

President and Chairman
Australian Medical Students' Association

The Monash University Churchill Fellowship to explore innovative prevention and early intervention strategies to improve the mental health of university students - Singapore, China, USA, UK, Switzerland

Ms Amy Watts, Avalon Beach

Acting Assistant Solicitor for Public Prosecutions (Legal)
NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

To investigate models of registered intermediaries for child victims/ witnesses in the criminal justice system - Ireland, UK, Austria, Norway

VIC

Victoria

Ms Lucinda Adams, Melbourne

Senior Lawyer, Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic
Public Interest Law Clearing House (Vic) Inc

To address the negative impact of laws regulating public space on people experiencing homelessness - USA, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, UK

Mr Duncan Ashby, Geelong

Consultant
R.G Ashby & Co. Pty Ltd

To determine how Australian farm succession and productivity can be enhanced through improved leasing practices - UK, USA, Canada

Ms Narelle Beer, Oakleigh

Acting Superintendent of Police
Victoria Police

To undertake specialised training in the development and execution of integrity testing in policing - USA, UK

Mr Timothy Bignell, Brown Hill

Blacksmith
The Sovereign Hill Museums Association

To obtain advanced skills and knowledge in traditional blacksmithing practices through international exposure - Italy, France, UK, Ireland

2013 Churchill Fellows

Victoria

Dr Soren Blau, Camberwell

Senior Forensic Anthropologist
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to study technical aspects of analysis and interpretation of skeletal trauma in medico-legal investigations - Peru, USA

Dr Megan Cardamone, Blackwood

Koae Ngeeye (our Stories) Project Manager
Koorie Heritage Trust

To undertake a study tour of Indigenous (Native) digital museum and heritage projects - USA

Ms Lauren Caulfield, Coburg

Self-employed Trainer
Facilitator (gender violence prevention) Consultant

To research community-based safety projects and strategies to combat gender violence - USA

Mr Dane Cody, Brunswick East

Sound Recordist
Fremantle Media / Neighbours (television series production)

To study the latest technology and techniques in location sound recording - USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand

VIC

Mr Mark Collins, Macleod

National Manager, RoadCraft Training
Honda Australia

To improve motorcycle rider safety by updating training methods and curricula in Australia - Japan, UK, Netherlands, Austria, USA

Mr Luke Cornish, Richmond

Self-employed Artist

To establish an international recognition of Australian stencil art through networking and collaborating with highly successful artists - UK, France, USA

Mr Ian de Cruz, Carlton

Policy and Strategy Manager
Department of Primary Industries

To find new ways to build international cooperation around climate change where Australia can continue to play a constructive proactive role - China, Philippines, Indonesia, Poland, UK, Belgium, USA, Chile

Dr Marilyn Di Stefano, Northcote

Occupational Therapy Consultant and Practitioner/Self-employed
Senior Lecturer - La Trobe University

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to examine advances in vehicle technology/rehabilitation applications to enable independence for drivers with disabilities - UK, Sweden, USA

2013 Churchill Fellows

Victoria

Ms Linda Gyorki, North Melbourne

Project Manager and Solicitor
North Melbourne Legal Service

To research the ethical and practical barriers of integrating legal assistance into a health-care setting - Canada, USA, UK

Dr Michelle Harvey, Grovedale

Senior Lecturer in Forensic Science
Deakin University

To describe the bacterial fauna associated with the blowfly Lucilia sericata in flystrike, carrion breeding and natural situations - USA

Mr Christopher Mercier, Glenrowan

Ranger in Charge
Parks Victoria

To investigate the use of new technology for use by Australian Park Rangers in park and natural resource protection - USA, Indonesia, Mozambique, South Africa, Nepal

Mr Matthew Pfahlert, Beechworth

Principal
Social Enterprise Unlimited

To study social enterprise incubators/accelerators as a tool for rural and regional renewal - USA, Canada, UK

VIC

Mr Gary Ryan, Werribee

Manager Safety and Security
Department of Justice, Courts and Tribunals Service

To investigate strategies and techniques relating to intelligence led court security - UK, Ireland, Netherlands, Canada, USA

