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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.

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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.

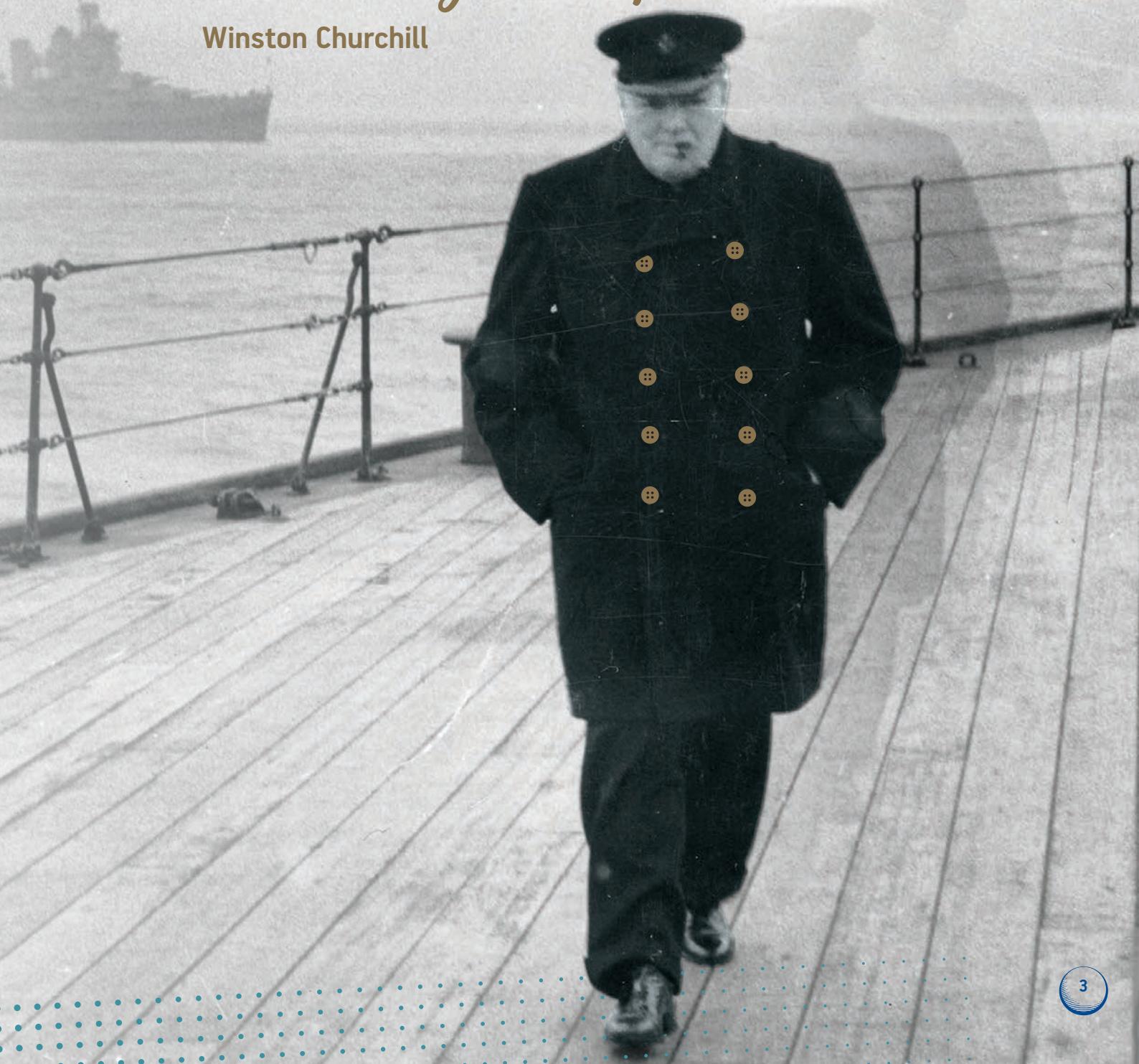
Those who lived through the years of World War II are unlikely to forget the vital role Churchill played in ridding the world of a tyranny the full magnitude of which was only revealed after the final victory was won. It is to be hoped that, with perpetual memorials like The Winston Churchill Memorial 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'.

*"Continuous effort
- not strength or intelligence -
is the key to
unlocking our potential"*

Winston Churchill



Why we remember Winston Churchill



BY GRAHAM FREUDENBERG (Book Excerpt)

THE CHURCHILL PARADOX

"I went into politics because of Churchill", Paul Keating told me during a chance meeting in the Queen Victoria Building, Sydney, on 7 December 2006. Even allowing for the former Prime Minister's talent for the unexpected, this was a surprise. "And it happened in this very building", he explained. "This used to be the Sydney Municipal Library where I had my first job. They had shelves full of back numbers of the *Strand Magazine* of London." Churchill had been a regular contributor in the 1920s and 1930s and Paul Keating said he "devoured" his articles; "Churchill made politics come to life." I promptly asked him to launch the book on Churchill and Australia I was then writing. He did so in 2008 with his characteristic flair for pot-stirring.

Paul Keating's successor as Prime Minister of Australia was John Winston Howard. It is noteworthy that this act of homage to Winston Churchill by Mr and Mrs Howard of Canterbury, NSW, took place in July 1939, two months before the outbreak of the Second World War, when Churchill was still in the political wilderness and when, apart from his warnings against Hitler, he was best known in Australia as the architect of the doomed Gallipoli campaign.

It is a measure of Churchill's unique stature that the two Prime Ministers who took Australia into the 21st century should be connected in these personal ways, not with the Titan of the Finest Hour, but with the pre-war Churchill whose career before 1939 was described by one biographer as "a study in failure".

Eight Australian Prime Ministers, spanning more than half the 20th century, had substantial relations with Churchill. There were confrontations aplenty. Our second Prime Minister, Alfred Deakin, clashed with him over tariff protection versus free trade at the Prime Ministers' Conference in London in 1907, when Churchill was Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. Andrew Fisher fought him over the role of the infant Royal Australian Navy, when Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty before the First World War. (Churchill wanted to keep the flagship HMAS *Australia* in the North Atlantic.) Billy Hughes excoriated Churchill's attempt as

Secretary for War to embroil Australia in an absurd war with Turkey in 1922. Stanley Melbourne Bruce managed to persuade Churchill, as Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late 1920s, to bend his free trade principles to give preference to Australian wine. Later Bruce served as Australian High Commissioner in London and had direct access to Churchill throughout the Second World War. In 1941, three Prime Ministers in rapid succession, Robert Menzies, Arthur Fadden and John Curtin, argued with Churchill over the relief of the 9th Australian Division at Tobruk. John Curtin, Prime Minister from October 1941 to his death in July 1945, had the most fraught and most crucial relationship of them all. Ben Chifley tried hard, without success, to get Churchill to give a less one-sided account of the Curtin Labor Government in his Second World War memoirs. Churchill accepted in principle Chifley's invitation to visit Australia. He never came.



Paradoxically, it is this Australian ambivalence about Churchill which makes the relationship so rich, complex and, in the end, so strong. No Australian who studies the record can be starry-eyed about everything Churchillian.

The Australian Prime Minister with the longest and closest relationship with Churchill was Sir Robert Menzies. It began with a visit to Chartwell, Churchill's beloved country home, in 1935 and ended thirty years later, when Menzies delivered his eulogy on behalf of the Commonwealth of Nations at St Paul's Cathedral, London, as a key part of Churchill's funeral services. Or rather, we might say that their relationship began a new phase, because within days of Churchill's death on 24 January 1965, Sir Robert launched the national appeal leading to the foundation of the

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust – Churchill's living monument in Australia.

There is a paradox about Australian attitudes towards Winston Churchill of which Sir Robert Menzies himself was the embodiment. For it must be recalled that, with all his eloquent admiration of Churchill, Menzies had shared the doubts about Churchill's attitude towards Australia, and some of his actions, held by many of his fellow Australians at the time and to this day. Paradoxically, it is this Australian ambivalence about Churchill which makes the relationship so rich, complex and, in the end, so strong. No Australian who studies the record can be starry-eyed about everything Churchillian. We can see him warts and all. His reputation is all the more solid in Australia precisely because the questions raised by his dealings with us are so important for an understanding of our own history.

Menzies was twenty years younger than Churchill. Their first meeting in 1935, when Menzies was Australian Attorney-General in the Lyons Government, took place at a low point in Churchill's career. He had put himself in the political wilderness by his strident opposition to any move towards self-government, much less independence, for India. He had not yet found his warning and prophetic voice against Hitler. After their Chartwell meeting, Menzies confided to his diary: "All in all, the idol has feet of clay".

Six years later, when they were both war Prime Ministers, Menzies was able to observe Churchill's leadership close-up, during his long stay in Britain from February to May 1941. He wrote in his diary on 14 March:

The Cabinet is deplorable – dumb men most of whom disagree with Winston but none of whom dare say so. This state of affairs is dangerous. The Chiefs of Staff are without exception Yes men. Winston is a dictator; he cannot be overruled. The people have set him up as something little less than God and his power is therefore terrific.

But in the stream of private criticism, the consistent theme was always about courage – in this case, that nobody had the courage to stand up to Churchill. Menzies strongly advocated the creation of an Imperial War Cabinet, with permanent Dominion representation. Churchill brushed such ideas aside, grumbling: "They only want me to make the speeches".

After the War, the uneven partnership of 1941 matured into a genuine friendship...

Read more about the achievements of Churchill Fellows and the 50 year history of the Trust in a new book available for purchase from our online shop (www.churchilltrust.com.au/shop) from October 2015.



Left: British Prime Minister Winston Churchill with Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies and American Ambassador John Winant, whom he presented with Degrees of Doctors of Law, Bristol University, 1941

Middle: Sir Winston Churchill with South African General Jan Smuts who became firm friends during WWII, 1942

Right: Prime Minister Menzies with British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, 1952

Fellowships in Focus

A Churchill Fellowship provides a remarkable opportunity for Australian Citizens from all walks of life who, having exhausted all opportunities here, 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 Churchill Fellows are selected.

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 November 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 February and close mid May.

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

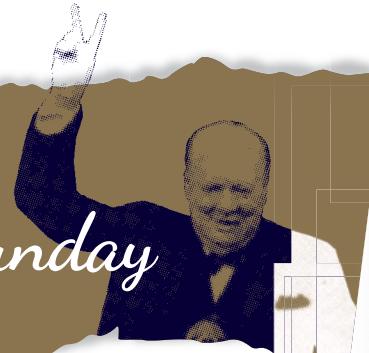
In accordance with the Constitution of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, our mission is to perpetuate and honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill by:

- **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

28 February 1965 Recalling Churchill Appeal Sunday



It is important to recall that The Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal was the most successful one-day fundraiser in Australia's history, planned in secret and executed in precision in every State and Territory.

The appeal took place on 28 February 1965, Churchill Appeal Sunday, about a month after Churchill's death. In the space of one day, £4.3 million or the equivalent of \$35 million in 2015 was raised by a volunteer army of over 25,000 who knocked on about three million Australian doors.

Volunteers who were involved in the initial fund raising effort share their recollections...



My older sister, Nanette, and I participated in the fundraising drive. I remember walking the streets for most of the day thanks to the civic minded spirit of my mother. It was an exceptionally long day for the two of us but the strongest memory is that everybody gave. I think we probably struck an area with a large number of war widows.

David James Brien, Glen Iris Victoria



We received a very generous response to the Appeal. There were no knock-backs and everyone contributed what they could. At the time Churchill had just died and Australia had a very different view of him than Britain – we saw him as a hero. He was greatly admired here in Tasmania. My life changed forever when I was awarded a Fellowship in 1978.

George Deas Brown AM, Battery Point Tasmania



I was 30 at the time of the doorknock and as a school boy during WWII, clearly remember Churchill's stirring speeches. I recall not one refusal during the collection, everyone believing it a great cause.

