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Remembering Sir Winston

At 2.30am on 10 May 1940, Germany commenced the invasion of Western Europe. On the same day Sir Winston Churchill was made Prime Minister of Great Britain. He was by this time 64 years old and many thought his career had come to a close.

After World War One, he was left to shoulder much of the blame for the disastrous Gallipoli campaign and by the 1930s Churchill's repeated warnings to the Government about the dangers of German nationalism fell on deaf ears. However, the arrival of World War Two was to bring out Churchill's greatest strengths and finest moments.

The pressure on Churchill at this time must have been immense. By the end of May 1940, the Netherlands and Belgium had surrendered and France appeared close to capitulation. The Soviet Union had signed a non-aggression pact with Germany. The British Empire stood alone.

Recalling the cost of World War One, many in the British Government encouraged Churchill to negotiate a peace settlement with Germany and Churchill had to convince his war cabinet and outer cabinet of the dangers of this. And convince them he did, knowing that to enter into a negotiation with the German Government of that time would not be a negotiation at all.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was formed in April 1965 to perpetuate and honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill

On 4 June 1940, Churchill was to give one of his most famous speeches to the House of Commons declaring that "...we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender..."

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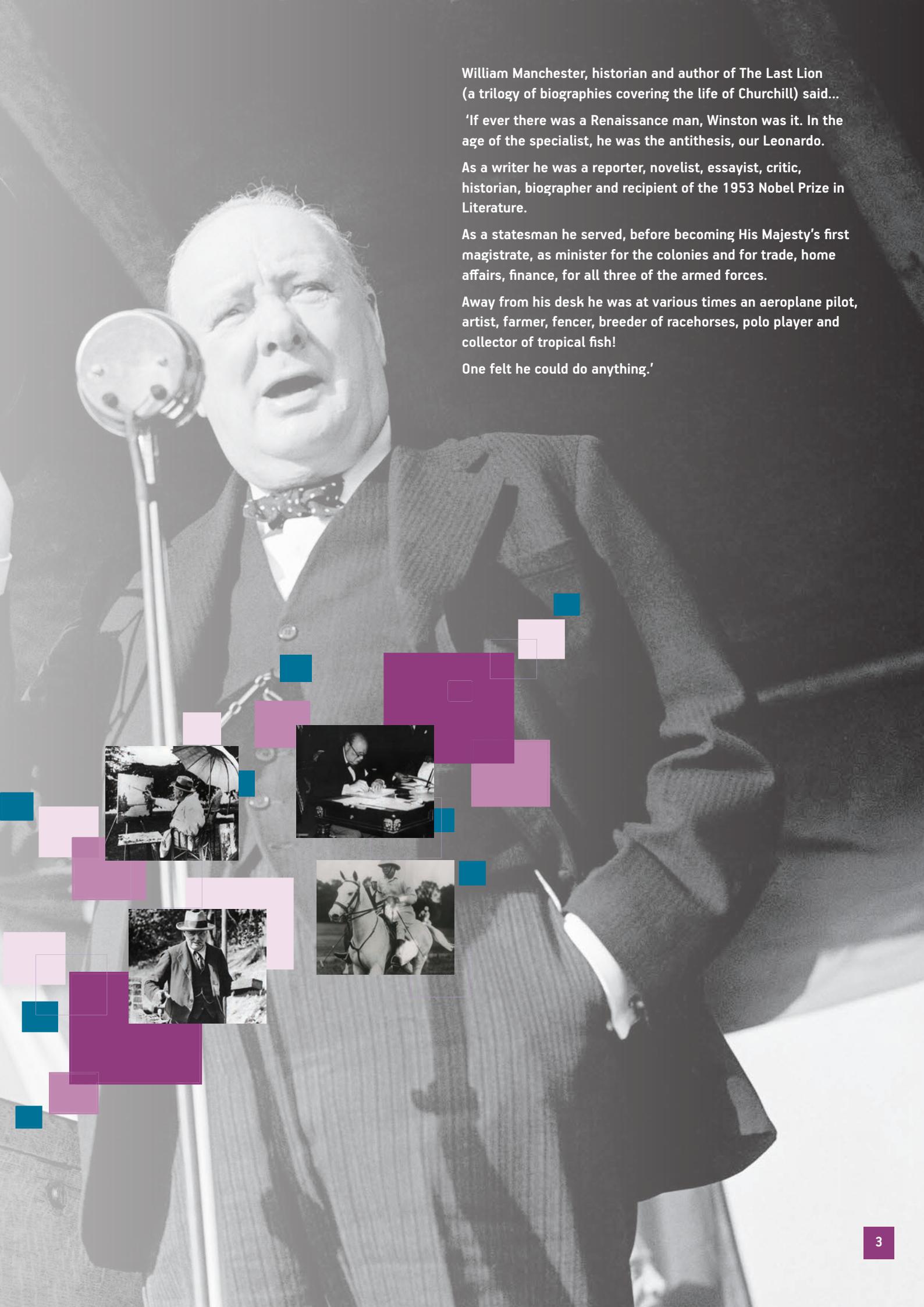
Churchill's strength and encouragement were clearly conveyed around the Commonwealth. By the time of his death in 1965 he was clearly still strong in the Australian collective memory.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was formed to perpetuate and honour the memory of Churchill. The fund-raising that was held on 28 February 1965 together with a number of donations from Government and other organisations raised an astonishing \$2.2M pounds. Today, with the help of sponsors and bequests the Trust holds over \$100M and in 51 years the Trust has been able to award more than 4,000 Fellowships.

As well as a great war-time leader, Churchill also had a strong social conscience and was able to achieve improvements in working conditions in shops and coal-mines. He also supported other reforms including the establishment of sickness and unemployment benefits and strove successfully reduce the number of juveniles in prison.

The Churchill Fellowships that the Churchill Trust offers 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.

It is to be hoped that, with perpetual memorials like The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Sir Winston Churchill will never be forgotten. ■



William Manchester, historian and author of *The Last Lion* (a trilogy of biographies covering the life of Churchill) said...

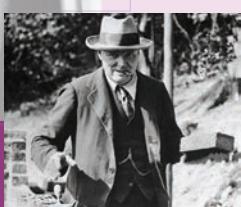
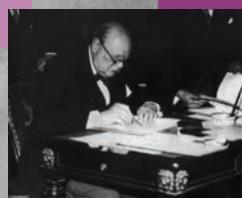
'If ever there was a Renaissance man, Winston was it. In the age of the specialist, he was the antithesis, our Leonardo.

As a writer he was a reporter, novelist, essayist, critic, historian, biographer and recipient of the 1953 Nobel Prize in Literature.

As a statesman he served, before becoming His Majesty's first magistrate, as minister for the colonies and for trade, home affairs, finance, for all three of the armed forces.

Away from his desk he was at various times an aeroplane pilot, artist, farmer, fencer, breeder of racehorses, polo player and collector of tropical fish!

One felt he could do anything.'



In Memory

Bob Prickett

In January 2017 we farewelled a very dear friend, an iconic Churchill Fellow, Queenslander and Australian.

Robert (Bob) Prickett captured the essence of what it really means to be a Churchill Fellow. He was an inspiration to many people, making an extraordinary impact on everyone who crossed his path, particularly those who have had the privilege and honour of being a Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellow.

Bob, who came to be known as 'Dusty Bob' and then as 'Tropical Bob', made maximum use of his 1967 Churchill Fellowship opportunity. He enriched the Australian community and for twenty years inspired others to do the same through his (and his wife June's) sponsorship of Churchill Fellows in the field of health.

Bob Prickett's Churchill Fellowship enabled him to study at the University of California's School of Public Health and Sanitary Engineering. It was at conferences and meetings that he gained access to experts in water-borne disease prevention, as well as many other public health aspects of water and waste water.

Bob was born in 1926. He recalled spending much time outdoors during his childhood and he loved 'messing about on boats', however he also recalls the hardship of the Depression, such as eating bread and dripping.

Bob qualified as a Civil Engineer and went on to have a varied career, always passionate about his work. In New Zealand he spent some time in soil conservation and river control work. He met June and after they married they travelled to England, where Bob worked for the Navy in the dockyards for two years.

When he and June left for New Zealand, they decided to stop off in Australia. Bob said 'I looked around for jobs either in New Zealand or Australia and the one up in Darwin came up first, so I went stream gauging in Darwin for a few months and then a job came up in water supply engineering and I took that on – for 27 years'.

It was 1956 when they arrived there. At the time, Darwin's population was about 10,000. Bob recalled '...you knew everybody. It was great walking down the street on a Friday night and meeting your friends. It was a very sociable place at that time'.



Pictured above
Nicholas Smith, Bob, Rachel Kirby

“Bob’s impact on the Churchill Trust and the lives of ordinary Australians has been profound and it will be everlasting.”

Bob worked hard, doing 12-hour days, but he enjoyed it, contributing to the building of the Northern Territory water supply and sewerage systems, the roads and the schools. He made efforts to establish stringent standards of construction in the water and sewerage works in Darwin.

Towards the end of 1974 the people of Darwin had been warned of a cyclone building up but there had been other recent warnings that had come to nothing..

But from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day, 1974, the 240 kilometre per hour winds blasted Darwin. The Bureau of Meteorology categorised it as a Category 4 Severe Tropical Cyclone. Seventy-one people died, 80 per cent of houses were destroyed, and \$837 million worth of damage was done to the city – equivalent to \$4.45 billion today.

The Prickett family home was one of the few that fared well during the cyclone. Bob had put angle iron over the roof and secured it to the roof trusses that ran down to the ground. He recalled, '...so after Cyclone Tracy I had a roof and the neighbours didn't, so they came and stayed with us. ... We were like a lot of sardines in the living room that night'.

The entire city was without water and without electricity. Most people were rendered homeless in an instant. For the next week Bob was so busy he was able to snatch only a few hours of sleep during the whole seven days.

It was Bob's responsibility to rehabilitate the water supply. The pump stations were without electricity so he and his team brought in generators and got the pumps going. The knowledge he had gained on his Churchill Fellowship enabled him to be of far more value to his community than would otherwise have been possible and meant that he was able to meet the enormous challenge of Cyclone Tracy with great expertise and resilience, and to inspire others with his leadership.

When Bob retired in 1985 he and June moved to Cairns. Bob felt strongly that the time on his Churchill Fellowship had changed him for the better both professionally and personally. He and June had made some successful real estate investments and Bob came to the conclusion that he wanted to give back to the Trust as much as he could. He and June agreed to use some of their good fortune from astute real estate deals to sponsor a Churchill Fellowship for the study of an aspect of the health of Australians.

After Bob's wife June sadly passed away in 1992, Bob decided to put even more of his and June's capital into the Trust by sponsoring a range of Fellowships relating to health.

The first Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship was awarded in 1993 to Megan Kentish of Queensland. Her trip to the United Kingdom and the United States and Canada enabled her to investigate physiotherapy methods in those countries for children with congenital birth defects. Megan has gone on to become Program Director for the Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service.

Bob Prickett was particularly passionate about improving organ donation and transplantation in Australia. Several of the Fellowships, such as Simone McMahon's, had organ and tissue donation as their focus. Simone started the Organ Donation and Transplant Foundation of WA, after becoming the 3,000th Churchill Fellow in 2006 when awarded this sponsored Churchill Fellowship.

A new Bob and June Prickett sponsored Churchill Fellowship began in 2011 for Prostate Cancer. Bob Prickett survived prostate cancer himself and was concerned that not enough research was being done on this cancer.

'Dusty Bob' – the nickname came about because he was often covered in white marble dust from making his sculptures – took an active interest in the Fellows he sponsored, from the selection process through to corresponding with them when they were travelling, and continuing the rapport afterwards. The copies of postcards and letters in Bob's file in Churchill House are a lively testament to the mutual affection and respect – not to mention the sense of humour – between Bob and his Fellows.

Other Bob and June Prickett sponsored Churchill Fellowships have been made available in areas Bob felt passionate about, including genetic and metabolic disease from 2012 to 2014, and in establishing tropical food gardens in homes, schools or communities in 2015.

'Dusty Bob' had retired to Cairns in 1985, planning to take up woodcarving. But under his and June's new house he discovered something that intrigued him: a big white block of Chillagoe marble.