Mr Russell Shields, Yarraville

Head of Program Development
SecondBite

To investigate international models of food rescue and community food initiatives that address food security for vulnerable populations - Canada, USA, UK

Dr Nataliya Shkuratova, North Caulfield

Senior Neurological Physiotherapist
Epworth Health Care

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to discover new ways to develop and deliver multidisciplinary falls prevention intervention that can effectively protect older Australians from falls after discharge from hospital - UK, Netherland

Ms Fiona Smith, Fitzroy North

Policy and Research Advisor
Trust for Nature, Victoria

To investigate innovative market based approaches for stimulating biodiversity conservation efforts on private land - USA, Canada, UK

2013 Churchill Fellows

Victoria

Ms Efterpi Soropos, Clifton Hill

Artist in Residence
Southern Health

To investigate, develop and implement aged care dementia immersive sensory art projects - Hong Kong, Japan, UK

Ms Julie Whitfield, Kangaroo Flat

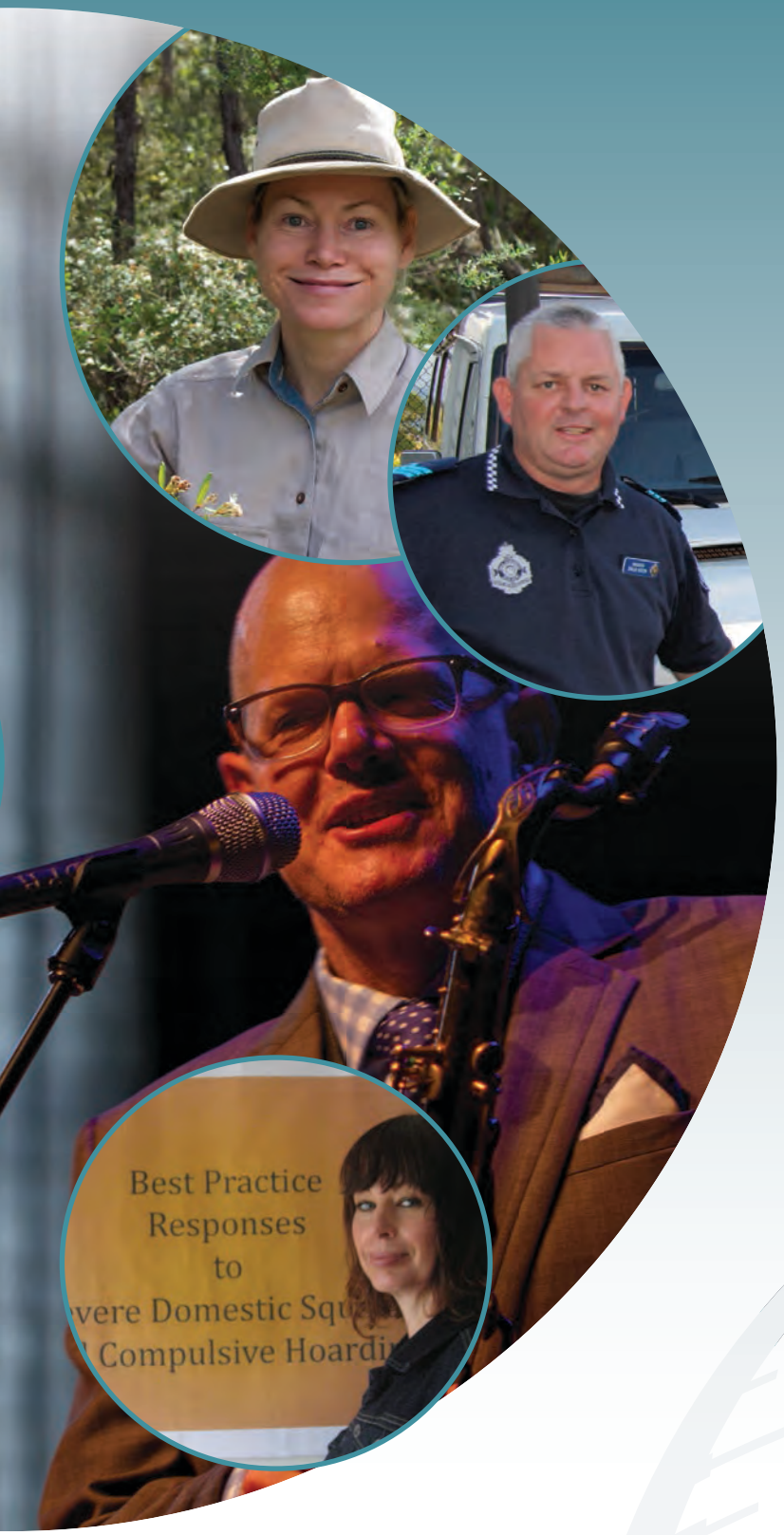
Biodiversity Officer, Department of Sustainability and Environment/Self-employed