Peter Bruce OAM, Howrah Tasmania



I was consistently pushing ten pound notes into my collection tin, but the clincher came when a house holder chased me down the street to put several 10 pound notes into my tin. It was an amazing response. As a young person, not having experienced World War II at first hand, it was an insight into the strong emotional response that lay just below the surface for Churchill and all he represented for so many people. The end note to this is that 30 years later my husband became a Churchill Fellow in 1995!

Glenys Darmody, Glen Iris Victoria



I remember being recruited by my late father in his capacity as Deputy President of the Chester Hill RSL. I was 15 years of age when I was a collector for the fund. I remember walking the streets of Villawood on a hot and humid summer's day knocking on doors of Housing Commission houses. We received strong support from residents, avoided a few growling dogs and at the end of the day we participated in a thoroughly worthwhile experience.

David and Richard Gilbert, Villawood, NSW



As a 16 year old boarder at Melbourne Grammar School, I took part in the doorknock on Sunday 28 February 1965. I collected 2 pounds 16 shillings, but many others collected in richer areas.

Andrew Martin Ross Gosling, South Yarra Victoria



I collected for the Trust in Canberra and was subsequently awarded a Fellowship in the Northern Territory in 1971.

Graeme Kelleher AO, Canberra ACT



Most of the people were very nice and gave money. I remember I was very hot and thirsty and so I asked a lady of this particular house for a drink of water and water would have sufficed. She invited us in and provided the most memorable cold 'soft' drink and cake. Quite the reverse, I was sure the man at another house was going to physically attack us for knocking on his door. I collected quite a bit of money. Honesty played a big part and there was no reconciliation or receipt books for cash in those days. I was 18 years old and this was my only attempt at doorknocking for a good cause.

June Dorothy Morrison, Campbell ACT



We all watched the slow motion and rather public death of Churchill with considerable sorrow and regret, and were fascinated by his state funeral. I was 17 at the time. I was pleased to have the opportunity to collect for his memorial fund. I can't remember how much I collected but almost everybody was willing to contribute.

Alan Roberts, North Turramurra NSW



I was based in Brisbane serving as a captain in the army when I was asked to join the door knocking team. I didn't expect much support for the Appeal because the suburb was working class, but I was staggered by the results. I later went on to be awarded a Fellowship and feel satisfied that my studies, made possible through the Churchill Trust, have had a broad impact in Australia.

Bruce Stark, Inala QLD



I was an Infantry Soldier with the 2nd Battalion RAR and most, if not all, of the Battalion did doorknocks for most of the day. I do remember that we had no knock-backs when asking to donate.

Norman Todd, Ennogera QLD



I was nervous about collecting for the Trust but I remember being delighted that no-one said 'drop dead' and people were donating quite large sums of money. I became one of the first recipients of a Churchill Fellowship and the Trust changed my life forever.

Ian Tolley, Renmark SA



The number of people who got involved, from political figures and volunteers to the armed forces was incredible. I doorknocked 20 homes with my 15 year old son and found the support overwhelming thanks to an extensive awareness campaign and media interest in the Churchill Trust. Everyone knew what we were there for and we hardly needed to open our mouths. One year later I joined the list of recipients by receiving a Fellowship!

Brian Wilson, Coorparoo QLD



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Animals – surviving and thriving



BY PENELOPE HANLEY (Book Excerpt)



Churchill Fellows with enthusiasm for animals demonstrate a wide variation in which species they choose and in which field of expertise they are qualified – from snake breeding to that ‘study in improbability,’ the horse, from conservation of species to training animals for our entertainment on television and at the cinema.

Just outside Texas is the most extensive collection of pythons in the world. The Vida Preciosa International was owned and operated by David and Tracey Barker when Churchill Fellow, Bryan Cantle visited in 1994. Bryan, from the Northern Territory, witnessed this snake den when he was travelling through the United States to investigate the breeding of endangered reptiles.

While travelling, he met a reptile breeder who focused on

only two species of python, (the Green Tree Python and the Jungle Carpet Python) using only one small bedroom in his house. Breeding only two species of python and probably not having more than ten breeding adults made over \$US30,000 in the last year, more than twice the wage he is currently earning as a zoo keeper at a major American zoo.

At the 1994 National Reptile Breeders Expo organised by the Florida Herpetological Society, Bryan witnessed a buyer pay \$US15,000 for a pair of hatchling woma pythons.

After months of travelling up and down the United States, the question that worried Bryan about many of these snake breeding operations was this: ‘Does any of this money that is being generated by the breeding and sale of all these reptiles ... benefit the species and assist in its continued survival in the wild, or is this just python prostitution?’



Animal conservation is a particular focus of Matthew Fuller, from New South Wales. Matthew’s 2011 Churchill Fellowship took him to South Africa and the United States to research the operation of animal research facilities and zoos. He wanted to observe what improvements might be possible for managing the Taronga Western Plains Zoo, where Matthew works as General Manager.

Matthew writes in his report that there are a number of reasons for animal extinction, but ‘one thing is certain, the greatest threat to the environment, biodiversity and the animal world as we know it, is mankind’. Matthew was able to compare Australia’s Taronga Western Plains Zoo with ‘global powerhouses’ such as the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park and the Royal Zoological Society and its zoo in London. He explored innovations in these places that would support a changing business model that was in the early stages of design in his Australian workplace.

The Churchill Fellowship opportunity enabled access to a vast amount of knowledge and experience in a short period. Matthew writes in his report:

During my Fellowship the time in South Africa provided enormous insight into the challenges of conserving iconic mega fauna, as well as the chance to really experience a true wildlife safari, influencing our approach to design, construction and the operation of the Zoo’s unique overnight experiences.

Matthew wrote recently that since his return, ‘we have invested more than \$7.5 million in creating world class overnight experiences that rival the best wildlife safaris on offer and in 2014 we were awarded as the best Unique Accommodation Operation at the New South Wales Tourism Awards. Zoofari Lodge, Billabong Camp and the Savanna Cabins will now combine to accommodate nearly 30,000 guests per annum, creating inspiring connections between people and wildlife that will shape the impact they have on our environment and on the world’s wildlife.¹

¹ Matthew Fuller, email to author, February 2015



'No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.'¹

Winston Churchill, 1930.

Elvie Munday recalled that the most unusual Fellowship she ever dealt with in her 32 year career at the Churchill Trust was that of Miles Hodge, who came from the Gippsland area of Victoria. Miles Hodge made orthopaedic horseshoes.

If a prize-winning thoroughbred horse gave birth to a foal with a crooked leg, Miles Hodge could fit that foal with an orthopaedic horseshoe, and in six or seven weeks, the foal would be perfect. In previous times, a horse with a broken leg would have been put down, but modern techniques with plastic and fibreglass braces allow a horse to walk around while a bone knits.

In 1978, Miles Hodge travelled to the Oklahoma Farriers College in the United States on his Churchill Fellowship. He studied for a diploma course in farriery and extension study in pathological horse shoeing and teaching techniques.

He was invited to stay on and teach, which he did for a time. Miles also visited Canada, Europe and the United Kingdom. In Canada he was selected to compete with more than 50 farriers at the Calgary Stampede. Among farriers the event was known as the Olympics of blacksmithing.

The farriers of the United Kingdom were so impressed with him that they gave him a special medallion and he also received a special insignia from the Farrier School of Austria.



Nearly 30 years after Miles Hodge represented the Australian farriers on his Churchill Fellowship travels, Jonathan Oehm from Queensland travelled on a James Love Churchill Fellowship (2006) to study

¹ Langworth, 2008, p. 535

Matthew Fuller, 2011

Miles Hodge, 1978

advanced techniques in therapeutic and remedial farriery. His journey took him to the United Kingdom. In Jonathan's informative report he tells us that farriers work in hot or cold metal, usually steel or alloys, or sometimes plastics and resins – to shape a shoe to the horse's foot. 'Ideally, a farrier will also be a horseman and able to interpret a horse's reactions and adapt to them.'

'Horses are a study in improbability.' Jonathan quotes from an article in *American Farriers Journal* (volume 25, 1994) stating that 'A horse puts nine times its body weight on each limb as it goes from walk to canter; four tonnes of pressure per limb on an average-sized horse at a gallop.' From the knee down, a horse has no muscle, and everything works on a system of tendons and levers. 'If a farrier is out by as little as three millimetres in judging hoof preparation, he can cause joints to shatter, ligaments to break, and tendons to rupture...'

He timed his Fellowship to coincide with the peak foaling time for thoroughbred horses in the United Kingdom: April to June. During his travels, Jonathan met a supporter of farriers and an admirer of their skills: Princess Anne, who expressed her opinion that 'The Churchill Trust is a great institution.'

Jonathan returned from England with the aim of improving Australian standards associated with the welfare of horses. He recommended increased education for owners, vets, breeders and trainers, which would go hand in hand with improved farrier training. At the time of his Fellowship, contrasting with the United Kingdom, anyone in Australia could hang out his shingle and be a farrier. He saw an urgent need for standardised training and registration in this country.

In a recent email, Jonathan stated that since he returned from his Churchill Fellowship the situation here is gradually improving, either as a direct or indirect result of his recommendations and efforts.

[Read more about the achievements of Churchill Fellows and the 50 year history of the Trust in a new book available for purchase from our online shop \(\[www.churchilltrust.com.au/shop\]\(http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/shop\)\) from October 2015.](#)





Report by National Chair

Margaret White

It is a privilege to present the Annual Report and Finance Report for the year ended 31 January 2015. It is my fourth report as National Chair. I am deeply honoured to lead a Board which is comprised of men and women dedicated so completely to giving effect to the vision of the original Trustees in 1965. That is, to perpetuate the memory of Sir Winston Churchill through the awarding of Fellowships to Australian citizens to travel overseas to study, train or conduct research to further their knowledge for the benefit of the Australian community.

To that end, many of the directors chair the Regional Selection Committees which entails countless hours reading applications and interviewing shortlisted candidates to be recommended for a Fellowship. Other directors, whose expertise is in finance and investment, oversee the Trust's investments so that there will be available, in perpetuity, a reliable income from which the Fellowships may be funded and the Trust administered.

There have been no Board changes in this reporting year and it has been pleasing to see the more recent appointments, Mr Robert Harvey and Mr David Trebeck, settle into their director roles.

While not strictly within this reporting year, it would be stale news indeed in next year's report if I failed to mention now one director who will retire at the June 2015 AGM. In early February 2015 the appointment of the Honourable Linda Dessau AM as the next Governor of Victoria was announced. Ms Dessau has served on the Selection Committee in Victoria for many years having herself been awarded the Percy Baxter Fellowship in 1994 to study ways to reduce cost and delay in the criminal justice system. Ms Dessau was appointed to the Board in June 2011 and has been a strong contributor to its deliberations. The Trust heartily congratulates her and looks forward to her continued interest in the Trust. Ms Dessau is the first Churchill Fellow to be honoured with gubernatorial office in Australia although the Honourable Sally Thomas AC who was a long-serving director of the Trust and Chair of the Northern Territory Selection Committee is the immediate past Administrator of the Territory.

The Trust's investments have seen steady growth and the end of this reporting period have achieved, for the first time, a corpus value of over \$100 million. The investment strategy is under constant consideration by the Investment Audit and Risk Committee (the IARC) under the very capable chairmanship of Dr Jane Wilson. The Board is pleased to acknowledge the advice and investment management assistance it receives from its adviser JANA Investment Advisers Pty Ltd. Over the reporting period the

Trust's investments returned 12.5% which is well ahead of the CPI plus 5% investment objective.

The investment approach had been conservative, as befits a perpetual charitable trust, since a long term view can be taken. The directors are, nonetheless, mindful of the overall volatility of the international economy and I can assure those who have the future of the Trust close to their hearts that, guided by the IARC, the Board maintains a substantial buffer to weather any financial vicissitudes. The income generated by its investments comfortably funds the Trust's operating expenses as well as maintaining the monetary value of the approximately 100 Fellowships which are awarded annually. In this reporting year the Trust awarded 106 Fellowships at a total cost of \$2.33 million.