He experimented with carving the marble, applying the engineering techniques with which he was familiar to the grinding and polishing of the marble. Rather than using a hammer and chisel, he used angle grinders and evolved his own original methods, resulting in a unique style. He watched goldfish and tried to emulate their graceful movement, then went on to more ambitious work, exhibiting at the Red Chair Gallery in Cairns, then selling his work further afield nationally and internationally.

Bob's Churchill Fellows were also the delighted recipients of Bob's sculptures. However, after nearly 20 years of making his smooth, tactile, graceful sculptures, Bob gave up this heavy, demanding art and hung up his nickname with the tools, adopting the new sobriquet 'Tropical Bob' and signing his letters as such.

Bob Prickett is a great example of giving to the community, with his application of the lessons learnt from his own Fellowship to the stricken Darwin community after the devastating Cyclone Tracy, and with his and June's sponsorship of over thirty-five Churchill Fellows in varied aspects of health.

His generosity will continue to benefit the community by funding Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellows in health related fields in perpetuity. ▀

Vale Bob Prickett

Pictured below Bob in his sculpture studio



Pictured below
Lynda Farwell (nee Close),
Anita Inwood, Bob, Michelle Gibb, Sharon Gilchrist.



In Memory

Dr Geoffrey Swan OAM

A great man, a good friend to many and a loyal Churchill Fellow, Dr Geoffrey Swan sadly passed away at 89 years in November 2016.

Dr Geoffrey (Geoff) Swan was one of the very early recipients of a Churchill Fellowship in 1968 to study the education of children with cerebral palsy in Europe, the United Kingdom and the USA and went on to found the Churchill Fellows' Association of Queensland (CFAQ) on his return.

Geoff also served for quite a few years on the selection panel for Queensland Fellows.

He was the first ever special education inspector of schools and he contributed to the welfare of children, parents and the professional development of teachers for decades.

Geoff and his lovely wife Doris were regular patrons at almost every Fellows event until his health slowed him down a few years ago.

In 2015, most of the past CFAQ Presidents gathered at Geoff's house for a morning tea to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Churchill Trust and at the AGM in May 2016 Geoff was awarded a Life Membership by CFAQ.

We will miss this great man who truly grasped the real meaning of "Fellowship".

Dr Geoffrey Swan attended Queensland Teachers' College in 1944 after having passed the Junior Public Examination (Year 10). Totally unprepared academically, personally or professionally he then began teaching in primary and one-teacher schools in various parts of the state. There were however some lasting impressions from Teachers' College especially in art, music, literature, philosophy and history. He remembers the lecturers at Teachers' College with admiration and affection. While teaching in the country he studied by correspondence and became an external student of the University of Queensland. In the fifties Geoff moved into special education and became a student of Fred and Eleanor Schonell.



For ten years he was Principal of the State School for Spastic Children at New Farm. In 1973 he was appointed Inspector of Schools (Special Education). He retired in 1987.

“ Geoff was a great man, a good friend to many and a loyal Churchill Fellow who truly grasped the real meaning of Fellowship.”

In 1987 Geoff was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to children with special needs. He was also a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators.

From Segregation to Integration: the development of special education in Queensland was the title of Geoff's doctoral thesis undertaken at the Fred and Eleanor Schonell Educational Research Centre at the University of Queensland.

Geoffrey Swan has contributed several entries in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

In a recent edition of the *Journal of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland* Geoffrey wrote about Sir Fred (1900-1969) and Dr Eleanor Schonell (1902-1962). The article coincided with the opening of the Eleanor Schonell Bridge at the University of Queensland.

Geoff was recently acknowledged as QUT's oldest ever graduate at the age of 87 on his completion of a Master of Arts (Research). Geoff's Master's thesis was titled *The Rise and Demise of the Inspector of Schools*. It is a history of the role and people who were the inspectors of schools in Queensland. ■

Vale Geoff Swan

Amy Watts

2013 Churchill Fellow Amy Watts sadly passed away in September 2016 after a long illness.

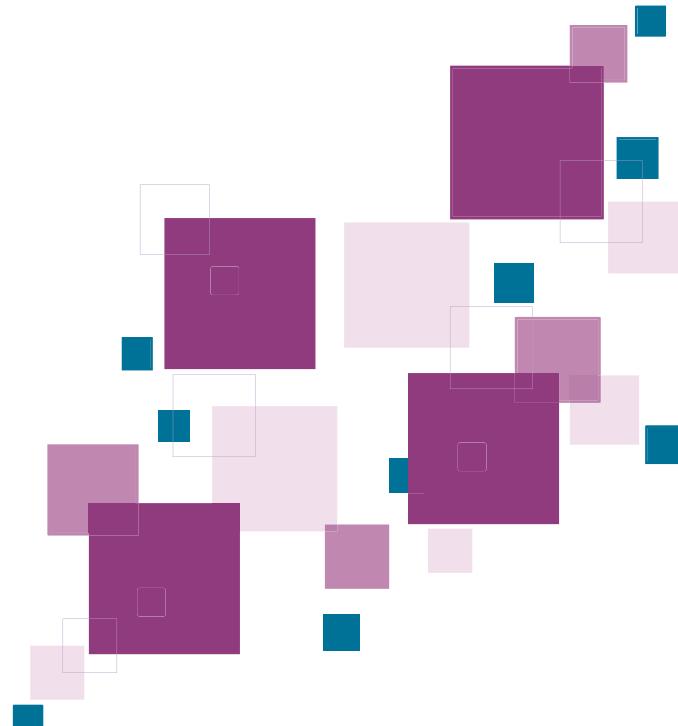
Amy was a champion for children's rights and her Churchillian determination and dedication to make a difference will be remembered.

Amy was determined to reform the NSW's courts to ensure justice for children.

The Avalon Beach solicitor was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2013 to investigate using "intermediaries" in the NSW criminal justice system for child victims and witnesses.

Amy worked for the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions for 22 years, For a greater part of that time Amy was involved in the development of legal policy and procedures for the Office and in the drafting of law reform proposals for child and adult victims of sexual assault who were involved in ODPP prosecutions in NSW.

New legislative reforms have been introduced over the years that ease the stress for children and adults giving evidence. There does however remain one concern relating to the manner of cross examination directed towards children and vulnerable adults - a person who because of their age, stage of development, intellectual capacity, cognitive impairment or disability is no match in linguistic ability to a forensically trained cross examiner whose role is to discredit their evidence and put a reasonable doubt in the mind of the trier of fact.



“Amy was a champion for children's rights and her Churchillian determination and dedication to make a difference will be remembered.”

Amy and her colleagues on the ODPP Sexual Assault Review Committee, both from within the ODPP and outside agencies have reviewed these prosecutions for years and shared concerns and frustration on the reports submitted to the Committee.

Their concerns were always that children and vulnerable people should be allowed to give their evidence in a manner and style appropriate to them. And, when cross examined, to be treated with dignity and respect and in a manner which is comprehensible to them.

Upon returning from her Fellowship Amy conducted various information sessions on the findings of her project to the NSW ODPP Sexual Assault Review Committee. As a result of this the Committee wrote to the Attorney General of NSW summarising the findings and recommendations for legislative and procedural change for how criminal matters involving children are to be dealt with and as a result policy changes to legislation have been implemented.

The Criminal Procedure Amendment (Child Sexual Offence Evidence Pilot) Bill 2015 was built on the efforts of Amy Watts as Chair of the Government's Sexual Assault Review Committee, Amy Watts was a long-standing advocate for procedural law reforms to benefit vulnerable children and the bill was passed in November 2015. ■

Vale Amy Watts

Fellowships in Focus

Churchill Fellowship

The prestige of being a Churchill Fellow serves to unlock opportunities that would not otherwise be accessible to a private individual.

A Churchill Fellowship offers many benefits:

- The opportunity to immerse and investigate a particular topic or issue of interest for up to 8 weeks.
- Overseas travel to 6-8 countries of choice
- Allowance for all air travel expenses
- A variable allowance for in-country travel
- A variable allowance to assist with living expenses while overseas
- Possible assistance with the cost of conference fees, tuition or course expenses.

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

A Churchill Fellowship provides a remarkable opportunity for Australian Citizens from all walks of life who, having exhausted all opportunities, wish to further their search for excellence overseas to benefit Australia.

Selection of Churchill Fellows

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

Applicants are assessed on the merit of their proposed passion project and on their past achievements or demonstrated ability for future achievement.

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 is also important criteria taken into account when Churchill Fellows are selected.

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

All Churchill Fellows are presented with the Churchill Fellowship award at a meaningful Government House ceremony (in the State/Territory they reside), and are issued with a certificate and lapel pin to identify them as such.

Applications are invited each year from February to April.

Strategic Direction Statement

Six key strategic directions will drive the development of the Trust over the next two years:

Strategic Direction 1

Post Fellowship development of Churchill Fellows

- Develop stronger connections with Fellows.
- Improve and maintain connections with, and between, Fellows both during their Fellowship and once they have completed their Fellowships.
- Provide incentives for Fellows to stay in touch with the Trust and with each other.

Strategic Direction 2

Ensure contemporary issues are addressed in Fellowship topics

- Be alive and responsive to topical issues in Australian life.
- Balance our existing broad-based, serendipitous approach to topics whereby applicants come to us with ideas, while at the same time be on the front foot to generate topics that ensure the Trust contributes knowledge and ideas to issues of importance to Australian society and culture.

Strategic Direction 3

Ensure that Fellowships are awarded to Australians from 'All Walks of Life'

- Ensure a diverse cohort of Fellows that reflects Australian society from all walks of life (Indigenous, rural/remote, migrants etc).
- Offer opportunities to Fellows with a variety of qualifications those from the 'school of life' as well as those with more formal qualifications.

Strategic Direction 4

Public profile of the Trust

- Ensure that the full range of opportunities the Trust provides are well known to potential applicants
- Ensure that the achievements and contributions of our Fellows are widely known, respected and attributed to the Trust.



Strategic Direction 5

Refresh brand 'Churchill'

- Respond to changing public perceptions of Winston Churchill by reinvigorating and aligning our branding and promotion of the 'Churchill Trust' with contemporary sensibilities and perceptions about Churchill.
- The Churchill persona should remain central to the identity of the Trust, emphasising those values and characteristics that endure across time.

Strategic Direction 6

Ensure best practice operations at all levels

- Refresh our strategic and operational processes including the operation of the Board and National Office.
- Review the effectiveness of our selection processes constantly.
- Provide a strategic and operational framework for the work we do.
- Regularly measure and monitor our work and our value proposition.
- Challenge ourselves to break out of old ways of doing things and capitalise on contemporary opportunities.

Governance and Life Membership

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His Excellency General the Honourable
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retired)

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(until November 2016)



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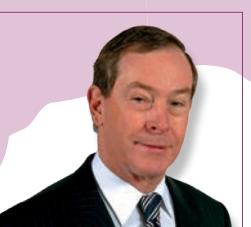
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Report by National Chair

The Hon. Margaret White AO

It is with a sense of impending loss that I write this, my final Annual Report. I shall retire as National Chair and from the Board of the Trust at the Annual General Meeting on 14 June 2017. It has been a significant honour to lead the Board of an institution which has had an effect on almost every aspect of Australian life from its inception in 1965.

Over those ensuing fifty-one years much of our world and the way in which we live has changed almost beyond recognition. Nonetheless, constantly, year after year, there has been a group of outstanding Australians, determined to achieve excellence in their many fields of endeavour and to deliver benefit to their country – Churchill Fellows.

Another, rather surprising, constant has seen Winston Churchill remain firmly fixed in the Anglo-American-Australian consciousness. As I write, the film "Churchill" directed by Australian Jonathan Teplitzky, is currently in our cinemas with another, "Darkest Hour" directed by Joe Wright, on the way. They bookend the Second World War. The first covers D-Day. The second the perilous weeks before the declaration of war.

In both films Churchill is the central figure. Yet, from time to time, there has been a concern that the Trust may struggle to make relevant, let alone "perpetuate and honour", the memory of Winston Churchill, the first object of the Trust, to Australians today. As the people of the Western democracies struggle to identify strong, principled leaders it is not at all surprising that Churchill continues to be a figure of considerable interest.

As the years pass since the first Fellows travelled in 1966 fewer are able to attend the Churchill Fellows' Association (CFA) dinners around the country and gradually the older early travellers are passing.