To obtain information and direction from leading experts in butterfly conservation and community engagement - USA, UK

Dr Erica Wood, East Melbourne

Head, Transfusion Research Unit
Monash University

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to establish a collaborative clinical research program in patient blood management - USA, UK



QLD

Queensland

Mrs Tanya Beech, Rainbow Beach

Vocational Trainer, Resource Developer
BCA National Training Group

To research vocational training courses in conservation being delivered to Indigenous Rangers - South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania

Sergeant Peter Blake, Holloways Beach

Sergeant Shift Supervisor
Queensland Police Service

To study the development and implementation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for use by Australian police services - Germany, UK, Canada, USA

Ms Donna Bowe, Salisbury

Community Development Coordinator
Brisbane City Council

To research best practice, collaborative interagency models to address severe domestic squalor and compulsive hoarding - USA

Mr Andrew Butt, The Gap

Head of Music
Marist College Ashgrove

To investigate the jazz education journey from high school through to professional performance - USA

2013 Churchill Fellows

Queensland

Miss Brieley Cutting, New Farm

Pianist/Teacher/Student/Artistic Director

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to expand music, career and industry knowledge in specific ways to achieve excellence as a pianist and Artistic Director - UK, Netherlands, USA

Dr Ashley Frisch, Nome

Post Doctoral Research Fellow
ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to develop advanced methods for measuring and monitoring the condition of imperilled reef shark populations - USA

Mr Gregory Giles, Kanimbla Heights

Senior Sergeant
Queensland Police Service

To improve outcomes between Police and vulnerable persons - UK, USA, Canada

Mrs Dianne Greathead, Wooloowin

Clinical Nurse Consultant Stomal Therapy
Royal Children's Hospital

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to explore international services and practical management strategies to improve inpatient hospital experience for children and their families, with stomas, complex wounds and pressure injuries - UK, USA, Sweden

QLD

Ms Mitra Khakbaz, Acacia Ridge

Executive Manager

Multicultural Development Association

To improve economic participation for refugee women at risk to achieve integration - New Zealand, Canada, UK, Finland, Belgium

Ms Deborah Kilroy, Tingalpa

Chief Executive Officer

Sisters Inside Inc.

To contribute to decarceration through identifying innovative alternatives to imprisonment which could be implemented in Australia - USA, Canada

Mr Brian Maxwell, Everton Hills

Self-employed

Plastering Contractor

The James Love Churchill Fellowship to study plaster conservation methods and materials to raise the standard of conservation in culturally significant buildings - UK, Ireland, Italy

Ms Ruth McDougall, New Farm

Curator, Pacific Art

Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art

To research new models for the promotion and presentation of Pacific textiles - Papua New Guinea, USA, Canada, UK

2013 Churchill Fellows

Queensland

Ms Pauline McGrath, Grange

Senior Genetic Counsellor
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

To review the delivery of counselling support for women undergoing new prenatal technology - UK, USA, Hong Kong

Dr Amanda Purcell, West End

Occupational Therapy Lymphoedema Consultant
Team Leader Princess Alexandra Hospital