I would like to acknowledge the deep appreciation of the Trust to the many sponsors who fund one or more Fellowships either on a "one-off" basis, or, more usually, over many years on a subject-matter of particular interest to the sponsor. Since the inception of the Trust it has partnered with over ninety sponsors, some as the result of testamentary benefactions. The extraordinary generosity of many organisations and individual sponsors has enabled more talented and committed Australians to hone their skills and talents by overseas research for the good of our several communities. The Trust hopes that sponsors are encouraged to continue their support aware of the meticulous selection process which produces outstanding men and women and their knowledge of the significant contribution which Churchill Fellows have made since 1966.

Almost 4,000 Fellowships have been awarded since the first Fellows travelled in 1966 covering every conceivable field of endeavour.

The Trust's online application system, first trialled nationally for our 2013 Fellowship round, has settled down well. The continuing development of our electronic profile and engagement with social media has resulted in the work of the Trust being extended to a large pool of people who might otherwise have been unaware of its existence. It has also enabled Fellows to become connected or to stay in connection with other Fellows in their field of interest. As all who have attended a Churchill Fellows' Association event will attest, the buzz of enthusiastic exchange which reverberates around a gathering is exhilarating, so facilitating the many conversations electronically has been a pleasing feature of this area of growth. The very attractive Winston Churchill Memorial Trust website is easy to navigate and contains a great deal of information about the Trust as well as access to the Fellows' Reports – a splendid resource. The Board is most grateful to

Ms Julia Quantrill, who joined National Office in 2013, for her enthusiastic and talented work in this area.

At the end of 2013 the Trust farewelled Ms Louise Hurst (known to many as Louise Stenhouse) after 10 years' service as Senior Executive Officer - Finance & Administration. She was well known to many Fellows as they embarked on their travels and also through attending many Regional awards events around Australia. The Trust thanks her for her commitment to the Trust and wishes her well for the future. That position has now been filled by Ms Sally Campbell and we look forward to a cordial and productive relationship with her in this important role. Long-time stalwart of Churchill House, Ms Meg Gilmartin, gives great continuity to National Office activities. The Board is grateful to her and all at National Office for their dedication and enthusiasm in carrying out the day to day work of the Trust. Ms Beverley Payne has also recently joined the staff at National Office providing an important contribution to the Trust's historical research and records.



The Trust looks forward this year to commemorating Churchill's memory which is given life by the thousands of Australian Churchill Fellows now joined by the stellar group of 2014 Fellows whom all associated with the Trust warmly congratulate.

The important relationship of the Trust with its sponsors, the operation of National Office, dealing with Fellows on a daily basis, managing the role of the Regional Secretaries, being the liaison between the Trust and the State and Territory Churchill Fellows' Associations and being a valuable presence at the Regional Selection Committees' final interviews has been the task of the CEO, Mr Paul Tys csc. The Board expresses its gratitude to him for his unfailing dedication to the objectives of the Trust and his skilful management of all of these roles.

I wish also to thank those many volunteers who sit on Selection Committees or Panels (or who "mind" the interviewees) around Australia. By their careful assessment of the almost one thousand applications they have ensured that, for this year, as always, there is a new cohort of very impressive Churchill Fellows.

Each State and Territory enjoys the support and practical encouragement of their respective Governors and Administrators who, by presenting the Fellowship Certificates each year and offering hospitality to the new Fellows and their guests, signify to

the wider community the honour that it is to be a Churchill Fellow. On behalf of the Trust I thank each for this important contribution to the Trust's year. The Trust was particularly gratified that the new Governor General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC Retd, has agreed to be Patron-in-Chief of the Trust. The Trust thanks the outgoing Governor General, the Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO, who retired from office in March 2014, for her support of the Trust.

Finally, a word about the man whose memory is honoured by this magnificent enterprise which I have the honour to Chair. Sir Winston Churchill died on 25 January 1965. The Trust in Australia was established very shortly after. Our commemoration of that fifty year anniversary will occur during the second half of 2015 and into 2016, the first year of travel for Fellows. Those events will be reported upon in the next Annual Report but the anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill's death is in this reporting year and calls for some reflection upon him as the inspiration for the establishment of the Trust.

The leaderwriter in a major English newspaper, not known for its Conservative sympathies, wrote thus on the morning of 25 January 1965:

In Winston Churchill has died the greatest Englishman of his time, full of years and honour. The days when his shoulders held up the sky are still fresh in the minds of all but the young; and then he served and saved not only his own countrymen but the whole free world.

Unlike most eminent persons he can at his death be given at once his place in history; it is not likely that posterity, when it sees him in perspective, will change to any great extent the judgment of his contemporaries. Without Churchill would Britain have survived in 1940 and 1941? And if Britain had gone down then, could any nation have prevailed against the Nazis and their allies?

And Simon Schama, that historical polymath, has noted that in his last and, arguably, greatest work, 1984, written in 1949, George Orwell, stern denouncer of personality cults, named the doomed renegade, "the last man", Winston. Schama adds:

Along with the millions of his compatriots, Orwell believed that, more than any political, or military, gifts, it had been Winston's exuberant humanity – egotistical, erratic, histrionic – as well as his long career as a word-warrior, that had taken a people shaking with trepidation, and made of them comrades in arms.

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**Margaret White
National Chair**

Sponsored Fellowships 2015

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 2015 follows:

For Award Regionally

ACT Government Audrey Fagan	ACT resident or working permanently in the ACT - For a woman to study gendered research, including but not limited to the areas of law enforcement, care and protection, or professional support services for women who are victims of violence	Public service Community service
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; education, health, engineering, regulation and administration	Land, commerce and logistics Public service
Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet	QLD – For the development of evidence based policy proposals that enhance the security, prosperity, liveability or health of Queenslanders along with recommendations which are implementable by the Queensland Government (2 Fellowships - economic issues and social issues)	Public service Community service Health and Medicine
Blakeney Millar Foundation	NSW Tumut – The benefit of Tumut and its environs	All categories
Churchill Fellows' Association (CFA) SA	SA - In any field	All categories
Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney)	NSW – School and/or pre-school education	Education
James Love	QLD – In any field	All categories
Samuel and Eileen Gluyas	QLD – Tropical pastoral industry	Land, commerce and logistics
Jack Brockhoff Foundation	VIC – Research for the benefit of rural or regional areas in social disadvantage, including disability, or in health and medical practice	Health and medicine Community service
Dept for Child Protection and Family Support	WA – Protection and care for children and young people or support for at risk individuals and families	Community service Public service

For Award Nationally

Sponsor	Fellowship	Category
Australian Biological Resources Study	Overseas taxonomic research on Australian flora or fauna (2 Fellowships; Early Career and Established Researcher)	Land, commerce and logistics
Australian Institute of Management	To investigate management and leadership practices that enable and promote productivity	Professions and services Public service
AV Jennings	Domestic architecture, building and planning	Professions and services
Barbara Matthews	Effective approaches in preschool and primary education, especially in art and music	Education
Barbara Matthews	Student well-being, especially for those students with learning or physical disabilities	Education
Bob and June Prickett	An aspect of the health of Australians	Health and medicine
Dame Roma Mitchell	Excellence in the performing arts	The arts
Donald Mackay	Countering organised crime	Public service
Dr Dorothea Sandars	Medical/veterinary parasitology or Parkinson's Disease, or advances in medicine in general	Land, commerce and logistics Health and medicine
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	Enhancement of the delivery of palliative care	Health and medicine
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of ophthalmology	Health and medicine
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of marine science	Land, commerce and logistics Professions and services
Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws	A project in the field of surgery, including surgical nursing	Health and medicine
Gilbert Spottiswood	Subjects related to the theatre	The arts
Jack Green	The dairy industry	Land, commerce and logistics
Kevin Bell	Excellence in the field of ophthalmology	Health and medicine
Lamington National Park	National parks, nature conservation and the environment	Land, commerce and logistics
Leslie (Les) J. Fleming	Oncology and cancer research	Health and medicine
Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal	Ways to combat and reduce the impact of bushfires	Land, commerce and logistics
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Strategies which support and encourage role model behaviour for Australia's elite athletes domestically and overseas	Health and medicine
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Performance excellence in classical music or voice	The arts
Park Family	Educational and/or vocational training	Education
Ron Badman Family	An aspect of agriculture with a focus on seed production, pasture development and irrigation	Land, commerce and logistics
Stuart and Norma Leslie	Performance excellence in the arts	The arts
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	An aspect of early childhood and/or primary education (in honour of Nancy Fairfax)	Education
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	To engage people post-retirement in ongoing work, volunteering, learning, sports and networks (in honour of Geoffrey White)	Community service



Report by Chief Executive Officer

Paul Tys

As Chief Executive Officer of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, I am extremely proud to welcome you to this very special 50th Anniversary Annual Report. It is for me a great privilege to serve as CEO of such a wonderful institution as the Churchill Trust and to meet the talented and deserving Australians who each year become our new Churchill Fellows. I continue to be humbled by the passion, dedication and achievements of our Fellows.

Although the reporting period covered by this Annual Report is for the Financial Year ended 31 January 2015, the actual publication and distribution of this Report occurs in the second half of this calendar year. This means that we are well into the 50th Anniversary year of the Trust as you read this Annual Report. It would, therefore, be remiss of me not to make some comment in this report on the 50th Anniversary commemoration.

A number of Churchill Trust Anniversaries during our fifty year history have already been commemorated. These have included the award of the 1000th Churchill Fellowship in 1982 when a Celebration Dinner was held in Melbourne along with the production of a special publication. The Silver Jubilee of the Trust in 1990 was commemorated by another speciality publication. In 2005 the Trust celebrated its 40th Anniversary and the 3000th Churchill Fellowship was awarded. A special 40th Anniversary

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Annual Report was produced to commemorate this occasion, 40th Anniversary Fellowships were awarded and the 3000th Churchill Fellow was especially recognised. During this 50th Anniversary year, the Trust is doing much more to commemorate this significant milestone. The Trust will also have awarded over 4000 Fellowships during this 50th Anniversary year.

Publications dealing with the Trust, and which relate specifically to the Trust's history, have also been published. These include an account of the *Churchill Fellows from 1966 – 1977* and the history of the first 20 years of the Trust, *A Perpetual Trust* (both written by Margaret Auchmuty). These publications were out of print

and only a handful of the originals existed. As a result, these two publications have been recently reprinted and are now combined into a single very impressive volume.

The Trust has also tasked Dr Penelope Hanley to write the history of the Trust. Her book will have a strong focus on the contribution Fellows have made to Australian society over the past fifty years. The Trust is also extremely grateful and fortunate, that an important introductory chapter for the book has been written by Mr Graham Freudenberg, who is the acknowledged expert on Churchill and Australia. An excerpt from this chapter is published in this Annual Report. The completed book will serve as a public record of the stewardship of the Trust over the fifty year period. Dr Hanley's book will be published later this year and launched at the 50th Anniversary National Convention dinner in Sydney. The National Convention will be the Churchill Trust's 50th Anniversary signature commemorative event and is being held over three days from 9 – 11 October 2015.

For the 50th Anniversary two overriding themes are the focus for the Trust's commemorative activities. These are:

- **Theme one:** the 50th Anniversary of the Formation of the Trust (1965-2015), and
- **Theme two:** the 50th Anniversary of the First Fellows Travelling (1966-2016).

By recognising these two themes the primary focus of the Anniversary activities, with the emphasis on Churchill and the Churchill Fellows, will be addressed. Commemorative events will, therefore, carry over into the first half of 2016.

The commemorative activities will be designed to showcase the Trust, the Churchill Fellows, the Churchill Fellows' Associations and what the Trust has achieved in Australia. The overall aim is to increase the general public awareness of the Trust and for it to be recognised as an institution of influence.