Robert (Bob) Prickett is one. He was a 1967 Churchill Fellow, an engineer and one of the Trust's most generous and loyal benefactors. He died peacefully in far North Queensland on 3 January 2017. His project was "to study public health aspects of water supply, sewerage treatment and re-use in tropical and arid regions" in the USA. On his passing he was described by the peak international body for water excellence as "a character...almost with legend status".



Bob was, above all, a problem solver and a doer. The Trust is greatly honoured that, having been a Fellow himself, he identified in the Trust the appropriate vehicle for finding the doers and problem solvers he would support. He closely scrutinised the Trust's processes for selection. He was satisfied that the selection was made by skilled volunteers and that the administration, while not as lean as his own life's spending, nonetheless was suitably frugal with donated money. There have to date been some 36 recipients of Fellowships funded by him and his late wife, June. There will be more since he bequeathed his estate to the Trust.

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Recalling early Fellows, I was delighted to receive during the year a copy of "Bringing Knowledge Home" an initiative of the CFA of Tasmania. It describes every Tasmanian Fellow from 1965 to 2015 devoting a page of text and a page of photographs to each.

The Honourable William Cox AC, who was National Chairman when I joined the Board as a Director in 2003 just prior to his appointment as Governor of Tasmania, has written the forward. He exemplifies the devotion which involvement with the Trust inspires. He was part of a group of door-knockers in 1965 collecting to establish a memorial to Churchill and subsequently served on the Tasmanian Selection Committee and on the Board as Director and finally as National Chair.

The CFA are the backbone of our organisation. Individually Churchill Fellows are the inspiration and source of many of the applications for a Fellowship. Over recent years a stronger relationship between the CFAs and the Trust itself has developed to mutual advantage. I thank the Associations for their dedication to mentoring new Fellows and for "spreading the word".

This reporting year has seen a complete cycle under the new timetable for applications. The anniversary of Collection Sunday, 28 February, was the date from which applications could be submitted and the application system remained open until the end of April.

This has avoided the summer holiday period with its disadvantages in just getting an application finished as well as locating referees. There has been some adjustment in the 2017 year to allow the whole process, including Vice-Regal presentations, to occur in the one calendar year. On the whole it has been a beneficial change. In the 2016 selection year 1,153 applications were received - the most received in recent years.

At its November meeting the Board awarded 106 Fellowships at a cost of \$2,784,712. The average value of a Fellowship was \$26,271 and the average duration for travel was 6.6 weeks – a vastly different situation from when the early Fellows were away for six months and sometimes up to a year. The Trust was comfortably able to fund these Fellowships as well as its operating costs from its investment income. The fair value of the Trust's investment portfolio, defined as available for sale of financial assets as at 31 January 2017 was \$97 million. More details of the Trust's financial position may be found in the Financial Statements elsewhere in this Report.

The Trust's investment strategy has been overseen by the Investment, Audit and Risk Committee (IARC) chaired by Dr Jane Wilson. After a long and generous contribution to the work of the Trust, the Board farewelled Jane at dinner during its November Board meeting. Ms Anne O'Donnell, who has been a member of the Board and on the IARC since 2012, has taken on the task of chairing the IARC.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander AM retired from the Board at the AGM in June 2016. She had for some years filled the position of National President and was a member of the IARC. Her wide commercial experience made her an excellent resource and a wise counsellor on the Board.

Justice Jenny Blokland, Director from the Northern Territory, also stepped down from the Board in November after more than ten years service. She, too, was honoured at the Board dinner in November. While she was Chair of the NT Selection Committee the number of applications increased significantly and a CFA was established there for the first time. The Board was delighted to welcome Ms Suzan Cox QC, Director of the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, as Director from the NT.

At the same time the Board was very pleased that Mr Gerard Bradley, Chair of the Queensland Treasury Corporation, former Under Treasurer of Queensland Treasury, has agreed to join the Board under clause 7.1 (d) of the Constitution and is a new member of the IARC.

As we farewelled with regret our former Board colleagues the Trust has been reassured that there are men and women of high calibre who are prepared to dedicate their time and talents to its important work. The Directors are volunteers, as are panel and selection committee members. The Regional Secretaries, who are so important to the effective operation of the selection process, receive a modest honorarium. I would like to thank them all for the marvellous contribution they make to the advancement of the objects of the Trust.

“The Board is conscious that many sponsors of Fellowships rely on the Trust to select suitable people to be the recipients of their philanthropy. Some have a very long-standing relationship, others are recent supporters and the Trust thanks them all for their generous support.”

The Trust has a small, effective workforce at Churchill House in Canberra under a capable CEO. As I reported last year, on 21 January the Trust's very long serving CEO, Mr Paul Tys, announced his resignation. After a thorough recruitment process facilitated by an external Canberra-based consultant, the Remuneration and Nominations Committee (RNC) chaired by Mr David Trebeck short-listed a number of very strong candidates for interview in May 2016. There had been a gratifying 300 inquiries about the position. The RNC recommended two to the Board for final selection and Mr Adam Davey was offered the position and commenced in July 2016.

Adam has had an extensive Commonwealth public service career with the carriage of a number of important initiatives which fitted well with the public benefit principles of the Trust. The Board is delighted with its new CEO and looks forward to further development of the Trust under his leadership to take advantage of the digital world. The transition has been very smooth.

Again the Trust has been gratified that Vice-Regal office holders and Administrators throughout the Commonwealth have given their support to the Trust by presenting the certificates and Fellowship pins to the new Fellows and offering them, their families and supporters hospitality. To them and their staff I express the thanks of all associated with the Trust.

It has been a tremendous honour to have been on the Board of the Trust since 2003 and National Chair from 2012. The Directors over those years have been generous participants in this splendid living memorial and it has been a privilege to share this task with them.

Churchill Fellows are everywhere "from all walks of life" making a profound difference to the well-being of our country. I am quite convinced that this perpetual trust will indeed be perpetual. ■

Sponsored Fellowships

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 approximately \$26,000. 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 via email to adam.davey@churchilltrust.com.au.

A list of sponsored Fellowships available for award in 2017 follows:

For Award Regionally

ACT Government (Office for Women)	ACT - For a woman to conduct research into the impact of gender construction and unconscious bias on the lives of girls and women (in honour of Audrey Fagan)
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
Blakeney Millar Foundation	NSW Tumut – The benefit of Tumut and its environs
Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney)	NSW – School and/or pre-school education
James Love	QLD – In any field
Samuel and Eileen Gluyas	QLD – Tropical pastoral industry
Jack Brockhoff Foundation	VIC – Research for the benefit of rural or regional areas in social disadvantage, including disability, or in health and medical practice
Department for Child Protection and Family Support	WA – Protection and care for children and young people or support for at risk individuals and families
Sir William Kilpatrick	VIC - Health or social welfare
Gallaugher Bequest	TAS - In any field

For Award Nationally

Australian Biological Resources Study	Overseas taxonomic research on Australian flora or fauna
AV Jennings	Domestic architecture, building and planning
Bob and June Prickett	An aspect of the health of Australians
Bob and June Prickett	To examine methods which mitigate the impact of natural disasters such as fire, flood and cyclones on the Australian community
Dame Roma Mitchell	Excellence in the performing arts
Department of Health	To identify overseas collection mechanisms for General Practice (GP) clinical data
Donald Mackay	Countering organised crime
Dr Dorothea Sandars	Medical/veterinary parasitology or Parkinson's Disease, or advances in medicine in general
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	Enhancement of the delivery of palliative care
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of ophthalmology
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of marine science
Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws	A project in the field of surgery, including surgical nursing
Gilbert Spottiswood	Projects related to the theatre
Horticulture Innovation Australia	To cultivate new ideas in horticulture
Jack Green	The dairy industry
Jobs Australia	To investigate employment services and welfare issues affecting unemployed people in regional Australia (in honour of John Hartley)
Leslie (Les) J. Fleming	Oncology and cancer research
Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal	Ways to combat and reduce the impact of bushfires
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Strategies which support and encourage role model behaviour for Australia's elite athletes domestically and overseas
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Performance excellence in classical music or voice
National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre	To research improvements in rapid international disaster medical response
Park Family	Educational and/or vocational training
Paul Tys	In any field
Peter Mitchell	In any field
Stuart and Norma Leslie	Performance excellence in the arts
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	An aspect of early childhood and/or primary education (in honour of Nancy Fairfax)

Report by Chief Executive Officer

Adam Davey

Having been warmly welcomed into the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust 'family' as CEO in mid-July, I am pleased and honoured to report on the continued success of this important community asset.

As our 50th Anniversary celebrations ended we awarded Churchill Fellowships to 106 Australians to travel the world to learn and share their knowledge with the community. They join a cadre of inspirational Australians who, in following their passions for the benefit of the community, are honouring Sir Winston Churchill's legacy.

It is abundantly clear that our organisation's strength comes from people: those who so generously donated to establish the Trust; the stewards who serve and have served on our Board; our Life Members; selection panel members; Churchill Fellows' Association; our sponsors and donors; our dedicated team at Churchill House; and of course, the Churchill Fellows themselves.

The ongoing relationship that people have with the Churchill Trust is special. I have already met many people who were part of the national door-knock appeal in 1965. Their contributions formed the core of the Trust which continues to give back through the work of Churchill Fellows. Some of these people went on to become Churchill Fellows and after many years are still involved with us.

Our Churchill Fellows enjoy a lasting relationship with us, with many staying in touch and welcoming new Fellows with advice and support. Many years after undertaking their Churchill Fellowship travel, countless Fellows are still actively pursuing their passions and making a difference in their communities.

The Churchill Fellows' Associations continue to play an important role in keeping connections strong across the country. These Associations are managed by dedicated and enthusiastic Churchill Fellows and members of the community. We are introducing an online forum for our Fellows to connect with each other across the country and also when on their travels, with the aim of further building relationships and sharing of ideas and knowledge.

Taking on this role in time to attend many of the 2016 interviews gave me an opportunity to quickly gain insight into the breadth and depth of issues that aspiring Churchill Fellows are engaged in.



Pictured left Adam meets The Hon. Jeremy Soames, grandson of Winston Churchill and Trustee of the UK Trust (December 2016)

It also allowed me to meet most of our selection committees who have such a difficult job to do, such is the quality of people applying for Fellowships.

“I have met an incredibly diverse range of Australians through the selection process and our events - from the aspirational to the inspirational and everything in-between.”

Since our inception in 1965 the aim of the Churchill Fellowship scheme has been 'to enable Australians from all walks of life to undertake overseas study, or an investigative project, of any kind not fully available in Australia.' This ethos goes to the heart of the Churchill Fellowship. It is critically important that we stay true to our original intent – it is what makes the Churchill Trust unique and special and valuable to the whole community.

Equally important is that we continue to honour Sir Winston Churchill and ensure that his legacy is well known. I find it difficult to imagine his legacy not enduring. There is still so much written about Churchill every day both in the news media and a torrent of quotes appearing via social media. With the two feature films 'Churchill' and 'Darkest Hour' to be released in 2017 there will be further exposure to aspects of his life and personality, albeit through the lens of the respective writers and directors. Churchill's stirring oratory still resonates today, with many of his carefully crafted words having become a part of our everyday language.

Our world has changed significantly since the Trust was established in 1965 with our inaugural Churchill Fellows setting off around the globe on a life-changing journey the following year. In some cases, this meant a very long trip by boat. Many Australians now travel overseas regularly.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics recorded 9.7m short-term resident departures in the year to June 2016.

For younger generations of Australians who were not alive in Churchill's lifetime – but now enjoy a freedom of life that can in no small part be attributed to the pivotal role that he played in World War 2 – there is a need to translate his vision, determination and passion into a modern context. Our smallest field of applicants comes from people aged under 25 and perhaps this presents a driver for us to find new ways to engage with newer generations of inspiring Australians to become ambassadors for Churchill's legacy.

In reading the steady stream of Churchill Fellows' reports. I am only too aware of my good fortune to be in this role. There are so many ways that inspirational Churchill Fellows find to benefit their communities and their willingness to share their knowledge is universal. I encourage you to read these reports to deepen your understanding of an issue and broaden your thinking. We add over 100 reports every year to our website – I challenge you to not find one that captures your interest and gives you a new perspective or fresh ideas.