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to develop further knowledge of head and neck lymphoedema assessment and treatment methods - Italy, UK, USA

Miss Emma Shakes, Nundah

Principal Men's Cutter
Siam Costume

To gain a greater knowledge and experience of the craftsmanship of men's costume tailoring - UK, USA

Dr Doug Shelton, Eagle Heights

Director of Community Child Health
Queensland Health

To understand how to build a comprehensive assessment and intervention service for children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - USA, Canada, New Zealand

QLD

Dr Angus Thompson, Fairfield

Consultant Cardiologist
Ipswich Hospital

To investigate systems of community heart failure care delivery in well-established multi-disciplinary services in geographically and socioeconomically challenging areas - USA, UK

Mr Mark Trotter, Spring Hill

Director
Fulton Trotter Architects

To develop new architectural initiatives to enhance education facilities for disadvantaged and disengaged youth - Singapore, Finland, UK, Ireland, USA, Canada

Dr Melanie White, Morningside

Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology & Counselling
Queensland University of Technology

To study methods for finding Genetic Markers of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Substance Abuse – Brazil

2013 Churchill Fellows

South Australia

Mr Mark Bell, Renmark

Business Development Manager
Regional Development Australia Murraylands & Riverland

The Australian Institute of Management Churchill Fellowship to study business cluster development and facilitation from European leaders - Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Italy, Spain

Mr Luke Dollman, McLaren Vale

Freelance Lecturer, Conductor, Teacher

The Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to observe and study teaching practices of the world's leading orchestral conducting teachers - UK, Switzerland, USA

Ms Karen Glaetzer, Torrensville

Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner
Repatriation General Hospital

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to study methods of improved care for individuals with intellectual and/or physical disability who require palliative care - UK, Ireland, Netherlands

Dr Trudi Mannix, Fulham Gardens

Lecturer
Flinders University School of Nursing and Midwifery

To investigate programs which aim to reduce stress and facilitate bonding between preterm infants and their parents - Ireland, USA, Canada

Mrs Courtney Ryder, Morphettville

Lecturer of Indigenous Health
Poche Centre of Indigenous Health and Wellbeing, Flinders University

To facilitate the development of a curriculum framework for best practice simulation teaching in Indigenous Health - New Zealand, USA, Canada

SA

Miss Marwa Shabbar, Holden Hill

Solicitor

Women's Legal Service (SA) Inc

To understand the cultural, tribal and religious barriers facing Middle Eastern women in disclosing/reporting domestic violence - Turkey, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco

Ms Lisa Simonetti - Athelstone

Clinical Midwife

Women's and Children's Hospital

To investigate the benefits of Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinics as a midwifery/nursing led model of care for patients experiencing miscarriage or potential pregnancy loss - Singapore, UK, Canada, USA

Mr Christopher Wainwright, Kilburn

General Manager

The Adelaide Youth Orchestras Incorporated

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to learn from the world's best participatory orchestral education programs to aid the development of similar programs in South Australia - UK, Germany, USA

Mr Simon Whyatt, Tanunda

Manager Business Systems and Sustainability

Peter Lehmann Wines Limited

To study the effectiveness of environmental sustainability programs in international wine regions - New Zealand, USA, Canada, Chile, South Africa

2013 Churchill Fellows

Western Australia

Mr Samuel Bayley, Derby

Wilinggin Indigenous Protected Area Coordinator
Kimberley Land Council

To investigate key factors that enable Indigenous communities to successfully manage natural resources and increase social capital - Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Canada

Dr Ruth Blackham, Leeming

Doctor - Surgical Registrar
Department of Health, Western Australia

To investigate the role of simulation in teaching surgical skills to health professionals - USA, Canada, UK

Mr Paul Bridge, Derby

Principal
Derby District High School

The WA Department for Child Protection Churchill Fellowship to research models and programs that address challenges facing Indigenous men and their capacity to support their children into the future, and how schools can help support successful models - Canada, USA