Since the Trust was established in 1965 the basic aim of the Fellowship scheme has remained unaltered, that is, '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 key words, which differentiate the aim of the Churchill Trust from that of other trusts and bodies in Australia are 'Australians from all walks of life' and 'to undertake overseas research'. Two further key defining characteristics of Churchill Fellowships are the flexibility and wide scope of topics that can be investigated, and the requirement that benefit to the Australian community must be demonstrated. In sum, these four important and defining characteristics make the Churchill Trust extraordinarily unique

as most other fellowships and scholarships available in Australia are awarded according to more or less rigid predetermined criteria. The Trust can support any worthwhile endeavour with no preconceptions as to what form that endeavour can take.

In 1965, similar Trusts were established in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, offering their citizens the opportunity for overseas travel. In the United States, The Winston Churchill Foundation had already been established in 1959, offering American citizens of exceptional ability the opportunity to pursue graduate studies in engineering, mathematics, or the sciences at Churchill College, Cambridge. These Trusts and the Foundation are

You have an opportunity to investigate the best ideas in the world, to do things you never thought possible and to meet people who inspire you in your chosen field.

tangible evidence of the high admiration and regard for Sir Winston Churchill and his legacy.

In my time as CEO, I have commented that we must not forget the namesake of the Churchill Trust, Sir Winston Churchill the individual. The Trust, after all, was established to commemorate and honour his memory and to send Australians overseas as Fellows – and in Churchill's name - to acquire knowledge for the benefit of Australia. However, there is also the somewhat understandable view that with the passage of time, fewer Australians will be aware of Churchill or of the qualities that made him such a great statesman and arguably the most influential individual of the last century.

I no longer think, that in Churchill's case, this last view is likely to materialise. In the Freudenberg chapter mentioned above, Freudenberg writes that Winston Churchill's reputation, like his career, had more ups and downs than most great figures in history. But more than any, except perhaps Abraham Lincoln, the significance of his achievement is renewed with each change in historical perspective, and with each new setting of the human condition. And this is mainly because he was so gloriously right on the One Big Thing when it counted most, at a supreme crisis for civilization. It is especially this last sentence which will ensure that Churchill's name and reputation lives on and in fact will continue to grow in stature.

For 2014, the Churchill Fellowships awarded included the usual list of extraordinary research topics. These topics included: utilizing robotics and telemedicine to improve delivery of trauma

treatment to rural, regional and remote Australia; investigating the use of inclusionary zoning requirements to support the delivery of affordable housing; investigating integrated management strategies and their potential application to crown-of-thorn starfish on the Great Barrier Reef; researching appropriate interior lighting to enhance the visual and functional abilities of older people; reducing the road toll through coordinated emergency services training and rapid extrication techniques; creating the role of prison based Family Support Workers in Risdon Prison; studying the relationship between the myxoma virus and rabbits to understand the evolution of infectious agents for predicting emerging diseases of the future; and, exploring alternative and culturally specific programs which aim to divert Indigenous first-time offenders from the criminal justice system.

I think this small sample of simply one topic selected from each of our States and Territories overall 2014 Churchill Fellowship lists, demonstrates very well the eclectic nature and wide coverage in which the Churchill Trust exerts an influence. You can only begin to imagine the positive impact this has had on Australian society with nearly 4,000 Fellowships awarded over the fifty year history of the Trust.

Finally, I join with the National Chair and the Board in congratulating the 106 Australians who were awarded Churchill Fellowships in the 2014 application round. Each 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, to do things you never thought possible and to 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 and make the most of it! As Churchill said in 1908, 'What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we have gone.' What a wonderful rule of life for Churchill Fellows to emulate.

In the meantime, let all of us anticipate a splendid 50th Anniversary year and an outstanding cohort of 2015 Churchill fellows. For these Fellows, the award will have an added prestige attached to it, in that this year, the Fellowships will be referred to as the 50th Anniversary Churchill Fellowships.

Paul Tys
Chief Executive Officer

Finance Report for the year ended 31 January 2015

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 2015 the Trust is showing a comprehensive income of \$8.7 million, after an operating profit

of \$1.6 million and a net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets of \$7.1 million.

During the financial year the Trust's investments returned approximately \$4.4 million in dividends, interest and distribution income which was reinvested or used for Fellowships. The Trust provided \$2.33 million for the award of one hundred and six 2014 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.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	31 January 2015	31 January 2014
Revenue	837,560	10,754,072
Gross profit	837,560	10,754,072
Release of unused provisions	28,014	32,932
Administrative expenses	(791,935)	(653,719)
Personnel expenses	(523,976)	(501,831)
Fellowship provisioning expense	(2,328,481)	(2,166,302)
Operating profit / (loss) before investment income	(2,778,818)	7,465,152
Investment income	4,196,331	4,724,666
(Loss) / gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	195,864	(59,649)
Net investment income	4,392,195	4,665,017
Operating profit for the year	1,613,377	12,130,169
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	7,110,522	8,886,001
Collectibles revaluation	-	85,750
Other comprehensive income for the year	7,110,522	8,971,751
Total comprehensive income for the year	8,723,899	21,101,920

Statement of Financial Position

	31 January 2015	31 January 2014
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,024,064	11,753,107
Receivables and other current assets	1,051,136	1,459,177
Total current assets	10,075,200	13,212,284
Non-current assets		
Financial assets (investments)	91,237,219	79,148,366
Plant and equipment	8,556	11,957
Other non-current assets	250,026	274,763
Total non-current assets	91,495,801	79,435,086
Total assets	101,571,001	92,647,370
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	102,496	111,012
Employee benefits	103,006	124,908
Unearned income	162,419	137,000
Provision for Fellowships	1,619,623	1,417,894
Total current liabilities	1,971,804	1,790,814
Non-current liabilities		
Unearned income	86,659	83,659
Total non-current liabilities	86,659	83,659
Total liabilities	2,074,204	1,874,473
Net assets	99,496,796	90,772,897
EQUITY		
Gains and losses taken to equity	29,234,479	22,123,957
Collectibles revaluation	85,750	85,750
Retained earnings and corpus funds	70,176,567	68,563,190
Total equity	99,496,796	90,772,897

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Corpus Funds	Gains and Losses taken to Equity	Collectibles Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
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
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	-	8,886,001	85,750	1,728,881	21,101,920
Transactions recorded directly in equity					
Capital donations	10,401,288		-	(10,401,288)	-
Total transactions recorded directly in equity	10,401,288		-	- (10,401,288)	-
Balance at 31 January 2014	21,334,443	22,123,957	85,750	47,228,747	90,772,897
Balance at 1 February 2014	21,334,443	22,123,957	85,750	47,228,747	90,772,897
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,613,377	1,613,377
Capital donations	635,345		-	(635,345)	-
Other comprehensive income:					
Collectibles revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	7,110,522	-	-	7,110,522
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	635,345	7,110,522		978,032	8,723,899
Balance at 31 January 2015	21,969,788	29,234,479	85,750	48,206,779	99,496,796

Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2015	31 January 2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from Fellows, donors and others	1,015,177	10,504,748
Cash paid to Fellows	(2,098,737)	(2,112,786)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,244,715)	(1,041,073)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operations	(2,328,275)	7,350,889
Interest received	273,300	293,854
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	(2,054,975)	7,644,743
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets	1,695,867	4,376,791
Cost of purchasing available-for-sale financial assets	(6,800,350)	(10,330,754)
Dividends received	3,931,446	3,651,673
Return of capital	500,118	356,809
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(1,146)	(9,497)
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities	(674,068)	(1,954,978)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,729,043)	5,689,765
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 February	11,753,107	6,063,342
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 January	9,024,064	11,753,107

Bequests and Gifts for the Year to 31 January 2015

The following bequests and gifts to the Trust made during the year to 31 January 2015 are gratefully acknowledged:

Estate of the late Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan	\$525,344
Mr RJ (Bob) Prickett	\$110,000
The Jack Brockhoff Foundation	\$ 40,774
The Stuart Leslie Foundation	\$ 39,504
Mrs Patricia D New	\$ 37,599
Mr William A Park CBE AM	\$ 25,000
Department of the Environment/ Australian Biological Resources Study	\$ 25,000
Monash University	\$ 24,408
The National Road & Motorists' Association – ACT Road Safety	\$ 22,881
Department for Child Protection and Family Support	\$ 19,761
Estate of the late Ms Jane Crick	\$ 5,000
ACT Department of Disability, Housing & Community Services/ Office for Women	\$ 3,400
Churchill Fellows' Association of South Australia	\$ 3,000
Mr Warren Muller	\$ 100

Regional Committees and Panels

New South Wales

CO-CHAIR

Ms T Cain

CO-CHAIR

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Dr S Carey
Ms M Mitchell
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Mr T Grosskopf
Mr I Krimmer

Ms A MacDonald
Ms S Ross

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The Arts

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Ms M Silby

Ms D Edwards

Ms S Ross

Community Service

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Ms M Mitchell

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Prof S
Groundwater-Smith

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Mr V Graham
Mr E Liew

Mr T Grosskopf
Em Prof G Swain AM

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Ms C Pidcock

Mr A Lai

Mr T Park

Public Service

Supt I Krimmer

Com J Smith

Insp M Smith

Victoria

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Hon L Dessau AM

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SECRETARY

Ms A Power

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The Arts

Mr S Armstrong	Mr P Burch AM BM	Mr G Edwards
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Ms L Sayer		

Health and Medicine

Dr S Hacker AO	Dr D Munro	Dr J Munro
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Ms A Adams	Ms A Johnson	Mr I McClelland
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Professions and Services

Mr D Butler	Ms C English	Mr J Gardiner
Mr H Gaughan	Ms J Sutton	

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CHAIR	Mr R Harvey		
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	Ms K Usher	Mr D Woolfe	
SECRETARY	Dr N Marchant		
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<i>The Arts</i>	Ms H Carroll	Mr L Lovering	Mr M Moore
	Ms W Were		
<i>Community Service</i>	Mr J Clements	Dr M Crowley	Mr B Duck
	Mr G Trewern		
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	Mr G Wheatley		
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	Dr J Scurlock OAM		
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	Mr M Webb		
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	Mr K Thomas		
<i>Public Service</i>	Mr K Benham	Ms C Gwilliam	Dr K Schofield
	Mr R Waldock		

Queensland

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		Mr D Trebeck	
SECRETARY	Mrs S Deutsch OAM		

Blessed are the cheese-makers¹



BY PENELOPE HANLEY (Book Excerpt)

'I am going to make my farm pay, whatever it costs,'² Winston Churchill told Lloyd George at Chartwell, his home in Buckinghamshire. Churchill had tried beef cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens. According to Churchill scholar Richard M. Langworth, 'all proved disastrous, but [when] he proposed to build a dairy and acquire a milking herd, Clementine wrote him a seven-page letter to dissuade him; apparently it worked'.³

In the following section we meet some Churchill Fellows who gained the relevant knowledge to make their farms prosper. The capacity of animals to provide us with food extends beyond their having to die to do so: animals that give us milk and cheese, for example, need to be bred and looked after, and some Churchill Fellows have put their skill into these species and attempting to improve the products they give humankind.



To make the geographical move from Queensland to Tasmania and a professional shift from financial planning and law to raising dairy sheep for cheese-making puts new meaning into the phrase 'sea change'. This is what Alan Irish and his then partner Diane Rae did, aiming to establish an Australian breed of dairy sheep suited to the Tasmanian climate and conditions. Were they being enterprising, or simply foolhardy?

They bought a flock of East Friesland sheep for their Birch's Bay property 35 kilometres south of Hobart. It seemed a positive first step: these sheep had the reputation for being the best milking sheep in the world. To have a vibrant sheep dairying industry requires sheep that are able to produce large quantities of milk during each lactation. Genetic disposition to multiple births was another advantage. The plan was for each animal's potential to

produce an annual gross income of about \$2,000 over a productive life of six or seven years. With the size of their flock this would produce an adequate income. So far, so logical.