Even though we freely publish all Churchill Fellows' reports online, I see sharing the findings as one of the biggest challenges and opportunities in front of us. We now live in the 'information age' and the Internet has opened seemingly limitless opportunities for sharing information and connecting with people all over the world in real time. We have a virtual treasure trove of information, ideas and knowledge made freely available to anyone via our website. But how do people find this information? How do they know it is there? Increasing awareness of our Fellows' reports and helping to connect them with policy makers, decision makers and the broader community is an area of focus for us over the coming years.

I would also like to acknowledge our National Chair, the Honourable Margaret White who retired from the Board at the 2017 Annual General Meeting following an involvement as a QLD selection panel member in 1993 and 14 years on our Board, the last five as Chair.

In her report, our National Chair has paid tribute to one of our first Churchill Fellows, Robert (Bob) Prickett who died on 3 January 2017. Bob was a special friend of the Trust who touched the lives of so many people. He had a special connection with the recipients of the Churchill Fellowships that he sponsored.

I feel lucky to have met Bob and it is no coincidence that on my first meeting with him, one of 'his' Fellows, Dianne Greathead had also come to visit. A memorial event in Brisbane was attended by many Churchill Fellows who wanted to celebrate Bob's life. We have dedicated pages in this Annual Report to acknowledge Bob's contribution to the Australian community.

I have been encouraged and supported in my role by Life Members, Churchill Fellows and our Board of Directors who have laid out a clear Strategic Direction Statement for the Trust. I am thankful to our previous CEO, Paul Tys, who has provided me with a guiding hand and support as he handed over the role. Learning from Paul's contribution and stewardship of the Trust over sixteen years has been invaluable.

Our small team at Churchill House are not only the engine room but also an ideas factory, keen to innovate.

This year we recruited a new position focused on 'Fellowship Engagement and Development'. This new role will help increase the level of engagement with Churchill Fellows well beyond their overseas travel and increase our capacity to develop and deliver new ways of supporting our Fellows to share their findings.

It is pleasing to work with an optimistic and passionate team of people – Ms Sally Campbell, Ms Meg Gilmartin, Ms Julia Quantrill, Ms Emma Robertson and Ms Beverley Payne. The positive feedback from Churchill Fellows and applicants is testament to their professionalism.

In December, I had the opportunity to meet with the team at the UK Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. We discussed in detail how we administer our respective Churchill Fellowship schemes and compared the challenges and opportunities that we see ahead. Unsurprisingly, we share the same optimism for the future and are embracing new technology to connect and share the work of our Churchill Fellows with the community. I thank Julia Weston, UK Churchill Trust CEO and her team for their hospitality and am pleased that a positive relationship between our staff has resulted from my visit, with interaction between our teams now a regular occurrence.

I was also privileged to meet the Honourable Jeremy Soames and Mr Randolph Churchill, both of whom gave me additional insight into the ways that Sir Winston Churchill's legacy is being honoured and perpetuated internationally not just through the travelling Fellowships but through scholarships and enduring partnerships that are inspiring excellence.

A Churchill Fellowship represents more than a source of research funding or recognition of personal achievement. The purpose of a Churchill Fellowship is to enable a person to further their knowledge for the benefit of the Australian community on their return, as part of a lifelong journey.

The overwhelming message that I consistently hear from Churchill Fellows is that a Fellowship is 'a life changing experience'. That is the essence of a Fellowship that we must maintain as the Trust continues to grow and evolve.

I look forward to working with you all as we continue in this great enterprise. ■



Finance Report

for the year ended 31 January 2017

The extracts that appear here do not represent 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 2017 the Trust is showing a total comprehensive income of \$5.6 million after a profit of \$3.6 million and an increase in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets of \$2 million.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	31 January 2017	31 January 2016
Contributions and revenue	341,167	652,685
Gross profit	341,167	652,685
Release of unused provisions	-	108,481
Administrative expenses	(961,046)	(997,147)
Personnel expenses	(779,239)	(622,434)
Fellowship expenses	(2,784,712)	(2,768,369)
Operating (loss) before investment income	(4,183,830)	(3,626,784)
Investment income	6,430,524	9,105,065
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	1,343,225	920,051
Net investment income	7,773,749	10,025,116
Profit for the year	3,589,919	6,398,332
Other comprehensive income / (loss)		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	2,021,909	(7,041,185)
Collectibles revaluation	800	(800)
Total other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	2,022,709	(7,041,985)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	5,612,628	(643,653)

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.

During the financial year the Trust's investments returned approximately \$6.4 million in dividends, interest and distribution income which was reinvested or used for Fellowships. The Trust provided \$2.78 million for the award of one hundred and six 2016 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 Financial Position

	31 January 2017	31 January 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,502,296	12,839,796
Receivables and other current assets	676,842	1,216,862
Total current assets	11,179,138	14,056,658
Non-current assets		
Financial assets	96,497,312	87,004,901
Plant and equipment	23,342	10,081
Other non-current assets	197,524	223,688
Total non-current assets	96,718,178	87,238,670
Total assets	107,897,316	101,295,328
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	125,115	130,406
Employee benefits	89,115	126,432
Unearned income	121,681	227,799
Provision for Fellowships	3,009,892	1,945,148
Total current liabilities	3,345,803	2,429,785
Non-current liabilities		
Unearned income	77,400	12,400
Employee benefits	8,343	
Total non-current liabilities	85,743	12,400
Total liabilities	3,431,545	2,442,185
Net assets	104,465,771	98,853,143
EQUITY		
Gains and losses taken to equity	24,215,203	22,193,294
Collectibles revaluation reserve	85,750	84,950
Retained earnings and corpus funds	80,164,818	76,574,899
Total equity	104,465,771	98,853,143

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Corpus Funds	Gains and Losses taken to Equity	Collectibles Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance at 1 February 2015	21,969,788	29,234,479	85,750	48,206,779	99,496,796
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR					
Profit for the year				6,398,332	6,398,332
Capital donations	275,113			(275,113)	
Other comprehensive income:					
Net change in collectibles			(800)		(800)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets		(7,041,185)			(7,041,185)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	275,113	(7,041,185)	(800)	6,123,219	(643,653)
Balance at 31 January 2016	22,244,901	22,193,294	84,950	54,329,998	98,853,143
Balance at 1 February 2016	22,244,901	22,193,294	84,950	54,329,998	98,853,143
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR					
Profit for the year				3,589,919	3,589,919
Capital donations	1,100			(1,100)	
Other comprehensive income:					
Collectibles revaluation			800		800
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets		2,021,909			2,021,909
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	1,100	2,021,909	800	3,588,819	5,612,628
Balance at 31 January 2017	22,246,001	24,215,203	85,750	57,918,817	104,465,771

Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2017	31 January 2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Fellows, donors and others	483,846	549,028
Payments to Fellows	(1,719,968)	(2,334,363)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,832,852)	(1,557,863)
Interest received	197,370	228,296
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(2,871,604)	(3,114,902)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets	8,246,466	2,957,106
Cost of purchasing available-for-sale financial assets	(11,570,000)	(4,681,209)
Imputation credits refunded	1,053,029	468,509
Distributions received	2,823,772	8,115,368
Return of capital	-	76,017
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(19,163)	(5,155)
Net cash provided by investing activities	534,104	6,930,636
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,337,500)	3,815,734
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 February	12,839,796	9,024,064
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 January	10,502,296	12,839,796

Bequests and Gifts for the Year to 31 January 2017

The following bequests and gifts to the Trust made during the year to 31 January 2017 are gratefully acknowledged:

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation	\$94,817
Mrs Patricia D New	\$56,312
Mr RJ (Bob) Prickett	\$50,000
The Stuart Leslie Foundation	\$30,364
Department for Child Protection and Family Support	\$27,622
The Park Family	\$26,000
The National Road & Motorists' Association - ACT Road Safety	\$25,111
Department of the Environment/ Australian Biological Resources Study	\$25,000
ACT Government	\$25,000
The Australian Institute of Management	\$18,135
Churchill Fellows' Association of WA	\$13,000
Trust Company of Australia / Peter Mitchell Estate	\$8,429
Churchill Fellows' Association of South Australia	\$7,000
Churchill Fellows' Association of NSW	\$6,900
Mr Paul Tys	\$1,000
Mr Warren Muller	\$100

Returning Fellows share their findings

Our Fellows return from their Fellowship experiences excited and motivated by the new information and ideas they have gained. Their Fellowship reports say it all. Here are some excerpts...

Karrina Nolan

To enhance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's leadership capacity and engagement in community and civic life - Canada, USA

Embarking on a trip like this felt ambitious, not just because of the geographical distance, but the enormous scope of issues people were working to address and the deep ambition I have to build a better life for all of us through the critical contributions of women in our communities.

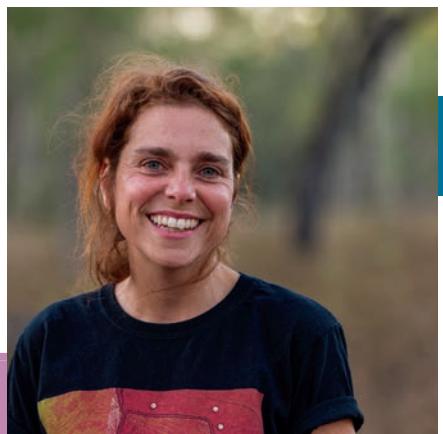
Trying to distil the richness of people's experiences and attempts to achieve justice has felt challenging. However in amongst all the hard work being done, stories shared and lessons learnt there are some clear messages for us.

Social movements are based on the premise that people power can shift the course of history. We know that building the power of peoples and communities contributes to making change not just more possible but probable. This trip was invaluable for consolidating my thinking about how we as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to do more of that.

People I met reminded me that we need strong leaders with integrity to drive good decisions for our communities. We need to invest in and add capacity to our women who are leading and strengthening the power of our people. When people's individual agency is stronger then so to is their capacity to do work at the community level.

Initiatives that connect local to national issues, implementing at a grass roots level, advocating nationally seemed to be having an impact.

This was particularly obvious in relation to the fossil fuel industry and communities directly challenging certain projects. It was also clear that having a national infrastructure empowers communities to be better resourced to explore alternatives on their own terms.



Pictured left Indigenous Rising for to protect their land and water from the Dakota Access Pipeline



Pictured above Indigenous women's leadership group that aims to recognise and support the role women play in building the capacity and visibility of women to take on public roles and offer solidarity to other land and water protectors



Pictured above Frying bread in the camp kitchen at Standing Rock

Pictured above
Prescott Powwow
solidarity action for
Standing Rock



“ We know that building the power of peoples and communities contributes to making change not just more possible but probable. This trip was invaluable for consolidating my thinking about how we as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need to do more of that.”

Experiencing the comparatively well organised and resourced networks in the U.S and Canada highlighted the gaps in resources here. We could strengthen our national campaigning capacity, particularly in relation to climate change.

Seeing the level of engagement on this issue from all parts of the Indigenous community revealed the lack of engagement by our leaders on this in Australia. Nothing short of a coherent national movement of and led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will bring us climate justice.

Finally it is about being guided by our old people but with our younger ones in sight to be organised, persistent and build the more just world that is so possible.

Insights from this project are being developed further through a variety of channels:

- Gatherings and workshops with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations
- Face to face workshops with representatives from over 40 national environmental and social organisations in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane
- The report will be circulated to relevant organisations and networks in Australia, the U.S and Canada
- Follow up and ongoing collaboration in the U.S and Canada ▀



Pictured above Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Aboriginal Women's circle

Download Karrina's full report from our website
www.churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4059/Karrina+Nolan

Steven Wells

To research the development, use and management of therapeutic gardens within healthcare settings - Singapore, UK, USA

Therapeutic gardens in healthcare settings are designed to meet the patient's physical, emotional and psychological needs and are often a component of a patient's treatment goals and program.

Healthcare environments are synonymous with times of stress, anxiety and uncertainty of individual's health.

Therapeutic gardens within hospitals are sought to provide solace, respite and recovery by patients, their families and staff. There is an increasing awareness within the healthcare industry of the value of therapeutic gardens within the provision of a holistic healthcare approach. Challenges lay in the funding, development and management of these gardens in order for them to be suitably managed and sustained.

The exemplary hospitals with quality therapeutic gardens were those that understood that the internal and external environments of healthcare facilities are equally important for the client's health and wellbeing.