Mrs Carly Davenport, Mundaring

A/Senior Policy Officer, Young People, Arts and Education
Department of Culture and the Arts, Government of Western Australia

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to explore the use of Participatory Media toolkits by global Indigenous communities in bridging cultural, political and digital divides, conserve cultural diversity and build community leadership - Philippines, UK, USA, Peru

WA

Ms Lea Dias, Mount Hawthorn

Senior Pharmacist
Princess Margaret Hospital

To investigate electronic Closed Loop Medication Management systems in global leading hospitals to improve patient safety at the New Children's Hospital Project in Western Australia - USA, UK, Israel

Mr Jeff Dzodz, Como

Director, Employment Participation (WA)
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

To examine the effectiveness of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy and what it can offer to Australian youth - Canada

Dr Cat Hope, North Perth

Post Doctoral Research Fellow
Edith Cowan University

To study the creation, programming, performance and dissemination of graphically scored music - Japan, Germany, Iceland, Sweden, USA

2013 Churchill Fellows

Western Australia

Ms Bronwen Kelly, Leederville

Manager Communications Child and Adolescent Health Service
Department of Health, Western Australia

To investigate how social media is transforming the way patients receive health information and care - Spain, Switzerland, UK, USA

Mr Brodie McCulloch, Munster

Founder and Managing Director
Social Innovation in Western Australia

To explore innovative models for scaling social initiatives to maximise social impact - Singapore, Hong Kong, USA, UK, Canada

Mr Ashley Smith, Noranda

Instructor in undergraduate and secondary clarinet studies
Yale University

To undertake intensive contemporary bass clarinet tuition with three renowned pedagogues and self directed professional development at the Banff Centre - Spain, USA, Canada

Mr Bruce Wicksteed, Baldivis

Ambulance Paramedic
St John Ambulance (Western Australia)

To examine varied models for paediatric critical care transport with the intention of establishing a service in Western Australia - New Zealand, USA, Sweden, UK

TAS

Mr Geoffrey Dobson, Ulverstone

Director
Burnie Arts & Function Centre and Burnie Regional Gallery

The Gallaugher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to investigate exceptional public and creative learning programs of leading multi-arts centres - UK, USA

Mrs Ann Dodd, Gawler

Neurological Clinical Nurse Consultant
Department of Health and Human Services

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to study and experience innovative care models, including best practice specialist nursing services for people living with parkinsonism, including Parkinson's Disease - UK, Netherlands, Sweden

Mr Adam Edwards, West Hobart

Self-employed Violin Maker

To undertake advanced training in traditional Hardanger fiddle making - Norway

Ms Zoe Rimmer, Lindisfarne

Curator/Registration Officer (Repatriation)
Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

To explore ways in which museums are engaging with Indigenous communities and showcasing these cultures to a broader audience - USA, Canada, UK, France

Dr Christopher White, Hobart

Research Scientist
Australian Bureau of Meteorology (CAWCR)

To improve long-range forecasting of extreme weather events and the communication of the associated risk to decision makers - USA, UK

2013 Churchill Fellows

Australian Capital Territory

Mr Tim Clark, Kambah

Policy Officer
Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities (SEWPAC)

To explore models and the benefits of Indigenous tourism on Protected Areas - Canada, USA, Mexico, Peru, Brazil

Mr Peter Downs, Melba

Assistant Director - Integrity Section
Australian Sports Commission

To investigate models of best practice in sport and physical activity programs that include people with disability particularly people with high support needs - USA, UK, Finland

Ms Jennifer Elton, Fadden

Collections Manager
ACT Historic Places

To investigate the management of house museums and collections - UK

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Executive Manager - Client Services
Tandem Respite Inc

To assist young people with disabilities who have been sexually abused to deal with that experience and likely impacts - Brazil, USA, Canada, UK

ACT

Mr Darcy Henderson, O'Connor

Carpenter/Supervisor
Project North

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to gain practical knowledge and expertise in sustainable green construction from world leading countries - Spain, Sweden, Germany

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Executive Director
UN Women Australia