However, it soon became clear that the East Friesland breed had weak lungs, making them highly susceptible to colds and pneumonia. Invariably the latter was fatal. Tasmania's cold, damp climate did not help. They realised that this congenital weakness of the breed would result in unsustainable stock losses.

But they did not give up. When Alan gained a Churchill Fellowship in 2007, he and Diane had the opportunity to travel to the United States, Canada, Israel, Italy, France, England and Ireland to examine the operation of dairy sheep farms abroad. It was in Ireland where they learned that the propensity for their breed of sheep to develop pneumonia was not limited to Australia. An Irish dairy farmer said to them, 'The East Frieslands love to die – all they need is the opportunity!'

In Roquefort, the area in France renowned for the outstanding blue cheese made from raw sheep's milk, the breed developed is the Lacaune, which are multiple-birthers, exceptional milk producers, and well adapted to the local conditions. In Sardinia, where the local breed is the Sardi, they had the same felicitous traits. In these areas sheep breeding and yoghurt and cheese production are large, successful industries.

Viewing thriving dairy sheep farms such as these, it became clear to Alan and Diane that they needed to expand the breeds of milking sheep available in Australia or develop a breed suited to Australian conditions. Both options proved too expensive, difficult and time consuming because of quarantine requirements and other complications. The only alternative was to breed up a strain of dairy sheep using the breeds already available in this country, while assessing them over time to determine their suitability for local conditions.

Research both at the University of Wisconsin's Spooner Agricultural Research Station and later at the Israeli Department of Agricultural and Animal Science confirmed that it would be necessary to keep

1 A line from *Life of Brian*, 1979, a satirical film directed by Terry Jones, starring members of the Monty Python comedy troupe, about an imagined contemporary of Jesus Christ

2 Langworth, 2008, p. 517

3 *ibid*

the proportion of East Friesland genetics in a cross-bred sheep to 50 to 75 per cent of the overall genetic material.

In 2007 Diane Rae bought Alan out of his share of the farm and now runs it on her own with a farm cellar door tourist facility, which continues to be successful.



Norfolk Island, 1,000 miles from the coast of Australia, has a population of 1,800. Tourism is its main industry. For Emily Ryes, Norfolk Island is 'not only my home, but my passion ... a unique little gem in the middle of the South Pacific Ocean'.

Emily believes that Norfolk Island, already possessing beautiful beaches, picturesque walks and stunning scenery, would make an ideal gourmet tourist destination. During her 2011 Churchill Fellowship, Emily visited gourmet tourist places in Australia, such as Victoria's Yarra Valley, and was inspired to adapt some ideas to her island home.

Goat milk is more easily digested than cow's milk. Emily's Fellowship enabled her to travel to Australia to explore the introduction of a dairy goat industry on Norfolk Island. She aimed to produce a high quality farmhouse cheese made from goats' milk to offer as part of a gourmet treat for tourists.

Emily summed up in her report:

A vital lesson learnt during my travels is that the process of building my dairy is going to be a long, hard and expensive road. However, I am more determined than ever now that I have the knowledge to begin the process. I have a very exciting time ahead and I thank the Trust for providing me with the first stepping-stone of my journey.



Nick Haddow, a 2012 Churchill Fellow, also lives on an island: Tasmania. 'Islands have always held a strong place in the world's imagination,' he writes in his report. 'Their isolation makes them alluring and fascinating.'

Island communities are creative, independent and resourceful, writes Nick, who wanted to build on these strengths to reinforce the identity of islands to bring economic prosperity and strengthen communities – particularly on his own island. He asks if it is possible for islands 'to be green and clever ... bold and beautiful? Can quantity co-exist with quality?'

Nick observed on his Fellowship travels to Canadian islands, the Shetland Islands and Iceland the importance of innovation, which he saw was crucial to create and continuously enhance new products and services that respond to niche markets. Nick perceived the increasing role that universities play in retaining youth and providing relevant skills and career development opportunities.

Nick is the Managing Director of the Bruny Island Cheese Company. He sees innovation as essential for the economic prosperity of islands, in areas such as eco-tourism, niche agriculture, high value food production, marine science and renewable energy.

[Read more about the achievements of Churchill Fellows and the 50 year history of the Trust in a new book available for purchase from our online shop \(\[www.churchilltrust.com.au/shop\]\(http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/shop\)\) from October 2015.](#)



Alan Irish, 2007; Emily Ryes, 2011; Nick Haddow, 2012

Celebrating our CFA's



Churchill Fellows' Associations



CFA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

On January 28 1965 the Adelaide Advertiser newspaper explained the proposed Churchill Fellowship as being 'something living and enduring – something with a great continuing character, probably some new valuable scholarship devoted to giving special opportunity to outstanding young people!'

The South Australia public were so enthused and motivated that they mobilized with military like precision. The 'operation' was planned by the RSL where they enlisted 25,000 volunteers from the RSL and many and varied community service groups. A door knock was conducted between 7 – 9pm (yes, only 2 hours) as well as having ten telephone operators being in contact with 13 Adelaide suburbs. The volunteers utilized 150 Volkswagen and BMC cars as well as scooters from the Adelaide Scooters Club. In an effort to collect donations from every house, householders were asked to turn on their porch lights for collectors and turn them off after the donations had been made. South Australians donated £262,595 with details of every contributor being published in the Advertiser.

From this blossomed the Churchill Fellows Association of South Australia. The first formal meeting was held on 1 April 1970 with the committee being comprised of President Geoffrey Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer Arthur Anson and Committee members Lois Loffler, John Kelly and Barry Pitman. And here we are 45 years later and still going strong.

Graham Adcock, President CFA SA



CFA TASMANIA

Churchill Fellowships have maintained kudos in our island State since their inception 50 years ago. They are recognized by many as worthwhile in giving recipients an opportunity to give valuable service to the community.

The half-century has seen significant changes in the subjects of study chosen by people applying for Fellowships. Interests covered in

the earlier years saw returned Fellows introduce significant changes in teaching, police, health and many service areas, often creating new initiatives and learning opportunities. In recent years many Fellows have learned about a huge range of cultural, environmental, tourism, food and beverages thus 'value adding' to Tasmania.

Tasmanian Fellows have always received excellent support from Government House and many generous donations from a wide range of people. The connection with Churchill gives credibility and interest to the general public. Tasmanians have taken their place on the WCMT Committees with several giving many years of service. We now have a CFA representative on the selection panel and greatly appreciate the members of the panel attending our annual dinners and sharing with us the reports from returning Fellows.

We believe although we are the smallest state Churchill Fellows have contributed significantly to the national success of the Fellowships and they have greatly benefitted Tasmania.

Philip Thomson, President CFA Tasmania



CFA QUEENSLAND

In preparation to write this on behalf of the many talented Queensland Fellows, I asked our alumni for their memories, and then I spent some time in our newsletter archives. The overwhelming response from our Fellows was that, of course, receiving the Fellowship changed their professional and personal lives in so many ways, with those changes being lifelong ones. There was immense gratitude to the Trust for the privilege of travelling and broadening one's horizons; for acknowledging the potential in the everyday Queenslanders chosen to be Fellows; and for the opportunities to enrich Australians' lives through their work. *"I am doing the work I love and I have been privileged to be part of the healing change in people allowing them to live a happier and more grounded life. I owe it all to the opportunity afforded to me by the Churchill Fellowship Trust."*

It would seem that some of the most treasured memories from the past 50 years have come, not just from the experience of undertaking a Fellowship, but of being a Fellow. The CFAQ is not yet 50 years old; however it is a true example of the parts being greater than the whole. We are a group whose only commonality is that we are Fellows, yet when we get together at the various functions held throughout the year, we do so in large numbers, with much joy at seeing each other, mourning the loss of those no longer with us and celebrating what has happened in our lives since we last met. To this end, I will leave you with some of the words of our Fellows about what being a Churchill Fellow has meant to them. *"Being welcomed into the Queensland association was like discovering a family I never knew I had. Imagine a group of super high achievers from the broadest cross-section of professions imaginable, committed to supporting each other."*

Fiona Hawthorne, President CFAQ



CFAQ NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Churchill Fellows' Association Northern Territory was established in 2014. It may have taken us a while, but already we are achieving some great things. Earlier this year, we held our first function where we heard from two recently returned Fellows and had medallions presented to a number of Fellows by our fantastic NT Churchill Trust Director, her Honour Justice Jenny Blokland. Justice Blokland was also instrumental in our establishment. We pay particular tribute to David Martin, whose tireless work over 30 years has been extraordinary and enormously appreciated by all NT Fellows.

Jared Sharp, President CFAQ NT



CFA WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CFAWA this year continued its promotion and support of Churchill Fellows old and new in this diversified State of ours. To meet this objective we built on and maintained communications with Western Australian Churchill Fellows and offered a range of social activities.

We provide information and assistance to those wishing to apply for a Churchill Fellowship, offering the Mentor/Mentee programs which have been successfully run for many years. This is a valued and practical way of navigating Fellows through their travel and study itineraries. The Association assisted the Trust late last year in hosting a useful Information Session held at the University of Western Australia.

We held our annual dinner in August last year after new Fellows were received at Government House by the then Governor Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC, and we very much appreciate that his successor Mrs Kerry Sanderson AO has agreed to continue this tradition as Patron. This means so much to the Association.

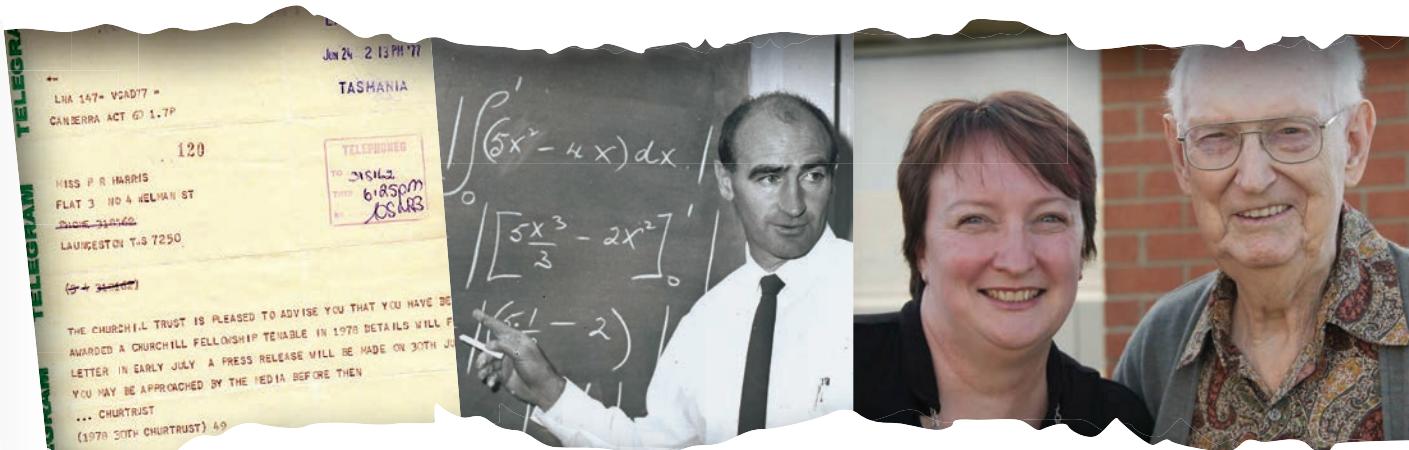
In 2014, three key players of the Regional Trust retired after a long and distinguished contributions. Jane Brazier, (Chair of the WA Regional Committee), Lloyd Guthrie (Treasurer of Churchill Trust), and lynchpin and much loved Secretary, Neville Marchant. His wife Denise will also be missed for her contribution.