Hospitals that included a strong collaborative approach during the design stage had the most successfully implemented gardens that enabled longevity and sustainability of the gardens, which in turn increased their usage, value and effectiveness. This approach also facilitated increased community involvement and support through funding and volunteer engagement.

Quality indeed begets quality. Hospitals that integrated therapeutic gardens with healthy lifestyle choices, horticultural therapy programs and health messages for their clients and staff were more successfully engaged with and maintained. Therapeutic gardens are funded universally via external funding largely from donors. Hospitals that included a maintenance endowment component in the total project costs at the initial funding stage were also the locations that had successfully maintained gardens.

Therapeutic gardens that are developed at the entry interface of hospitals achieved a greater use, appeal and overall benefit.

I observed many commonalities and similar challenges across these locations that resonated with the Australian context which highlighted that there are universal issues in developing therapeutic gardens across the world. However, the Fellowship has importantly provided valuable learnings that can be implemented here in Australia to ensure that the inclusion of therapeutic gardens in healthcare settings is successfully achieved. ■

Download Steven's full report from our website
churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4085/Steven+Wells

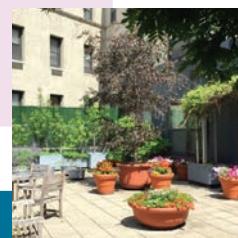
“ The Fellowship provided me with the opportunity to visit exemplary locations and to meet with passionate, knowledgeable and experienced people.”



Pictured right The Wilheit-Keys Peace Garden in Gainesville USA shows us that healing goes beyond the bedside



Pictured below left The Joel Schnaper Memorial Garden in New York was built to serve individuals with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers



Pictured above The Hope and Healing Garden in Portland USA is a unique therapy garden for psychiatric patients providing them with a tranquil oasis within a secure environment

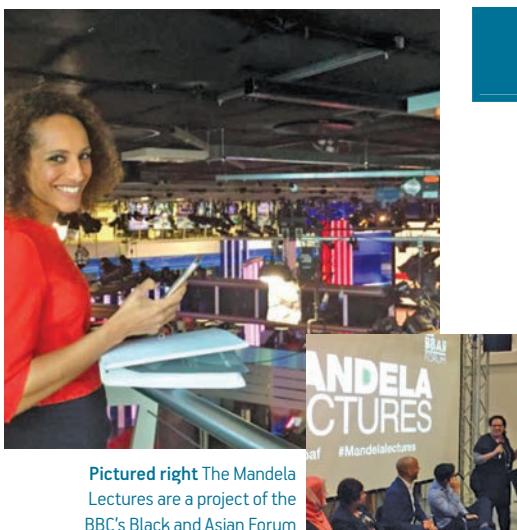
Pictured right
Andrea at the Winston Churchill Memorial, Whitechapel, London



Pictured right
Launch of the BBC's Diversity Inclusion Strategy BBC Broadcast House, London



Pictured below Sky News Broadcaster Afua Hirsch in the newsroom, London



Pictured right The Mandela Lectures are a project of the BBC's Black and Asian Forum

“ Media interest and public dialogue around diversity began to grow in Australia whilst on my Fellowship. I deliver this report, with hope that it will contribute to a genuine, lasting change for the benefit of all.”

Andrea Ho

To investigate practical strategies for improving cultural diversity in Australian media - UK, Sweden

There has not been a time in recent history where diversity has been more discussed more seriously - nor where mass media has had so much at stake as a consequence of how they approach this reality.

It's also a time when under-represented audience groups no longer have to put up and shut up: they can easily voice their dissatisfaction with inadequate mass media, and disengage entirely from mass media and turn to a plethora of alternatives.

Over a 6 week period I visited broadcasters and organisations, learning about content and staff in the context of cultural and other diversity in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Hull, Stockholm and Malmö.

All organisations I visited were acting to improve cultural and other diversity, to catch up to the diversity of the population. This was considered both a moral imperative, and a sound business strategy for reaching new audiences, to ensure revenue streams, relevance and survival.

There was no single ideal way to improve cultural diversity, but there were common themes and areas which recurred in all broadcasters' diversity activities addressing leadership, targets, content, partnerships, outreach and image and time and resources.

In the weeks I undertook the Fellowship the dialogue around diversity exploded, with the #logiesowhite fracas breaking, and statements by outgoing and incoming ABC Managing Directors regarding the need to do better with cultural diversity.

Since returning to Australia I am already putting this information to use at the ABC in my role as Diversity Lead for the 2016-2020 Radio Strategic Plan, and Chair of the Radio Diversity Action Group, and working with Diversity Action Groups in other divisions. ■

Download Andrea's full report from our website
churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4030/Andrea+Ho

Troy Kirkham

To investigate innovative and inclusive retention strategies for youth participants in community sport - Canada, USA, UK

Sport is far greater than simply wins and losses, and it certainly isn't about which team won or lost on the weekend. It has an ability like no other to connect, unite and bond communities. It has a long lasting impact on an individual's physical, social and emotional well-being and there is strong evidence to suggest those who are active youth participants are significantly more likely to participate in physical activity as an adult.

Subsequently, if we can achieve greater levels of youth retention the ongoing wider community and health related benefits would be substantial.

The social capital that is established through engagement in sporting clubs contributes to society. Sport provides an opportunity for inclusion, education and employment and has a considerable cultural significance to all Australians.

This fellowship report looks to build on innovative international approaches to physical activity and retention in youth sport and make recommendations for an Australian context. It will explore factors influencing retention, contemporary approaches to accessibility of programs and provide a benchmark for future approaches to retention of youth participants across local clubs, State Sporting Organisations (SSO) and National Sporting Organisations (NSO).

Upon embarking on this journey, there were eight key focus areas that guided the discussions with the organisations that I planned to meet with. These were:

- The importance of unstructured play, along with the development of fun, and the significant role that both of these factors play in youth retention;
- The development of physical literacy and fundamental movement skills and the role that this development plays in retaining participants long term;
- Engagement strategies – with a particular focus on diversionary programs;
- The role that technology can play in youth sport retention strategies;
- The impact of parenting styles in youth sport retention – particularly around female engagement and retention;
- Socioeconomic influences – and the importance of programs to support accessibility for all;
- Youth advocacy – and empowering youth in program and product development; and
- Inclusive program development, ensuring opportunity for all.

However, the discussions provided so much more than the eight key discussion points listed above. They provided insight and knowledge around a number of factors that directly or indirectly impact youth retention in community sport, and they helped to shape and redefine my thinking around this topic. ■

The conversations all lead to one key premise, in that there needed to be an integrated or interconnected approach that sought to coordinate and organise the key components impacting youth retention, thus providing clear direction to sport.

Ultimately, retention comes down to relationships, and the ability to maintain and enhance these relationships over a number of years and through a number of key transitional phases within a sport context. It is from this foundation that the proposed 'Interconnected Model of Youth Retention' was developed. It looks to unite all the key factors impacting youth retention, but also highlights the importance of the relationships between these components, and the interconnected manner in which they impact or influence each other.

Pictured right
Troy met with Dr Jean Cote at
Queens University in Canada who
is the Director of the School of
Kinesiology and Health Studies



Pictured left and below
The Kirkham family made a
special visit to Madison Square
Garden to see the New York
Rangers play ice hockey



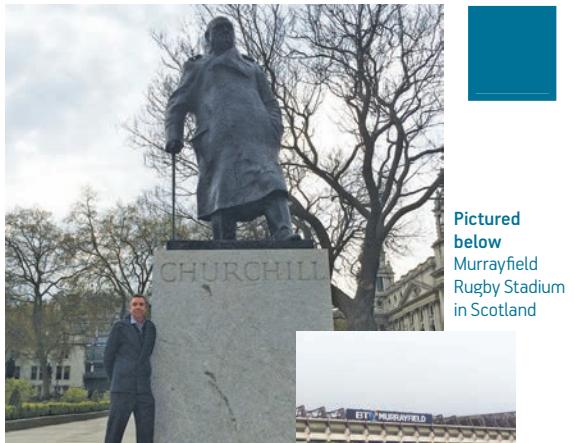
Pictured below and right Troy visited St George's Park Football Centre in the UK who offer a full size indoor soccer pitch for training and games



Pictured left Entrance to the Twickenham Football stadium, the home of English rugby



Pictured below Troy visited Sir Winston's statue in London's Parliamentary Square



Pictured below Murrayfield Rugby Stadium in Scotland

One of the real challenges in sport is that organisations or clubs when looking at youth retention tend to focus on one part of the puzzle. That is a great starting point, but it fails to recognise the interconnected manner in which key components influence each other.

By only addressing one aspect, you may get some small improvements in retention or churn rates, but when you have a direct focus (or an interconnected approach) on all key components, then that's where the real improvement and success can be achieved.

“ It was an amazing opportunity to explore and investigate a topic that I am extremely passionate about, and believe can play a significant role in the future of young people in Australia!”

When setting out to finalise this Churchill Report, the objective was to develop a tangible document that could be utilised by sports to guide and/or challenge their current way of operation, and provide authentic ideas or strategies that could be introduced to enhance youth retention in community sport.

This document needed to be more than simply a report that explained where I went, and whom I met with. Hence, this report proposes a model for youth retention and discusses the key aspects that impact each of the proposed nine components.

The outstanding individuals and organisations that I visited all helped to shape this report, through their willingness to share ideas, resources and strategies around youth retention, and for that I am truly indebted.

The opportunity to meet with leaders in their field and examine examples of best practice provided not only knowledge, but also discussion and debate, and through proposing this model I hope that it helps to encourage further debate around youth retention, and its importance in community sport. I look forward to having ongoing conversations and working with others in the industry to shape and mould the proposed 'Interconnected Model of Youth Retention' into a workable template that achieves significant community outcomes that benefit youth participants and enable them to gain the positive impact that sport can provide.

Thank you to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust of Australia for providing an amazing opportunity to explore and investigate a topic that I am extremely passionate about, and believe can play a significant role in the future of young people in Australia.

My report looks to highlight discussions, make observations and seeks to encourage community sport to potentially do things differently. ■

Download Troy's full report from our website
churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4038/Troy+Kirkham

Rebecca Prince-Ruiz

To investigate innovative programs of raising awareness, management and solutions to plastic pollution - USA, Netherlands, UK, Hong Kong

My Fellowship itinerary involved meeting with individuals and organisations working on the plastic pollution issue across a wide spectrum with each one providing valuable insights and learnings.

Plastic pollution is a significant problem with environmental, economic and social costs – particularly in the world's oceans. To fully raise awareness of the problem there needs to be collaboration around both effort and data collection. The focus on the problem needs to move beyond the ocean and beaches to the source in terms of choices and decisions that are made upstream. In Australia a range of organisations are working on the problem but need to come together at a national level to achieve results.

There is no one single solution to the plastic pollution problem. It will take a range of solutions across all three categories of collection, management and reduction, involving all stakeholders of governments, corporations and communities.

The volume of plastic production, the ubiquitous nature of disposable plastic and the habits of modern consumerism mean that the problem is larger than any one organisation or stakeholder.

Thus collaboration, and a connected approach which shares solutions, is required to avoid duplication, to maximise efforts and shift plastic material flows from the current linear system to a truly circular economy. The "Heading Upstream" diagram created as part of my Fellowship provides a useful framework to visualise the diverse array of solutions and a shared picture of the issue and directions needing to be taken.

Dissemination of my findings has been ongoing by sharing ideas and solutions through the Plastic Free July campaign. I will continue to share my findings during a series of over a dozen talks to other waste educators, teachers, community groups, local government, schools, professional networks and public events in Perth, the southwest of WA and Melbourne in the middle of 2016.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to share my knowledge through writing for a number of newspapers, magazines and online publications in Australia and overseas as the direct result of my Fellowship. ■

Download Rebecca's full report from our website
churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4064/Rebecca+Prince-Ruiz

“ I am so grateful for this incredible opportunity to travel, learn and connect with others who are so passionate about the plastic pollution issue.”

Pictured below Rebecca visited the town of Bristol in the UK to participate in their refill initiative that offers 200 'water refill' locations to reduce the purchase of single-use water bottles



Pictured right Despite the Hawai'i Wildlife Fund having 'cleaned' Kamilo Beach, Hawaii Island two weeks prior, this was the plastic debris Rebecca saw on her first visit to the beach



Pictured left Plastic debris found in the stomach of a seabird in Hawaii!