The ACT Government Audrey Fagan Churchill Fellowship to promote thought leadership on gender equality, focusing on recruitment and retention of women in management roles in non-traditional sectors - USA, Chile, Lithuania, UK

Ms Meriel Owen, Kaleen

Self-employed Musician

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to study diverse repertoire and techniques for harp in orchestra and chamber music - Austria, Germany

Dr Tony Schumacher Jones, Jamison

Senior Behavioural Consultant
Alzheimer's Australia - ACT

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to study person centred care for people with dementia - Netherlands, UK

2013 Churchill Fellows

Northern Territory

Ms Jacqueline Barfoot, Stuart Park

Early Intervention Services Manager
Carpentaria Disability Services

The Nancy Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to investigate current evidence-based 'parent-child interaction' intervention methods for children with learning disabilities - USA, UK, Netherlands, Israel

Mr Karl Day, Darwin

Detective Sergeant
Northern Territory Police Force

To implement a first class suspect and witness interviewing strategy in the Northern Territory - UK

Ms Rosie Downing, Ntaria via Alice Springs

Remote Area Midwife
Department of Health and Families, NT

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to observe successful birthing services for Indigenous women living in remote communities - UK, Canada, New Zealand

Mr Wayne Harris, Karama

Commander Special Operations Command
Northern Territory Police Force

To identify successful methodologies that provide alternatives to incarcerating intoxicated persons in police watch houses - USA, Canada

NT

Ms Angela O'Donnell, Darwin

Performing Arts Touring Manager
Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring

To research ways in which isolated artists work to create strong and tourable theatre - Turkey, Germany, UK, Ireland, Columbia

Ms Felicity Pidgeon, Woolner

Occupational Therapist (OT)/Case Manager
Top End Remote Aged and Disability Program, Department of Health

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to research models and methods used by services providing cross cultural rehabilitation therapy to disabled persons in very isolated regions - USA, Canada

External Territories

Ms Jodie Williams, Norfolk Island

Self-employed Graphic Designer
Studio Monarch

To research sound heritage, compile recordings and study contemporary audio storytelling methods - UK

Fellow's Feature

Craig Copeland 2012 Churchill Fellow

To investigate the motivation of recreational fishers to restore fish habitat - USA, Ireland, UK

Adapted from the Habitat Management article written by Craig Copeland for the Salmo Trutta Journal, UK www.wildtrout.org

There are many basic elements of a waterway that fish require to survive and, indeed, thrive: good water quality; water flow; instream structure, such as wood and rocks; good riparian zones and intact wetlands; and connectivity between sites. Unfortunately, around the world these elements have been degraded by human activity to such an extent that native fish numbers, particularly in freshwater and estuaries, have been significantly reduced.

For more than 20 years I have had the great fortune of being able to pursue a career in the improvement of fish populations through the restoration of natural habitat in New South Wales. My work, however, could be substantially improved through greater support from recreational fishers, and this is where Mr. Winston Churchill comes in!

Craig with Nick Yonge and Ronald Campbell of the Tweed Foundation

Winston Churchill was extremely well regarded by Australians and, before his death, the Australian Government agreed to support a proposed memorial that would provide travel support for people to visit other countries to gain knowledge and experience that might thereby improve our country.

The fundraising to establish The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in Australia was the single largest effort of community fundraising in the country until the Asian Tsunami appeal!

I was lucky enough to be awarded a 2012 Churchill Fellowship to try and figure out why recreational fishers in the Northern Hemisphere are more actively engaged in supporting their fisheries. By visiting fishers in the USA, Ireland and the UK I learnt what motivates them to put something back into their fisheries.

My biggest problem in travelling to the UK was having to deal with my hosts' rampant joy as the Australian scrum collapsed at home to the British and Irish Lions and our cricketers found the swing of England too much to bear. They were clearly delighted to have an Aussie in their midst. Happily, I can report that normal transmission has been resumed and Australia's low sporting ebb seems to be over (Ashes anyone?) – but who knew so many fishers also followed other sports!