Marc Dimmick, President CFA WA



CFA VICTORIA

The Churchill Fellow's Association of Victoria (CFAV) continues to provide many opportunities for local fellows to develop rich and lasting relationships with other fellows and mentors. This has been particularly visible during the 50th anniversary preparations



A happy telegram for Patricia Harris (now Corby), Churchill Fellow, 1978

Dr Mick March, ACT Churchill Fellow, 1969

QLD's current CFAQ President, Dr Fiona Hawthorne with the first CFAQ President, Dr Geoffrey Swan

where many mature fellows, having travelled many decades past have continued a relationship with the CFAV. Whilst the impact of travel overseas and methods of communication have changed dramatically the values and integrity of past and present fellows have remained constant. These values include a persuasive passion for building success in our community, commitment to lifelong learning and respect for all communities including the socially and economically disadvantaged.

The preparations for the 50th Anniversary celebrations have been particularly poignant for the committees who have seen firsthand the lifelong commitment by fellows who travelled many decades ago and have been professionally retired for many years. It is clear that for many fellows the passion that was first ignited remains potent and although many maybe now professionally retired their commitment remains.

The CFAV committee is particularly pleased that we have enhanced opportunities for rural members to participate in the committee through tele-conferencing for committee meetings and scheduling rural workplace visits. A significant but largely unseen project for the committee has been the assimilation of all hard copy CFAV historical documents and newsletters to an electronic format which will be available to all members in due course.

The Churchill Fellows Association of Victoria committee members willingly commit their time and leadership whilst juggling competing demands of their professional and personal life and I thank them for their commitment.

Murray Ashby, President CFAV



CFA NEW SOUTH WALES

The first Churchill Fellowships in New South Wales were awarded to nine Fellows in 1965. The successful applicants included a grandmother who received her Fellowship to study methods of educating handicapped adults at the Rehabilitation Centre in New York for four months. She said 'This kind of work is very advanced in the United States and I want very much to study their methods'. Another recipient was Mr Barrie Unsworth, then a trade-union organiser and later NSW premier who said he would use his Fellowship to complete 'the university Trade Union Program at Harvard University'. The names and details of Fellows were published in the Sydney Morning Herald.

The earliest records of the NSW Churchill Fellows Association are from 1972. Previous presidents were Susan Upton (CF1978), Alan McPhail (CF1983), Gwen Higgins (CF1988), Anna Bailey (CF1991), Gail Mackenzie (CF1993), Chris Townsend (CF1995), Diana Dagg (CF1999), Norman Owens (CF1994), and Matthew Jones (CF2004). Special mention should be made of Ian Krimmer (CF1993) who has been

active in the Association from the early days and remains so today as vice-president. Another stalwart of the Association was Susan Upton who established the mentoring program for new Fellows.

In 2005 when the Association celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Trust, marked with high tea at the NSW Parliament House. Some early fellows in attendance were Walter Parr (CF1966) and Alan Galt (CF1969). Alan was a Uniting Church Chaplain and delivered a commemorative Prayer in Churchill's memory.

Over the years communications with Fellows have changed. A newsletter has been produced since 1972. The advent of the internet and emails has meant that we now rely on these means to contact and stay in touch with Fellows. Keeping up to date details is an ongoing challenge, especially for older Fellows.

Elizabeth Comino, CFA NSW



CFA ACT

Although small in number, the ACT Churchill Fellows Association is an enthusiastic and supportive group.

Over the past 50 years, the ACT has provided Fellowships to a rich and eclectic mix of Canberra residents who have returned to make a lasting impression on Australian society. Some of these include journalist, Karen Middleton (2008), Questacon founder Dr Michael Gore (1983) and sculptor Ante Dabro (1982). We are proud of our fellows breaking new ground in the contemporary world; music producer Dax Liniere (2012) and scientist Amber Beavis (2010) are fine examples. Having several national institutions in our city, we support fellows such as photographer David Pang (2011) from the National Gallery and researcher Courtney Page-Allen (2009) from the Australian War Memorial who strive to make these the finest collections in the world.

Each year we enjoy several gatherings to welcome and support our Churchill Fellows. It is great to see the continued support of past fellows at these functions. Two of our earliest fellows, Mick March (1969) and Ralph Western (1969) continue to be regular attendees. Being located in the city of our national office gives us the opportunity to have regular contact with Paul Tys and his hard working staff; they are a great team and it is good to celebrate with them. We congratulate the Churchill Trust on their 50th Anniversary and look forward to encouraging and supporting the fellows of the future.

Bill Caddey, President CFA ACT

The background of the entire page is an underwater photograph. In the upper left, a black and white fish (possibly a clownfish) swims near the surface. In the lower right, a scuba diver wearing a dark wetsuit, a blue tank, and a black mask with a white breathing tube is holding a clipboard with a grid pattern. They are positioned next to a large, textured piece of coral. The water is a clear teal color.

Jean-Paul Hobbs
2014 WA Fellow

To access the impact
of noise pollution on
Australia's Fisheries
Species - United Kingdom

106

Number of Churchill
Fellowships awarded to
talented and deserving
Australians in 2014 at an
estimated cost of \$2.33m.

3,922

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

2014 Churchill Fellows



NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW

Ms Kylie Beckhouse

**Executive Director - Family Law
Legal Aid Commission of NSW**

To investigate the administration, delivery and current innovations in legal representation schemes for children - USA, UK

NSW

Ms Katie Bourne

**Forensic Accountant
New South Wales Crime Commission**

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to examine the technological resources utilised by international law enforcement agencies to assist in tracing the proceeds of crime - USA, Netherlands, UK, Canada

NSW

Miss Alesha Bleakley

**High School Classroom Teacher
Department of Education & Communities**

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to study the dichotomy in technology education of the future, the role of hand skills and the role of CAD/CAM technology in the production of designed solutions - USA, UK, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Finland

NSW

Dr Alexandra Campbell

**Postdoctoral Research Associate
University of New South Wales**

To understand and prevent degradation of coral reefs - Fiji, USA, Brazil



NSW

Mr Philip Campbell

**Manager Corporate Communications
New South Wales State Emergency Service**

To determine the effects of media images in influencing unsafe behaviour in disasters - New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK

NSW

Magistrate Hugh Dillon

**Magistrate and Deputy State Coroner for NSW
NSW Local Court**

To develop guidelines for best practice in Australian coroners' courts, especially the training of coroners - Canada, UK, Germany

NSW

Ms Isobel Crealy

**Teacher
Department of Education**

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate language and cultural inclusion programs illustrating best practice in the integration of adolescent refugee students - Canada, USA

NSW

Professor Kate Dolan North

**Drug and Alcohol Researcher
University of New South Wales**

To investigate Managed Alcohol Programs for the homeless - USA, Canada, UK, Spain

2014 Churchill Fellows



NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW

Ms Sandra Evans

**Music Performance and Composition Lecturer
UNSW and University of Sydney**

To research performance, composition and pedagogy in intercultural music between jazz musicians and Indian musicians - India

NSW

Ms Alix Goodwin

**Director, Design and Community Engagement,
Ageing Disability and Home Care
NSW Department of Family and Community Services**

To identify programs that prevent abuse of people with disabilities who use direct payments to purchase services - UK, Sweden

NSW

Ms Debbie Georgopoulos

**A/Director Social Housing Policy and Pathways
NSW Department of Family and Community Services - Housing NSW**

To investigate social housing waiting lists to prioritise assistance for homeless people - Singapore, Hong Kong, USA, UK

NSW

Mr Jonathan Graham

**Clinical Director
Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner
Jon Graham Consulting Pty Ltd**

To investigate non-court based models for resolution of post separation parenting when one parent is also a perpetrator of family violence - UK, Ireland, Sweden, USA, Canada, New Zealand

**NSW****Detective Sergeant Kirsty Hales**

**Detective Sergeant,
Senior Investigator/Team Leader
New South Wales Police Force**

To study methods for improving the risk assessment, behavioural interviewing and management of registered sex offenders by police - UK, Canada

NSW**Dr Belinda Liddell**

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow
School of Psychology
University of New South Wales**

To establish links between brain imaging evidence and human rights/refugee frameworks - USA, Denmark, Switzerland

NSW**Dr Reece Hinchcliff**

**Senior Research and Policy Analyst
NSW Centre for Road Safety**

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to improve Australian road safety policy processes by enhancing knowledge translation amongst key stakeholders - Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, UK

NSW**Mrs Robyn MacRae**

**Temporary Teacher
Department of Education and Training NSW**

The Blakeney Millar Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate the use of photography programs to increase educational outcomes and community involvement of disadvantaged youth in both rural and urban areas - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland

2014 Churchill Fellows



NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW

Ms Julia Mansour

Solicitor

Women's Legal Services NSW

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate the situation of women defendants in domestic violence incidents in comparable legal jurisdictions - UK, USA, Canada

NSW

Dr Kirill Monorosi

Lecturer in Piano and Musicology (part-time)

Australian Institute of Music

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to find previously unpublished piano works by master composers, edit and make them available for teaching and performance in the form of modern critical editions - Russia, Germany

NSW

Dr Shekeeb Mohammad

Clinical Academic Fellow

The Children's Hospital at Westmead

To undertake specialised training in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of children with Basal ganglia disorders - UK, USA

NSW

Ms Gabrielle Mordy

Artistic Director

Studio ARTES Northside Inc

To explore processes and structures operating to support artists with disabilities to participate within mainstream art networks - USA, UK



NSW

Mr Ben Naparstek

**Editor, Good Weekend
Fairfax Media**

To examine non-profit models for funding investigative and public service journalism - USA

NSW

Dr Oran Rigby

**NSW State Clinical Director of Trauma Services
Agency for Clinical Innovation, NSW**

The Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws Churchill Fellowship to utilise robotics and telemedicine to leverage trauma medical advice to rural, regional and remote civilian Australian citizens and military personnel - USA, Canada

NSW

Mr Paul Reichstein

**Actor/Director/Teacher
Bell Shakespeare Company**

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to develop skills for the teaching and directing of Shakespeare in correctional facilities - USA

NSW

Mr Dean Saddler

**Federal Agent, Operational Safety and Police Practice, Indigenous Mentor
Australian Federal Police**

To develop an Indigenous employment and retention strategy that can be utilised across all Australian law enforcement agencies - USA, Canada

2014 Churchill Fellows



NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW

Mr Bernard Shakeshaft

**Founder and Manager
BackTrack Youth Works
Jobs Australia Enterprises**

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to explore alternative organisational and funding models for programs supporting youth at risk - USA, Canada

NSW

Ms Jessica Sparks

**Policy & Parliamentary Advisor and Media/
Online Co-ordinator to NSW MP
NSW Parliament**

To investigate and identify information and education barriers to the normalisation of organ and tissue donation and transplantation outcomes for Australian patients, their families and our communities - Argentina, UK, Spain, Belgium, USA, Canada, South Korea

NSW

Mrs Elena Swegen

**Dairy Farm Manager and Cheese Maker
Alabai Pty Ltd**

The Wildman River Stock Contractors Churchill Fellowship to investigate the application of robotic milking and latest industry developments facilitating improvement of animal welfare and management standards for dairy buffalo - Spain, Portugal, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden

NSW

Dr Sue-Anne Wallace

**Non-executive Director
Community Owned Banking Association
Code of Conduct Committee**

To investigate self-regulatory codes of conduct and complaints handling in the not-for-profit sector - UK, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, USA



VICTORIA

NSW

Dr Peter Weston

**Senior Principal Research Scientist
Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust**

The Australian Biological Resources Study Churchill Fellowship to establish a database of floral characters for researching the iconic Australian plant family Proteaceae - South Africa, France, UK, Austria

VIC

Ms Catina Adams

**Team Leader, Maternal and Child Health
Hume City Council**

To observe strategies for engaging young parents to improve outcomes for vulnerable children - New Zealand, USA, UK, Canada

VIC

Mr Gavin Ackerly

**Director of Empowerment Programs
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre**

To investigate how to access the entrepreneurial potential of asylum seekers and refugees using a Humanitarian Innovation Platform - USA, UK, Switzerland, Kosovo, Kenya, India

VIC

Dr Sivacarendran Balendhran

**Post-doctoral Researcher
RMIT University**

To create high performance electronic memory devices by combining exotic two-dimensional materials - USA