Pictured above Rebecca had the opportunity to meet engaged, motivated and enthusiastic young people at the Plastic Ocean Pollution Solutions (POPS) International Youth Summit who are passionate about this issue



Pictured left Greg met with Adam Barowy, Research Engineer with the Fire Science Laboratory in Chicago



Greg Henry

To investigate how modern fire dynamics theories influence highrise firefighting tactics and procedures - Singapore, UK, Sweden, UK, USA

In 2013 I had been a professional firefighter for 18 years, I thought I was experienced, curious and dedicated to learning. Then, I had the good fortune to read the book *Euro Firefighter* by Paul Grimwood and I realised how little I really knew.

This initiated a journey of discovery that led me to the work of Stefan Svensson, Steve Kerber, and Dan Madrzykowski, among others, on fire behaviour and practical firefighting. In an effort to learn more, I pursued this Churchill Fellowship and in doing so, was given the extraordinary opportunity to meet not only these people I had been inspired by, but many other passionate, experienced and incredibly knowledgeable people. The generosity and hospitality shown by all those I met was humbling, and in keeping with the finest traditions of the world-wide fraternity of firefighters.

The overarching lesson for Australia is that successful fire fighting is based on a combination of experience, knowledge and skill in the core principles of fire behaviour, fire ventilation and fire suppression. However, true expertise will come from not only understanding these core principles individually, but also how they interact with each other. Therefore, Australian fire authorities must understand that the foundation of expertise begins with, and should be continually supported by, effective, holistic and realistic training and education. This will provide a solid base and accurate context for subsequent operational experiences to be built upon.

During this Fellowship it was clear that proactive fire agencies recognised the value of collaboration with researchers. As such, many departments have developed strong research partnerships to help drive change and innovation in high-rise and structural firefighting, and Australian agencies should do the same where possible. If that's not possible within individual jurisdictions, local departments should leverage the collaborations of others, through attendance at conferences such as the Fire Department Instructors Conference. ■

Download Greg's full report from our website
churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4029/Greg+Henry

“ It was an extraordinary experience that has been invaluable from both a personal and professional perspective. I hope my findings will contribute to the current and future development of high-rise and structural fire fighting in Australia.”



Pictured above Greg trained with various Fire Academy and Department squads during his Fellowship



Pictured above One of the engines of the Chicago Fire Department

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CFA Activities around Australia

Our Churchill Fellows' Associations across Australia continue to provide our new and existing Fellows with reasons to stay active, connected and motivated long after Fellowship!

NSW CFA President's Report

The NSW CFA has had another busy year with members of the committee organising a number of successful events to support Fellows in their ongoing endeavours.

We have run a number of very successful Churchill Chats and Winston Walks which have allowed Fellows the opportunity to present their research to a group of peers in a relaxed and non-judgemental atmosphere. These sessions have provided an excellent rehearsal environment for our newly returned Fellows before they are required to make a major presentation at an upcoming conference or business presentation.

In 2016, the NSW CFA supported the National Office in running a number of very successful information sessions in Sydney, Newcastle and Wagga Wagga as part of their National Roadshow and its call for new applications with over 350 people from NSW registering to attend across these locations.

The NSW Governor David Hurley and Mrs Hurley were our guests of honour at the Presentation Dinner for new Fellows at Parliament House earlier this year. Twenty-seven new Fellows were suitably acknowledged during the evening and we were especially pleased to acknowledge Mark Robertson who was awarded with our very own NSW CFA Fellowship "To Investigate Programs That Promote And Encourage Cross-Cultural Harmony Among Youth".

One tradition we have continued with enormous success is holding a relaxed information morning tea the morning following on from our formal presentation dinner. The event is held at the City of Sydney Fire Station and around twenty new Fellows joined us for morning tea to listen to several presentations from returned Fellows about how to prepare for their upcoming travels. Apart from how to prepare for your end of trip report submission, we share a lot of helpful advice including which are the best phone cards, credit cards, car rental plans etc all based on the latest information from returned Fellows. We always receive excellent feedback from Fellows saying that the sharing of "tips and tricks" are of enormous benefit.

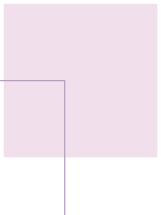
Pictured below and right
2016 NSW Churchill Fellows were announced at NSW Parliament House followed by dinner in the Strangers' Dining Room



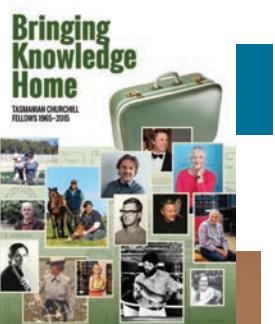
Pictured left Seven NSW Fellows from Westmead Children's Hospital hosted a behind the scenes tour of in August 2016



Pictured above Westmead CEO Dr Michael Brydon presented the Trust with a special gift to recognise the contribution Churchill Fellows have made to children's health care in Australia



Pictured above *Bringing Knowledge Home* was launched at Government House in Hobart



Pictured above 2016 Tasmanian Churchill Fellows were announced at Government House in Hobart



Pictured above Churchill Fellow Simone Walters and Martin Penika perform at the book launch dinner

We are currently preparing for our next NSW CFA Medallion Dinner event to acknowledge the many returned Fellows who have successfully completed their research submissions. This is always an enjoyable event where we hear from several of our Fellows about their overseas adventures.

A number of members from our NSW Association are planning to travel to Canberra in October to participate in the eagerly anticipated National Convention and we look forward to seeing many of our interstate colleagues at what promises to be another exciting weekend! ■

Ian Krimmer [1992 Churchill Fellow]
NSW CFA President

TAS CFA President's Report

It has been an exciting year! Following our wonderful exhibition celebrating the achievement of Fellows around the State, on 16 September 2016 the Governor, Her Excellency, Kate Warner, wife of 1999 Fellow Richard Warner, launched the book *Bringing Knowledge Home - Tasmanian Churchill Fellows 1965-2015* at Government House. This has been a sell-out success. Every Fellow had a section explaining their fellowship and how it enriched lives. This unique occasion was enhanced by the exquisite playing by saxophonist, Jabra Latham.

Following the book launch we had a dinner at The Old Woolstore where we were able to welcome our new CEO, Adam Davey and hear his thoughts and hopes for the future of our national organisation. We also enjoyed baroque music played on baroque instruments by Fellow Simone Walters and partner Martin Penika.

In February 2017 it was time again to celebrate success with the presentation of awards to 2016 Fellows at Government House. At the dinner held afterwards, we heard talks from returned Fellows and our CEO Adam talked about planning developments at the Trust and his hope that there would be opportunities to showcase the careers of Fellows and sharing of ideas between states.

I am grateful to the hard work of our secretary Patricia Corby who has been secretary of our CFA for umpteen years and has an encyclopaedic local and national knowledge of the Churchill Fellowship. She has been supported by long-serving Treasurer Annette Roehrer and our committee. My thanks to them all and best wishes to our interstate colleagues for the 2017 National Convention with an invitation to you all to join us in Tasmania 5-7 April 2019. ■

Philip Thomson [1995 Churchill Fellow]
TAS CFA President

CFA Activities around Australia

VIC CFA President's Report

It has certainly been a big twelve months for the CFAV!

A record number of guests attended the CFAV's Medallion Dinner and AGM at Morgan's 400 in July last year as this was the only dinner held by the CFAV in 2016. All who attended were enthralled and entertained by the stories of the 20 Victorian Fellows presented with their medallions. Of particular note was a proud but sheepish 2001 Fellow who had finally submitted his report to the Churchill Trust after a fifteen-year gestation. The uncanny timing of the awarding of his Fellowship and eventual presentation of his medallion was highlighted by retiring WCMT CEO, Paul Tys, who observed it more or less coincided with his own time in the role as CEO! It was a pleasure to present Paul and his wife, Lori with a masterful portrait of Sir Winston by Joyce McGrath (1968 Fellow) and to welcome incoming WCMT CEO Adam Davey and his wife Cecelia.

Following the announcement of Churchill Fellowships on 30 November 2016, the presentation of Fellowships by Her Excellency the Hon Linda Dessau AC (1994 Fellow) took place at Government House in February 2017. Rather than the usual genial glow of fires keeping mid-winter at bay in the State Drawing Room, the Governor of Victoria treated the 23 Victorian Fellows, their family and friends to a memorable morning of warmth and hospitality, with the late summer sunshine streaming in through the large windows.

The New Fellows' Dinner, held on the same evening was another unforgettable occasion. The diversity of Fellowships awarded in 2016 were a reminder to all of Sir Winston's extraordinary legacy and the passion that drives Victoria's Fellows to both challenge and contribute to our society. Towards the end of the evening, a show of hands from the audience further affirmed that the 'alumni' of Victorian Fellows is indeed a formidable bunch, with Fellows from every decade since the establishment of the Trust in attendance.

Given the advent of electronic communication and GPS, overseas travel may appear to be straightforward, however the feedback received by the CFAV committee year after year is that the information provided at the New Fellows' Workshop, held the day after the New Fellows' Dinner, is invaluable.

Pictured right and below
CFAV President Ben Nicholson
and Treasurer Shane Ringin
with special guest the Honourable
Tim Pallas, Treasurer of Victoria at
the inaugural CFAV breakfast for
Fellows and their guests



Pictured below Acclaimed
Walkley Award winning journalist
and 2015 Fellow, Nick McKenzie
speaking at the CFAV breakfast





Pictured left
2016 Victorian Churchill Fellows were announced by Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC Governor of Victoria at Government House, Melbourne.



Pictured left
Victorian Governor Linda Dessau with the Trust's first transgender recipient Jeremy Wiggins who is a leading LGBTIQ advocate.

Pictured below Good attendance at the 2016 Melbourne Info Session



The success of this event each year is due in huge part to the efforts of CFAV committee member Dean Cox (2005 Fellow). Thanks also to Catina Adams and David Glazebrook (2014 Fellows) and Dee Riddington and Nick McKenzie (2015 Fellows) for sharing their insights and anecdotes with the 2016 Fellows.

The annual Churchill Fellowship Roadshow sessions have proved very popular in Victoria, with the CFAV committee in liaison with the Churchill Trust, presenting three sessions in February and March in Bendigo (for the first time) and Melbourne twice reaping over 380 attendees. Thanks to the staff at Churchill House and CFAV committee members Julie Rees (2002 Fellow), Anne Hooker (2007 Fellow), Daphne Cheah (2002 Fellow), CFAV Secretary, Andrew Nixon and CFAV Treasurer, Shane Ringin (2000 Fellow) for helping to keep the show on the road.

It has been a pleasure to introduce the Churchill Breakfast format to the CFAV calendar of events during my time as CFAV President. In August 2016, an audience of 40 Fellows and their guests listened intently at the second Churchill Breakfast to acclaimed Walkley Award winning journalist and 2015 Fellow, Nick McKenzie's fascinating insights into corporate corruption and the nexus with national and international government oversight. Nick also reflected on how his Churchill Fellowship helped him take time to step back and consider the craft of journalism and its future in Western democracies from a broader perspective.

With the launch of the new CFAV website in 2015, the CFAV committee have embarked on an archival project which has so far resulted in back-issues of 'The Bulldog' from 2004 to 2015 being made available to download via the CFAV website. We are continuing to source and scan older editions which will be uploaded in coming months. The CFAV committee is also working on an Operations Manual, spearheaded by committee member, Martin Hardy (2008 Fellow), to document and streamline the many tasks performed behind the scenes by the CFAV committee to ensure our events run smoothly.

It has been an honour to serve as the CFAV President and when I pass the reigns over to President-Elect Anne Hooker at the July AGM, I will do so knowing they are in good shape and safe hands. Special mention and thanks must go to CFAV Treasurer, Shane Ringin for his constant support during my time in the role and enormous contribution to the CFAV over many years. Huge thanks also to all the CFAV committee members mentioned earlier in this report for your support during the last twelve months and to all the Victorian Fellows who attend our events and through various efforts, continue to build upon the legacy of Sir Winston. ■

Ben Nicholson [2008 Churchill Fellow]
VIC CFA President

CFA Activities around Australia

SA CFA President's Report

Our promotional work in association with the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (WCMT) has continued this year with the outcome being 104 applications for Churchill Fellowships in South Australia in 2016. We have been inviting industry and community leaders to our annual dinner and feel that this is paying off as part of the overall promotion of Fellowships.