My hosts in the UK, Martin Salter from the Angling Trust and Simon Evans from the Wye and Usk Foundation, took me to some marvellous places and introduced me to some great people. And with similar rich encounters in Ireland and the US, I was able to put together a reasonable plan for action in Australia. Before I tell you about that I would like to share with you some observations of fish habitat issues I encountered in the UK.

First, you need to thank your lucky stars that your fish are good swimmers – Australian fish are lazy. As a consequence it was possible for the Wye and Usk Foundation to spend £150 in restoring a fish passage at a site that in Australia would have cost at least £12,000. We also have a lot more barriers!

Silver Creek, Idaho USA

You also need to be thankful for willows and how easy they are to plant. Trying to remove them from Australian waterways is hard work and expensive. The native trees we plant have a very low survival rate, needing lots of care for the first two years. But by far the most chilling to recognise and redress is their impact on water flow and quality. My firm belief is that it is only when organisations like Fish Legal bring wrong-doers to account and stop further habitat losses, does it then become possible to start seeking habitat gains through restoration. That's why I hope all fishers throughout the UK realise that they shouldn't leave it solely to members.

While my Report has been written to support advancement of the fish habitat restoration cause in Australia, I believe many of the lessons learned can be applied to improve an already good situation in the UK. My Report indicates that a common driver in undertaking habitat work for the fishers I spoke to was information.

This seems simple enough, but as I have found out it is a mistake to assume all recreational fishers appreciate that, for instance, poor water quality might lead to sedimentation of gravel bars and reduced invertebrate production and fish spawning.

Neil Marfel from the Monnow Rivers Association said that he never understood the ecology of fish when he first began fishing, but the penny dropped when he first heard a talk by the Wild Trout Trust about how to address the problems of the degraded fishery by fixing water quality and instream habitat: "fences are good – they improve water quality".

Just as important was the camaraderie produced by working together with fellow recreational fishers towards a common goal, not often found in what is generally an individual pastime. This shared and wonderful social experience was best expressed by the members of the Godalming Angling Society.

Although the bulk of their work was to manage their fishing lakes, they were also carrying out work to restore local streams and wild fish populations. The feeling that I got from talking to the members of this Club, which would be mirrored across many others I imagine, was that they were having a great time looking after the future of fishing and making contributions that were positive to the local economy. And they loved having another excuse (if one was needed) to get out of the house.

Probably the most interesting and useful thing that I saw was the support given to recreational fishers who had become involved in habitat restoration and management, by recreational fishing-based organisations and government agencies. The Wild Trout Trust and various rivers trusts are in place across the UK on behalf of fish, delivering outcomes on the ground to improve fisheries. By their presence and organisation, they allow recreational fishers to become engaged on complex habitat issues that might, if looked at by an individual, seem insurmountable.

Alongside them, the Environment Agency (in England) provided much needed technical and financial support on a wide range of actions. For example, in the Loddon catchment, the Arborleigh Angling Club had worked hard to restore fish passage at Arborfield, as well as putting habitat structure back into the river.

While this had a short term impact on the loss of some specimen fish, it provided a much needed boost to connectivity and spawning but, according to the anglers, without Dominic Martyn and his colleagues from the EA, the project would not have gone ahead. And as Nick Yonge from the Tweed Foundation attests, it is not a short-term task! It's taken many years to mess it up and it will take many years to put it back. And this is where the presence of organisations like the Tweed Foundation are essential.

I had a great trip to the UK, saw some wonderful country and met some wonderful people, and while I'm quite happy living in Australia, I'm just a little jealous of the actions recreational fishers have going to restore fisheries – and fish that can jump more than 10cm! I learned a lot, but I also learned that there are things we are doing in fish habitat in Oz, that may be interesting to anglers across the world. I am wondering whether it's time to set up an international fish habitat network – to connect people and organisations carrying out fish habitat work and hopefully make the task a little easier by sharing our knowledge.