2014 Churchill Fellows



VICTORIA

VIC

Magistrate Jennifer Bowles

Magistrate

Department of Justice

To review options for residential therapeutic treatment for young people suffering substance abuse/mental illness - New Zealand, UK, Sweden

VIC

Miss Jenna Breen

Tutti Horn

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to study low horn performance methods in the world's top orchestras - USA, Germany, UK

VIC

Ms Kate Breen

Self-employed Director

Affordable Housing Development Consultant

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to investigate the use of inclusionary zoning requirements to support the delivery of affordable housing - USA, Canada, UK

VIC

Dr Nadine Brew

Research Fellow

The Ritchie Centre,

Monash Institute of Medical Research

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to study the monitoring of brain blood flow to prevent brain injury in preterm babies - USA, Spain, Japan



VIC

A/Prof Brenda Button

**Respiratory Physiotherapy Stream Leader
The Alfred Hospital**

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to gain expertise in life supportive treatment for patients bridged to lung transplant on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation - France, Austria, Germany, Belgium, USA

VIC

Ms Megan Connelly

**Ballet Teacher and Rehabilitation Specialist
The Australian Ballet and Australian Ballet School**

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to investigate dance training, coaching and rehabilitation methods used in international companies and schools - USA, UK, France, Russia

VIC

Mr Stephen Farrow

**Full Time Member, Adult Parole Board
Government of Victoria**

To improve the decision-making processes of the Victorian Adult Parole Board - USA, Canada

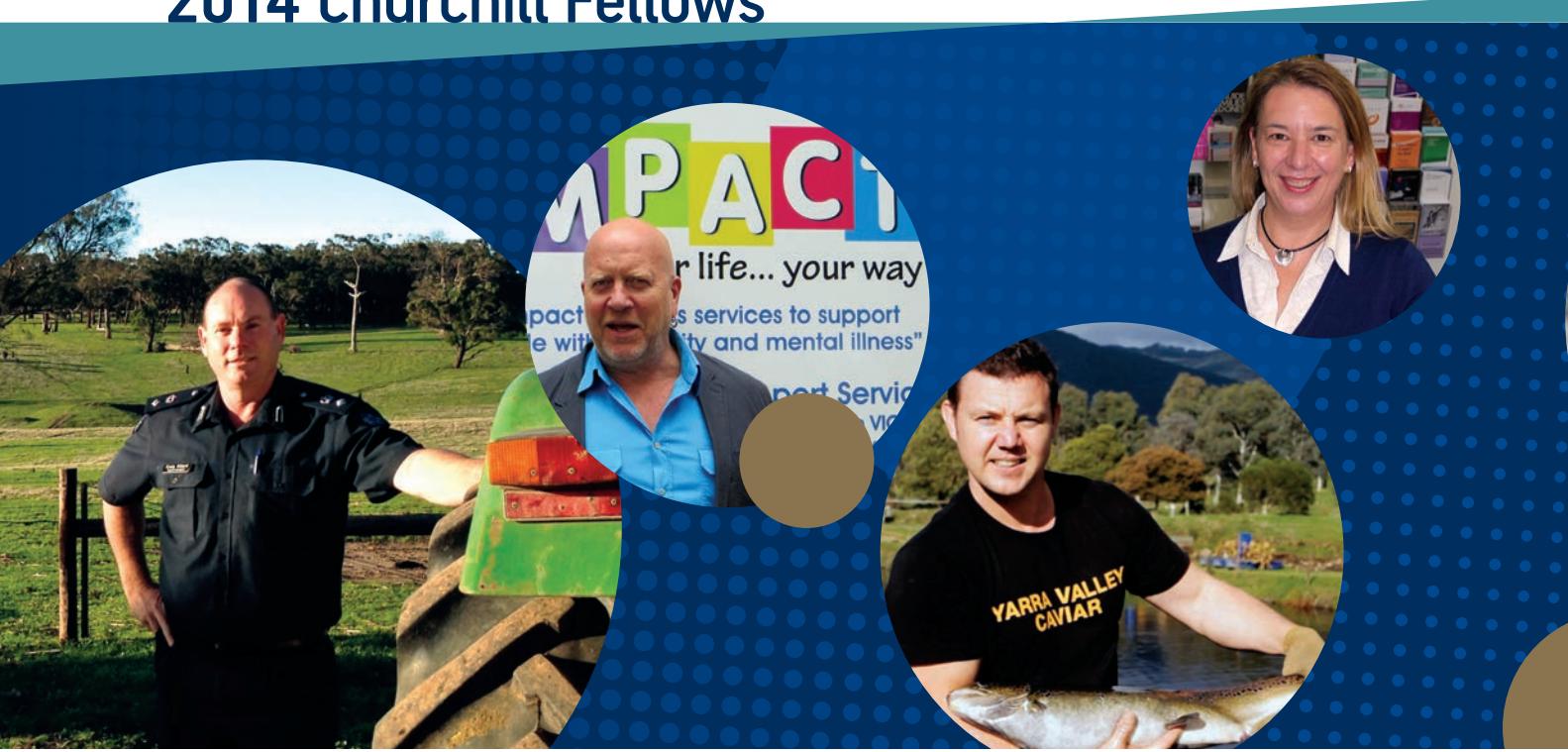
VIC

Ms Eleanore Fritz

**Senior Lawyer
Mental Health and Disability Advocacy
Victoria Legal Aid**

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to better protect the human rights and dignity of people with disabilities, who are detained and subjected to compulsory treatment in closed environments, through the use of innovative legal services - USA, UK, Hungary

2014 Churchill Fellows



VICTORIA

VIC

Superintendent Craig Gillard

Superintendent of Police
Victoria Police

To study emerging and innovative crime prevention practices related to rural crime - UK, USA

VIC

Mr Nicholas Gorman

Aquaculturalist/Salmon and Caviar Specialist
Yarra Valley Caviar, owned by Aquatic Solutions Australia

To investigate key aspects of fish and fish roe production for the Australian domestic and export market - USA, France, Italy, Norway, United Arab Emirates

VIC

Mr David Glazebrook

Chief Executive Officer
Impact Support Services

To investigate how organisations provide support and education to people with disabilities and mental illness so they can have positive, lasting and respectful relationships and partnerships - Canada, USA, UK

VIC

Ms Melissa Griffiths

Victims Strategy Coordinator
Office of Public Prosecutions

To improve the criminal justice experience of victims and witnesses involved in the prosecution of serious crime - USA, UK, Kenya



VIC

Ms Leanne Hodyl

**Team Leader - Strategic Urban Planning
City of Melbourne**

To investigate planning policies that deliver positive social outcomes in hyper-dense, high-rise residential environments - USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea

VIC

Dr Jennifer McGinley

**Senior Lecturer
The University of Melbourne**

To learn new strategies to enable people with Parkinson's disease to increase physical activity to improve health and quality of life - UK, Netherlands, USA

VIC

Miss Anna Horvath

**Investigator
Australian Crime Commission**

To enhance Australian law enforcement understanding of the American DEA's national communications database, their international covert money laundering operations, and how they can be fused within Australian law enforcement - USA

VIC

Mr William Nicholson

**Education Manager
Wurundjeri Land Council**

To ascertain the most effective ways of teaching and practicing Indigenous culture in the modern world - New Zealand, USA, Canada

2014 Churchill Fellows



VICTORIA

VIC

Associate Professor Anna Peeters

**Public Health Researcher
Head Obesity and Population Health
Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute**

To identify obesity prevention policies most likely to improve social inequalities in obesity - Netherlands, UK, USA

VIC

Ms Chelsea Roffey

**Goal Umpire
Australian Football League**

To explore strategies for influencing social change that enables and encourages girls to be the authors of their own lives - USA, Canada, Sweden, UK, India

VIC

Mr Amgad Rezk

**Casual Academic Staff, School of Civil, Environmental and Chemical Engineering
RMIT University**

To analyse needle-free pulmonary delivery of peptide for the treatment of Osteoporosis patients - Singapore

Qld

Ms Hazel Brittain

**Director Rural Division
Metro South Health**

To investigate models for making childbirth safe and accessible for rural women across Australia - UK, Canada, New Zealand



QUEENSLAND



Mr James Farrell

Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services Inc
To investigate how lawyers can empower communities to achieve change - USA, Canada, UK



Mr Trevor Hart

Owner
Cedar Street Cheeserie
The James Love Churchill Fellowship to investigate traditional terroir cheese making using ingredients from immediate environs - Turkey, Spain, Italy



Ms Fiona Guthrie

Executive Director
Financial Counselling Australia
To investigate the regulation, funding and operation of services designed to assist consumers in financial difficulty both for profit and not for profit - UK, USA



Mr Stephen Hart

Sculptor
To study in situ, historical and contemporary figurative sculpture which has revitalised civic space - USA, Spain, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, UK

2014 Churchill Fellows



QUEENSLAND



Mrs Jessica Hoey

**Manager - Projects, Tourism and Stewardship
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to investigate integrated management strategies and their potential application to crown-of-thorns starfish on the Great Barrier Reef -
New Zealand, Japan, USA, Canada



Mr Nigel Miller

**Principal Lawyer, Children and Young People Team
Legal Aid Queensland**

To instigate the establishment of a child protection law specialist accreditation program in Queensland - UK, Switzerland, USA, Canada



Ms Tracey Johnson

**General Manager and Company Secretary
Inala Primary Care Ltd**

To study models of bringing care out of hospitals and into the community for people with chronic disease -
New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK



Dr Robert Mitchell

**Emergency Medicine Registrar
Townsville Hospital**

To investigate models of postgraduate training in International Emergency Medicine - USA, UK



Sergeant Matthew Moloney

Officer in Charge
Queensland Police Service

To research culturally effective police response to Indigenous persons in mental health crisis situations - Canada, USA, New Zealand



Ms Kathryn Munro

Clinical Nurse Consultant Neurosciences - Ataxia/ Neuromuscular, Queensland Health
Children's Health Services - Royal Childrens Hospital

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to evaluate services to improve the management and quality of life for Australian children and adolescents with neuromuscular disorders and their families - USA, UK



Dr Andrea Moor

Resident Director
Queensland Theatre Company

To broaden my knowledge through exposure to current theatre practice in Europe - UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Norway



Ms Jacqueline Reed

Chief Executive Officer
CREATE Foundation Limited

To improve life outcomes for young people transitioning from statutory care to independence - Netherlands, France, UK

2014 Churchill Fellows



QUEENSLAND

QLD

Ms Emma Robinson

Self-employed Beef Producer

The Samuel and Eileen Gluyas Churchill Fellowship to investigate beef supply chain innovation with emphasis on achieving better returns for beef producers and a more viable beef industry into the future - UK, Canada, USA

QLD

Ms Melissa Western

Freelance Singer, Actor, Writer, Producer/ Teacher, Supervisor Self-employed/Jazz Music Institute

To investigate improvised music theatre techniques and observe professional ensemble training – UK

QLD

Dr Arian Wallach

Independent Researcher Adjunct Lecturer James Cook University

To investigate the ecological effects of losing and recovering the Earth's largest predators - India, Israel, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, USA

SA

Mr David Bacchus

Sergeant - Water Operations Unit South Australia Police

To identify innovative and effective methods for the recruitment, training and management of volunteer marine rescue services - USA, Canada, UK, France



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SA

Dr Kate Barnett

**Deputy Director
Australian Workplace Innovation & Social
Research Centre**

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to obtain an in-depth understanding from international leaders of designing, implementing and sustaining a 'teaching nursing home' - USA, Canada

SA

Ms Kate Cameron

**Lead Practitioner - Children in Out of Home Care
Disability Services**

To explore international approaches to residential and alternative care for young people with developmental and intellectual disability and significant challenging behaviours - Denmark, UK, USA, Canada