Each year several of our Fellows present Churchill Chats to our Fellow community and this year our Churchill Chats attracted record attendances. Our first was held at the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Flinders University where we were guests of Churchill Fellows David Hobbs, Daniel Smith and Tyson Grubb. We learnt about the development of practical aids to assist with physical and intellectual disabilities; start-up IT companies; and the future we might look forward to in a drone filled world. At the same event we also welcomed some of our new Churchill Fellows as well as a visiting Churchill Fellow from the UK.

Last year as part of the annual South Australian History Week we held a Churchill Fellows Travellers Tales event at the British Hotel. Hearing the travelling highs and lows of young and old Churchill Fellows was both entertaining and enthralling.

An enormous amount of effort has been directed this year toward attracting organisations and individuals to sponsor South Australian Churchill Fellowships. Through close collaboration with the WCMT a diverse range of organisations and individuals have made a significant commitment towards sponsorship. As an outcome, we are looking forward to a number of South Australian sponsored Churchill Fellowships in the foreseeable future.

The CFA SA have contributed towards positive and exciting changes being discussed and implemented by the WCMT. We look forward to continuing to be involved in during these exciting times of change. ■

Graeme Adcock [2002 Churchill Fellow]
SA CFA President

Pictured below 2016 South Australian Churchill Fellows were announced by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC at Government House, Adelaide



Pictured below CFASA President Graeme Adcock with 1991 Churchill Fellow Susan Marsden at the CFASA Annual Dinner



Above Loris Glass shares Fellowship advice at the Adelaide Info Session



Pictured above Industry and community leaders attended the CFASA Annual Dinner



Pictured left
2016 Western Australian Churchill
Fellows were announced by
Her Excellency the Honourable
Kerry Sanderson at Government
House, Perth.



Pictured left
CFAWA President Dr Shelda
Debowski presents Jamie Brady
with his Fellowship medallion



Pictured above
Recent medallion recipients
Back: Michael Bell, Nicola Hunter,
Rejane LeGrange, Sarah Janali,
Rachael Mullins. Front: Dave
Stevens, Catherine Crawford,
Jamie Brady.



Pictured above National Roadshow of
Information Sessions arrives in Perth

WA CFA President's Report

2016 was an unusual year for the Churchill Fellows' Association of Western Australia (CFAWA), given the change of scheduling for new Fellows. While the final activities to welcome our new cohort of Fellows were shifted to early in 2017, there was considerable focus on supporting their recruitment and selection.

An information session early in the year was attended by over 100 aspirant candidates and the CFAWA then contributed to the selection of our 2015 Fellows. It also sponsored a half Fellowship that enabled Angela O'Connor to gain support for her work with pregnant women experiencing challenges with drugs.

The Annual General Meeting and a ceremony to congratulate medallionists were also hosted. Preparation for the 2016 award ceremony and dinner were also a key focus of our activities, although they culminated in 2017.

The CFAWA conducted a survey of Fellows to identify new approaches that might better suit its members' needs. The consensus from respondents was that more topical events that explore Fellows' interests and achievements were preferred. We are therefore looking at ways in which we can build this into the calendar for coming years, although the burgeoning careers of our committee members creates challenges in extending our range of activities. In the meantime, the newsletter and emails are important mechanisms for sharing news about our Fellows and their activities. We are grateful for the work of Christine Silbert, Anne McCrudden and Keren McCullagh in guiding their production.

The Committee farewelled several long-standing members of its committee, including Marc Dimmick, who had served five years as President on the Committee and Michelle Brown, the Vice President.

Rebecca Prince-Ruiz, Troy Kirkham and Sue Benson joined the ongoing members: Keren McCullagh (Secretary), Anne McCrudden (Treasurer), Mike Coe, Mike Bell, Floeur Alder, Rejane LeGrange and myself. ■

Shelda Debowski [2011 Churchill Fellow]
WA CFA President

CFA Activities around Australia

QLD CFA President's Report

The 2016/17 year has been a very busy and productive one for the Churchill Fellows' Association of Queensland, but then again every year is a busy and productive one. I would firstly like to acknowledge the work of the CFAQ. Thank you one and all for the hard work you've put into the past year.

Our committee hit the road to promote the Trust and promote applications at four information sessions as part of the National Roadshow. We spoke to over 300 Queenslanders in five cities Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Cairns and Townsville.

In September, our medallion event was another success, under the superb skills of our MC Jo Thomas. All speakers were heard and presented with their awards before the first jet roared over.

2016 was rounded out with the now traditional Christmas dinner, hosted by Richard Roylance.

In January, we sadly said farewell to Bob Prickett. Bob's involvement with the Trust stems from the receipt of his own Fellowship in 1967. Since then, Bob has personally sponsored over 35 Fellows, myself included, and his legacy will see a Bob and June Prickett Fellowship in perpetuity. God speed, Bob. You've made the world a better place.

We also welcomed 19 new Fellows, in fields ranging from enhancing police response to LGBTI domestic violence; analysing modern methods of evacuation from high-rise buildings and large structures; understanding the marine reptile fossils of Queensland and enhancing outback palaeotourism; through to mastering the rare craft of traditional restoration in coach-building and panel beating.

The award ceremony at Government House was held on a particularly humid day, but everyone looked resplendent in their finery, if a little warm. One of my favourite moments was hearing and seeing a really sweet restored Chev make its way up the driveway of Government House. Churhcillians are really an eclectic bunch.

Pictured right His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC QC welcomes the 2016 QLD Fellows to Government House in Brisbane



Pictured above QLD Governor Paul de Jersey AC QC with new Fellow Robyn Grote (centre)



Pictured above QLD Governor Paul de Jersey AC QC with new Fellows Michael Power and Melissa Latter



Pictured left National Roadshow of Information Sessions arrives in Brisbane with Churchill Fellow and former CFAQ President Matthew Shepherd presenting on behalf of the Trust



Pictured above Fellows and friends of the CFAQ and Churchill Trust gathered at a special memorial service held in Brisbane to honour and remember long-time sponsor and Churchill Fellow Robert 'Tropical Bob' Prickett



Pictured above
CFAQ Presidents joined Churchill Fellow Geoffrey Swan (also a President) for morning tea to announce Geoff as a CFAQ Life Member prior to his sad passing in late 2016

The dinner to welcome the new Fellows was a huge success, with over 100 guests. The next day our new Fellows and members of the committee backed up to orientate the new Fellows on how to maximise their fellowships. This is such a successful and much anticipated part of the weekend. Bravo to all involved in this.

All of this could not be possible without a hard working committee. 2016/17's committee was myself, Len Bytheway as Vice President; Pauline McGrath, Secretary; Jo Thomas/Maura Solley, Treasurer; General Members: Matthew Shepherd, Ester Barter, Ken Horrigan, Chris Boyle, James Farrell and Damian Sammon.

We have a few committee members retiring and we welcome new committee members. I would like to thank Len Bytheway and Ester Willims for the hard work and support they have provided to me and the committee.

On a personal note, this will be my last year as President. My role at Hummingbird House continues to expand, and I also think it is time for the baton to be passed. I'm grateful for the honour of being President for one more year and look forward to an excellent year ahead. ▀

**Fiona Hawthorne [2007 Churchill Fellow]
QLD CFA President**

CFA Activities around Australia

ACT CFA President's Report

Although Canberra is relatively small in numbers when it comes to Churchill Fellows, we work hard to promote Fellowship applications and support newly returned Fellows.

2016 was an exciting year with two great functions for our Fellows. Our Annual Dinner, held at the Commonwealth Club in August, gave us the opportunity to hear from our recently returned Fellows and medal recipients. It was a delight to briefly hear of their adventures and plans for implementing their Fellowship findings.

Each year we celebrate Churchill's birthday with our "Drinks on the House" at Churchill House. Last year was a special event as we also welcomed our eight new 2016 Churchill Fellows. With specialist subjects ranging from youth engagement to botany and education support for children with long term illness, we look forward to learning from their Fellowship experiences.

2017 has started at a busy pace for our committee as we conduct our usual events as well as plan for the upcoming Churchill Fellows Convention. We have planned a range of engaging speakers and discussions based on the theme, "What happened Next?" We encourage Fellows from around Australia to join us as we discuss and debate the opportunities and challenges of sharing your findings after you return from your Fellowship. With a focus on sharing ideas and building networks we hope this will be both an engaging and professionally rewarding experience for all Churchill Fellows.

From the perspective of our local ACT Churchill Fellows' Association we have appreciated the opportunity to meet with and benefit from the expertise of the Churchill Trust staff on many occasions. To Adam, Sally, Meg, Julia, Emma and Bev your support for our small association has been wonderful, many thanks.

We look forward to welcoming you to Canberra in October for the National Convention of Churchill Fellows. ■

Bill Caddey [2010 Churchill Fellow]
ACT CFA President

Pictured below His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) announces the 2016 ACT Fellows at Government House in Canberra



Pictured above Sir Peter Cosgrove presents Ian Drayton with his Churchill Fellowship to address military PTSD through the arts



Pictured above Returning Fellows Nic Stewart and Andrea Ho receive their Churchill Fellowship Medallions at the ACT Annual Dinner



Pictured right The Honourable John Hardy AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory with the 2016 NT Fellows at Government House in Darwin (below)



Pictured above CFA NT President Jared Sharp received the Fitzgerald Diversity Award for promoting and protecting the human rights of diverse communities in the NT

NT CFA President's Report

The Darwin and Alice Springs information sessions in February and March 2016 were enormously popular. In fact, we saw a marked increase in applications from Alice Springs, which may well have been in no small part due to the Alice Springs session. Other highlights included our inaugural AGM in June 2016, which was complimented by a fantastic presentation by recently returned Fellow, David Taylor.

In 2015-16, we also increased our support for new Fellows, fielded an increased number of requests from members of the public about Fellowships, and put them in touch with recently returned Fellows from similar fields.

One issue which the NT CFA wish to highlight is the urgent need to encourage more applications from Aboriginal Territorians. Aboriginal people make up 30% of the NT's population. But unfortunately, hardly any Fellowship applications are made by Aboriginal Territorians. We note that again this year, no Aboriginal people were amongst those awarded Fellowships in the NT.

The Committee will be putting forward a number of actions to address these issues for consideration by the Trust prior to the 2018 application round.

Finally, the Committee wishes to particularly acknowledge the amazing support from Justice Jenny Blokland, Chair of the Northern Territory Churchill Trust Regional Committee who has indicated her intention to step down from her position in the near future.