Craig Copeland's Churchill Fellowship Report is available on The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust's website www.**churchilltrust.com.au**

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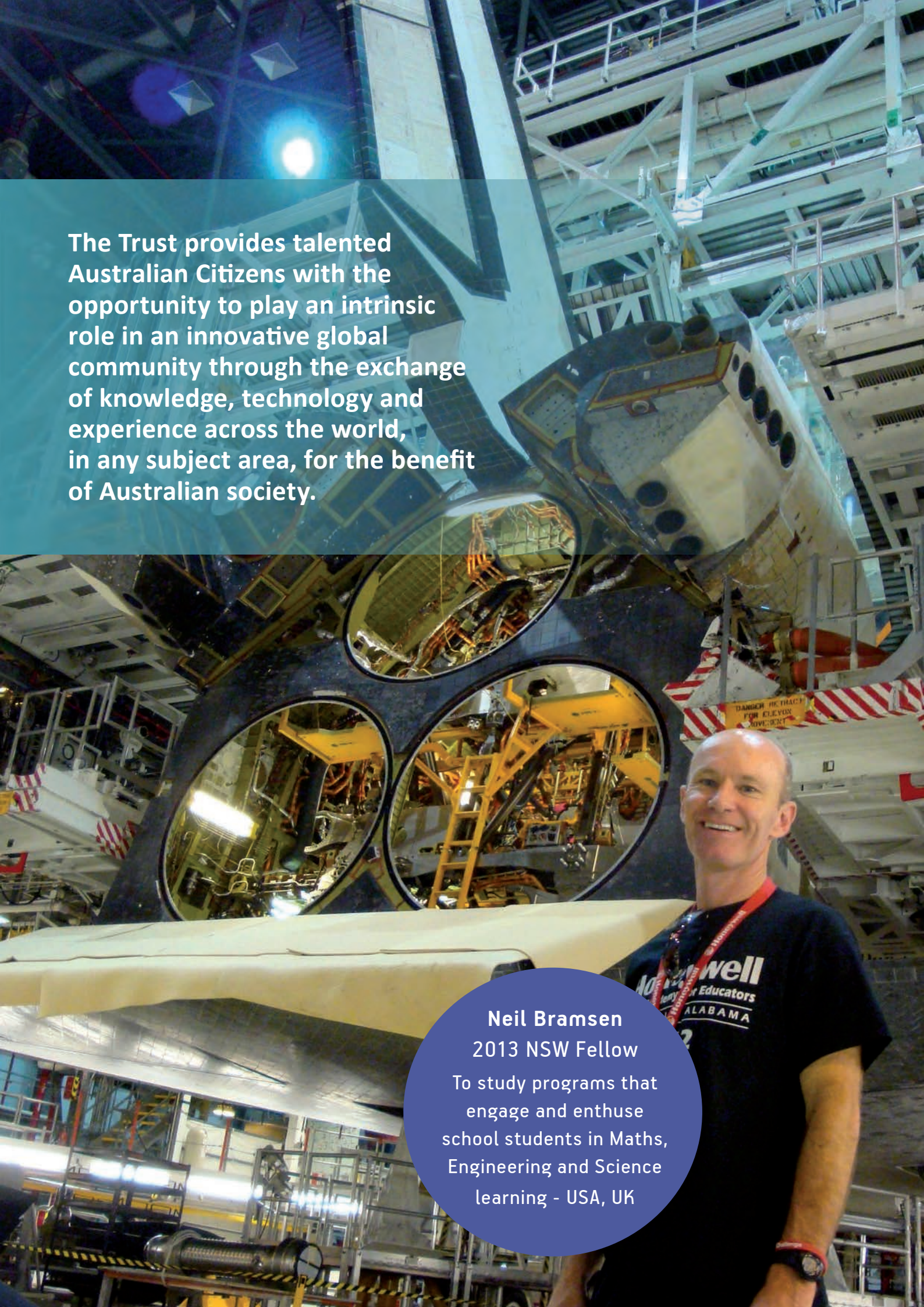

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Neil Bramsen
2013 NSW Fellow
To study programs that engage and enthuse school students in Maths, Engineering and Science learning - USA, UK

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