SA

Mr Stephen Bowers

**Independent Visual Artist, Writer
and Consultant**

To research specialist collections of historical blue and white ceramics to gain new understanding, inspiration and skills - USA, UK, Netherlands

SA

Ms Virginia Hickey

**Director/Owner
@ the Board Table**

The Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Churchill Fellowship to research interdisciplinary insights into decision making in different cultures and their practical application to improving the quality of board room decision making - Canada, USA, UK, Malaysia, Thailand

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SA

Ms Ellen Poyner

**Senior Project Officer and Trainer,
SA & NT National Association for the Prevention
of Child Abuse and Neglect**

To investigate family violence and sexual assault
prevention approaches, programs and evaluations -
USA, Canada

SA

Ms Tory Shepherd

**Political Editor
Advertiser Newspapers**

To analyse how national inquiries into child sex abuse
affect victims - UK, Ireland

SA

Mr Justin Ranford

**Intensive Care Paramedic
SA Ambulance**

To study methods for reducing South Australia's road
toll by exploring coordinated emergency services
training and rapid extrication techniques - Norway, UK

WA

Detective Superintendent Michael Bell

**Detective Superintendent, Security Operations
Western Australia Police**

To examine intervention programs for individuals at
risk of or currently engaged in a violent extremism
ideology - UK, Ireland, Sweden, Canada, USA



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WA

Associate Professor Susan Benson

**Clinical Academic/Infectious Diseases &
Microbiologist, Armadale Hospital/PathWest (RPH)
& Notre Dame University**

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovative methods in medical education, health informatics and microbiology to improve the use of antibiotics and management of infection - Sweden, UK, Netherlands, USA

WA

Ms Valerie Furphy

**Associate Principal
Perth Modern School**

To investigate cultural perspectives on sustainable social and emotional strategies that can be implemented by secondary school teachers to support mental health and wellness of gifted adolescents - Singapore, Hong Kong, UK, Slovenia, USA

WA

Ms Catherine Crawford

**Magistrate
Children's Court of WA**

To assess how Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder affected youth in the criminal justice system are dealt with in other jurisdictions - New Zealand, Canada, USA

WA

Mr Andrew Gannon

**Writer/Director/Comedian
Novel Ideas Co.**

To investigate and experience traditional Chinese comedy as a basis for cultural exchange - China, Taiwan, Japan

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WA

Dr Jean-Paul Hobbs

Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Western Australia

To assess the impact of noise pollution on Australia's fisheries species - UK

WA

Mrs Nicola Hunter

Senior Occupational Therapist
Sir George Bedbrook Spinal Unit
Royal Perth Hospital

To investigate innovative therapies to promote independence for tetraplegic patients - Canada, USA, UK, Sweden

WA

Ms Rejane Le Grange

Occupational Therapist
Living Environments Coordinator
Brightwater Care Group

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to research appropriate interior lighting to enhance the visual and functional abilities of older people - Canada, UK, Germany, Norway, Netherlands

WA

Mr Michael Morgan

Principal
Shenton College

To enhance the quality of teaching and level of instructional excellence through effective and efficient observation, evaluation and reflection to positively influence outcomes for students - USA

**WA****Ms Rachel Mullins**

**Senior Intensive Care Physiotherapist and Clinical Educator
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital**

To research physiotherapy for the early rehabilitation of intensive care patients - USA, Canada, Belgium

WA**Dr Vanessa Russ**

**Arts Administrator
Artsource**

To investigate how public art galleries construct and represent national identity - USA, Hong Kong, Singapore

WA**Mrs Belinda Wainwright**

Assistant District Director - Murchison District Department for Child Protection & Family Support

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support Churchill Fellowship to explore opportunities for improving education attainment for children with an out of home care experience, especially for Aboriginal children - Netherlands, UK, Canada, USA

WA**Sergeant Michael Wear**

**Marine Search and Rescue Coordinator
Western Australia Police**

To study Marine Search and Rescue coordination together with technology used in search planning - USA, Singapore

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TASMANIA

TAS

Mr Stephen Bentley

**Teacher - Flexible Learning
Huonville High School**

The Gallagher Bequest Churchill Fellowship
to investigate effective models of re-engaging
traumatised children with education - USA, UK

TAS

Dr Jonathan Lane

**Psychiatry Registrar
Royal Hobart Hospital**

To improve the psychiatric care of Australian Defence Force veterans through the implementation of policy informed by international best practice in military mental health - USA

TAS

Mr Jonathan Duddles

**Head of Strategic Engagement
Greening Australia Ltd**

To investigate how successful environmental charities have created a culture of philanthropy to build financial resilience and long term environmental outcomes - UK, Canada, USA

TAS

Mr Gavin Merrington

**Owner/Manager
Original Stained Glass**

To research the latest heritage stained glass restoration techniques and isothermal protective glazing systems - UK, France, Germany, USA



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TAS

Pastor Norman Reed

Minister of Religion
Christian Family Centre

To create the role of prison based Family Support Workers in Risdon Prison and recruit/develop a team of workers - Singapore, UK, Belgium, Switzerland, France

ACT

Dr Leonard Brennan

Chief of Army Fellow
Australian Defence Force

To examine the difference between minor traumatic brain injuries from direct and indirect blast exposures - USA

TAS

Mrs Lesley Richardson

Manager
Australian School-Based Apprenticeships

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to investigate the youth engagement, and industry collaboration strategies of high performing vocational and technical education systems (VET) - UK, Germany

ACT

Ms Joy Cocker

Social Worker
ACT Government Health

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to explore Advance Care Planning programs which respect and honour people's wishes for health care including at the end of life care - Canada, USA

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT

Dr June Liu

**Postdoctoral Fellow
CSIRO**

To study the relationship between the myxoma virus and rabbits to understand the evolution of infectious agents for predicting emerging diseases in the future - USA

ACT

Mr Philip Piggin

**Community Cultural Inclusion Officer
Belconnen Arts Centre Inc.**

To develop my skills, experience and qualifications in teaching dance to people with Parkinson's - USA, UK

ACT

Dr Anthony Peacock

**Chief Executive
Cooperative Research Centres Association**

The Monash University Churchill Fellowship to investigate how businesses and universities work together to create innovation - USA, UK, Singapore

ACT

Mr Scott Young

**Senior Firefighter /
Advanced Vertical Rescue Instructor
ACT Fire and Rescue**

The ACT Government David Balfour Churchill Fellowship to advance capacity in vertical rescue resulting in safer and more efficient operations and training - Japan, France, Sweden, USA



NORTHERN TERRITORY

NT Ms Mary Anne Butler

Academic
Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

To further develop contemporary playwriting skills
- Ireland

NT Ms Lyma Nguyen

Senior Legal Officer
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
To build expertise in the practice of international criminal justice by examining the operation of international courts and preparing victim representation in a genocide trial before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia - Netherlands, France, Germany, Cambodia

NT Mr John Dahlsen

Visual Arts Lecturer
Charles Darwin University

To work with master artists in elite woodblock and other printing methods - Japan, Netherlands

NT Ms Molly O'Shaughnessy

Community Programs Manager
YWCA of Darwin

The Dorothy and Brian Wilson Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovative youth homelessness programs - UK, Canada, USA

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EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

NT

Ms Sandra Wendlandt

Solicitor

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

The Justice James Muirhead Churchill Fellowship to explore alternative and culturally specific programs which aim to divert Indigenous first time offenders from the criminal justice system - New Zealand, Canada, UK, Belgium, Germany, South Africa

ET

Mr John Christian

Manager

Norfolk Island Electricity

To investigate the storage of electricity produced by renewable generation - Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, Greece, Japan, USA

Sponsorship Opportunities

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The Churchill Trust's success is directly attributable to the achievements of our Fellows – now numbering more than 4,000 (as at June 2015) of Australia's best and brightest. Their projects are extremely diverse, invariably innovative and are the result of extra endeavour in the search for excellence. These are the hallmarks of a Churchill Fellow.

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Churchill Fellows are invariably talented, extremely passionate and have the determination to share the results of their Fellowship with the community upon their return to Australia.

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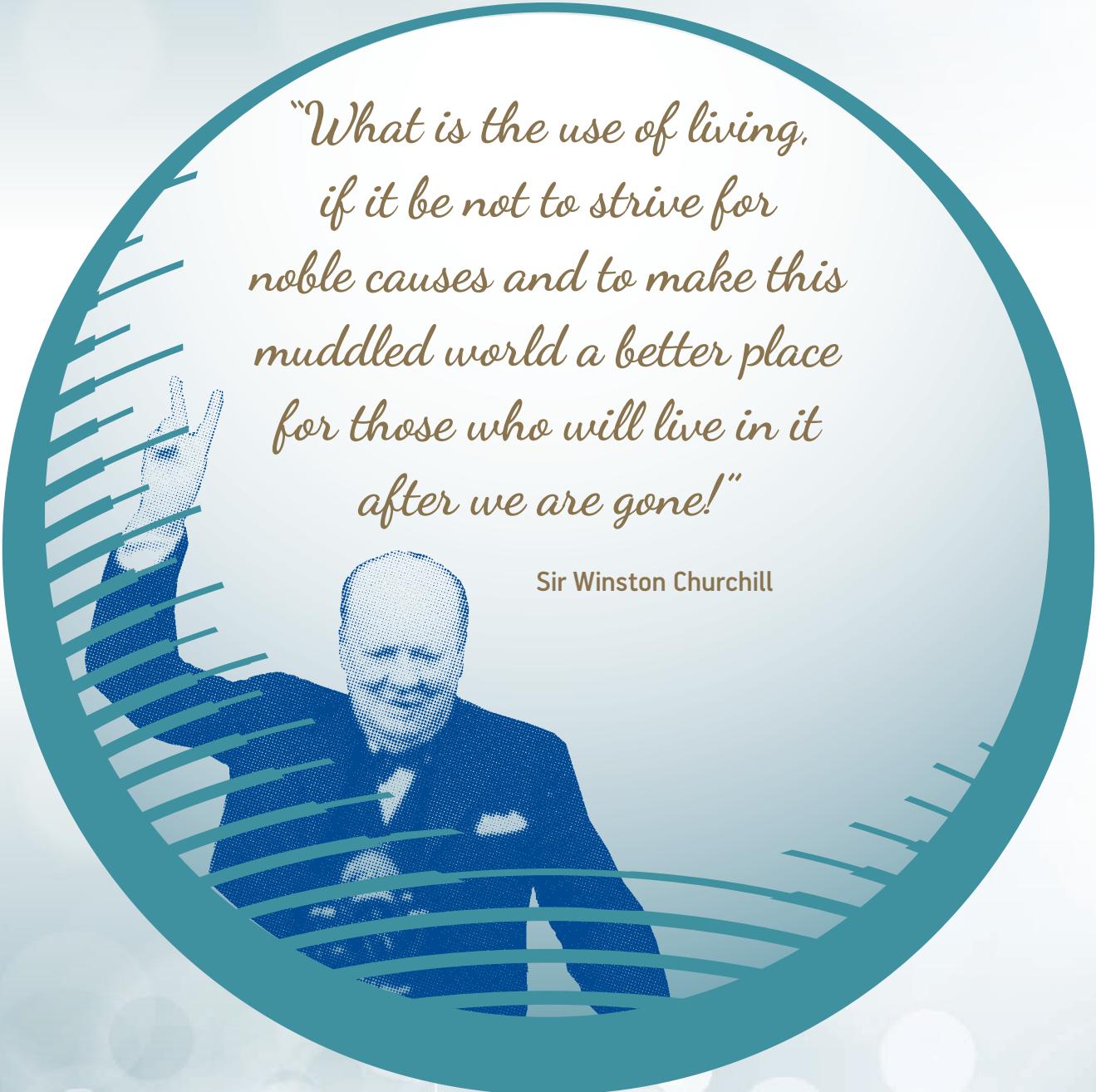
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*"What is the use of living,
if it be not to strive for
noble causes and to make this
muddled world a better place
for those who will live in it
after we are gone!"*

Sir Winston Churchill