Thank you Jenny. ▀

**Jared Sharp [2012 Churchill Fellow]
NT CFA President**

Introducing the 2016 Churchill Fellows

Dr Caitlin Weston (pictured right)

Critical Care Senior Resident Medical Officer
NSW Hunter New England Local Health District

To explore strategies that improve doctors' wellbeing, optimising their mental health and productivity - USA, Canada, Belgium

106

Number of Churchill Fellowships awarded to talented and deserving Australians in 2016 at an estimated cost of \$2.7m

4137

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







2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

New South Wales

Ms Lauren Booker

Project Assistant

Pacific and Regional Archive for Digital Sources in
Endangered Cultures (PARADISEC)
University of Sydney

To identify two un-repatriated human remains and
index overseas archived Indigenous cultural material
- UK, USA

Ms Jessica Cocks

National Practice Advisor

Family Support and Out of Home Care
Life Without Barriers

To research innovative parent/family inclusion and
partnership approaches in child welfare - USA, Canada,
Norway, UK

Mrs Kate Cole

Manager Occupational Health and Hygiene
Ventia Utility Services Pty Ltd

To investigate best practice to prevent illness and
disease in tunnel construction workers - Norway,
Switzerland, UK, USA

Mr Andrew Doyle

Clarinet Section Leader
Royal Australian Navy Band
Royal Australian Navy

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill
Fellowship to learn how to make 18th Century
clarinets for Australian clarinetists - UK

*"There is no time for ease
and comfort. It is time to
dare and endure..."*

Lauren Booker



Jessica Cocks

Kate Cole



Andrew Doyle



Rod Hannifey



Lucinda Freeman



Jane Hall



The Forensic Hospital

Margy Green



Ms Lucinda Freeman

**Senior Genetic Counsellor
Royal North Shore Hospital
NSW Health**

To gain a strong evidence base for counselling patients about whole genome testing - USA, UK

Ms Margy Green

**Social Worker
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network**

To research the benefits of engaging with families and carers of patients in a high secure forensic hospital - New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK, Denmark

Miss Jane Hall

**Wildlife Health Project Officer
Taronga Conservation Society Australia**

To improve Australia's capacity to manage wildlife disease incidents - South Africa, UK, Canada, USA

Mr Rod Hannifey

**Interstate B-Double Driver
Rod Pilon Transport**

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to improve heavy vehicle road safety in Australia by researching best practice in other countries - UK, USA, Canada





2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS New South Wales

Mr Peter Havrlant

Development Officer Dairy
NSW Department of Primary Industries

The Jack Green Churchill Fellowship to identify production systems and carcass specifications to maximise value of male dairy calves - USA, UK, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand

Ms Avisa Jamshidi

Senior Federal Prosecutor
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to improve the legislative framework within which money laundering matters are prosecuted - Italy, France, UK, Ireland, USA

Mr Jed Long

Architect
Cave Urban

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to research bamboo construction and treatment methods to develop Australia's bamboo industry - Indonesia, Colombia, Netherlands

Mr Brian Moir

General Manager Industry Regulation
Security Licensing and Enforcement Directorate
State Crime Command
NSW Police Force

To ensure security guards possess the competencies to respond to violent and anti-social behaviour - USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy

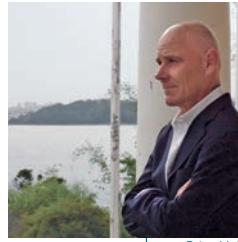
Peter Havrlant



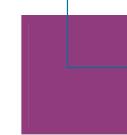
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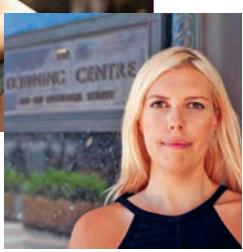
Natasha Perry



Nicole Nathan



Mark Robertson



Isabelle Reinecke



Ms Nicole Nathan

**Program Manager
Hunter New England Local Health District**

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to identify effective strategies to support the implementation of physical activity programs in schools - USA, Canada

Dr Natasha Perry

**Allied Health Clinical Leader
Hunter New England Local Health District**

To determine effective treatment programs for young people with complex substance use problems - New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK, Austria, Norway

Ms Isabelle Reinecke

**Director Legal and Governance
GetUp Limited**

To learn from international models that enable people to create systemic change through the courts - UK, USA Switzerland, Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Canada

Mr Mark Robertson

**Chief Executive Officer
One Vision Productions**

The Churchill Fellows' Association of New South Wales Churchill Fellowship to research how other organisations globally work with at-risk and street youth as a hip-hop school - USA, UK, South Africa



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

New South Wales

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference..."

Ms Jo Saccomani

Owner/Teacher
Two Sheds Workshop, Woodwork for Women
Mumbulla School, Steiner Education

To explore new, effective ways to extend carpentry and woodworking skills to women and children - USA, Canada

Ms Gemma Slack-Smith

Principal Legal Officer
Aboriginal Legal Service

To investigate early intervention services for Aboriginal children - Canada, USA, New Zealand

Dr Helen Smith

Bushwalking Program Officer
National Parks Association (NPA)

To assist more people access, explore and enjoy natural places in Australia - Canada, UK, Germany, Austria

Mrs Desilee Tait

Teacher of Gifted and Talented Students
Loreto Kirribilli

To research and deliver a direct and positive impact on high potential students across Australia - USA, Singapore

Miss Laura Vidal

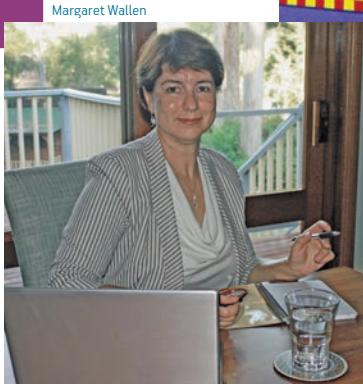
National Projects Coordinator
The Salvation Army (Australian Eastern Territory)

To develop innovative and best practice solutions to addressing forced marriage in Australia - Denmark, USA, Kenya, Canada, Sri Lanka, UK



Jo Saccomani





Dr Margaret Wallen

Research Fellow
Cerebral Palsy Alliance

To harness the expertise of international research centres respected for their partnership with consumers and apply the learnings to Cerebral Palsy research in Australia - Canada, USA, Netherlands, UK

Ms Stephanie Wicks

Physiotherapist
NSW Severe Burn Injury Service (Paediatric)
The Sydney Children's Hospital Network

The Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws Churchill Fellowship to investigate strategies utilised by burns units to optimise therapy for regional patients - France, Spain, USA

Miss Stephanie Woerde

Senior Officer Narragunnawali
Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning
Reconciliation Australia

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to inspire best practice in the design/implementation of Language Nest-style programs in Australia - New Zealand, USA, Canada

Ms Rachel Wotton

Sex Worker

To review training programs for sex workers providing services to clients with disability - UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Denmark



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Victoria

Ms Jennifer Beveridge

Chief Executive Officer
Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria Inc

To explore how innovation and collaboration can improve outcomes for people with eating disorders - Canada, USA, UK, Sweden

Mr Paul Boys

Campus Coordinator - Bass Coast
Chisholm Institute of TAFE

To evaluate international models for the facilitation of trades based learning in a secondary school environment - Canada, USA

Ms Julie Buxton

Human Rights and Justice Adviser
to Commissioner for Aboriginal Children
Commission for Children and Young People

To explore truth and reconciliation models to acknowledge cultural rights of Indigenous Australians - East Timor, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, USA, Canada

Dr Doseena Fergie

Academic and Early Career Researcher
Australian Catholic University

To network, share and exchange knowledge with other Elders from Indigenous Nations around the world - Finland, UK, Canada, USA, New Zealand

Paul Boys



Jennifer Beveridge



Julie Buxton



Doseena Fergie



Nicola Gunn



John Gaffney

Mr John Gaffney

Manager Network Optimisation
Victoria Roads

To research the effects of vehicle lane changing on freeway capacity and road safety - Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Greece



Taryn Lane



Martin Harmer

Ms Nicola Gunn

Independent Artist and Performance Maker
Melbourne Theatre Company

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to research socially engaged and site-specific practices in contemporary performance - Austria, UK, USA

Mr Martin Harmer

Research Agronomist
PGG Wrightson Seed Australia Pty Ltd

To ensure Australian farmers can make informed, risk and profit optimising pasture variety choices - UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Argentina, Uruguay

Ms Taryn Lane

Community and Communications Manager
Hepburn Wind and Embark Australia

To transition regional Australian towns to 100% renewable energy by learning from European examples - Germany, Denmark, Austria, Sweden, UK



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Victoria

Dr Bryan Leaw

Research Officer
Hudson Institute of Medical Research

To explore animal therapeutics in the rehabilitation of youth in the juvenile justice system - Germany, UK, USA

Ms Carly McDermott

Lead Teacher Parkville College
Parkville Youth Justice Precinct
Department of Education

To gain new knowledge regarding optimising physical function in adults ageing with cerebral palsy - Norway, Netherlands, Canada, USA

Mr Fergus McTaggart

Senior Solicitor Child Protection Litigation Office
Department of Health and Human Services Victoria

To evaluate initiatives to maintain family and cultural connections in Indigenous child protection cases - New Zealand, USA, Canada, Denmark

Dr Prue Morgan

Head of Department Physiotherapy
Monash University

To gain new knowledge regarding optimising physical function in adults ageing with cerebral palsy - Norway, Netherlands, Canada, USA

"Difficulties mastered are opportunities won..."

Carly McDermott



Bryan Leaw



Fergus McTaggart



Prue Morgan

Liam O'Keefe



Lauren Oliver



Glenn Owen



Amanda Pagan

Mr Liam O'Keefe

Market Development Manager
Tyre Stewardship Australia

To investigate the management and recycling of waste tyres to identify how we can better use this vast resource in Australia - USA, Canada, UK, Belgium, Singapore

Ms Lauren Oliver

Youth Engagement Coordinator
Berry Street

To improve our ability to nurture the participation, knowledge and potential of vulnerable young people - UK, USA, Nicaragua, India, South Africa

Mr Glenn Owen

Inspector Security Services Division
Victoria Police

To study contemporary policing capabilities with a particular focus on tactical response models - USA, UK, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany

Ms Amanda Pagan

Senior Manager
Performance and Outcomes Measurement
Brotherhood of St Laurence

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate the success of outcomes-based contracting in disability services - UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Victoria



*"Out of intense complexities,
intense simplicities emerge..."*

Ms Catherine Plunkett

RAMP Development Manager
Domestic Violence Victoria

To investigate how multi-agency responses to family violence can generate positive systemic change - UK, USA

Miss Erin Roche

Costume Designer
Playmaker/The Wrong Girl Network 10

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to accelerate and strengthen costume design practices in the Australian screen industry - Italy, USA, UK

Ms Jane Rooney

Specialist Sports Physiotherapist
Lifecare Prahran Sports Medicine Centre and Injury Rehabilitation Clinic

To investigate contemporary conservative management programs for Anterior Cruciate knee injuries - Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, USA

Mr Edward Tudor

Executive Director
Melbourne Indigenous Transition School

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate programs that support the transition of young Indigenous or disadvantaged people to mainstream education - New Zealand, USA, Canada, Finland

Catherine Plunkett

**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
VICTORIA**



Erin Roche



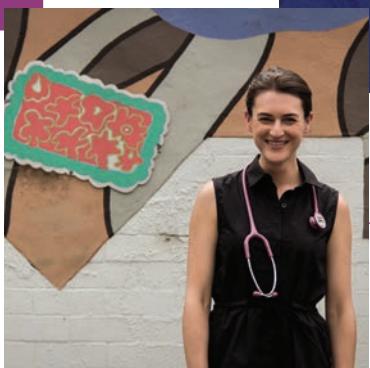
Edward Tudor



Jane Rooney



Kevin White



Georgina Whiting

Mr Kevin White

Senior Operations Manager
Department of Justice
Corrections Victoria

To increase safety by removing, reducing and mitigating occupational violence in prisons and like facilities - Canada, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Singapore

Dr Georgina Whiting

General Practitioner
Cohealth, Collingwood

To investigate strategies for improving access to primary healthcare services for homeless women - USA, UK, Belgium

Mr Jeremy Wiggins

Project Lead
Trans Health VAC

To investigate models of health service delivery to transgender and gender diverse populations - UK, Germany, USA, Argentina



Jeremy Wiggins



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Queensland

Ben Bjarnesen



Mr Ben Bjarnesen

A/Sergeant - Officer in Charge
Queensland Police Service

To enhance police response to LGBTI domestic violence - UK, Ireland, Canada, USA

Ms Toni Craig

Manager, Youth Justice Policy
Research and Partnerships
Department of Justice and Attorney-General

To Identify world class strategies to improve outcomes for children at risk of offending - Finland, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Canada

Mr Justin Francis

Station Officer
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

To analyse modern methods of evacuation from high-rise buildings and large structures - USA, Canada, Sweden, Finland, UK, United Arab Emirates, Japan, China, Singapore

Dr Robyn Grote

Adjunct Professor
Queensland Motion Analysis Centre
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

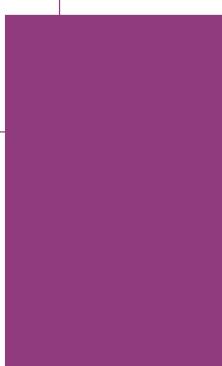
The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to study methods for optimising adult physical rehabilitation using 3-dimensional motion analysis in Specialist Rehabilitation and Ambulatory Care Centre - USA, UK, Germany, Netherlands



Toni Craig



Robyn Grote



Justin Francis



Melanie Jansen



Michelle Johnston



Cameron Matthews



Melissa Latter

Dr Melanie Jansen

Paediatric ICU Advanced Trainee
(Anaesthetic/ICU rotation)
Gold Coast University Hospital

To enrich and inform development of paediatric clinical ethics services in Australia - Italy, UK, USA

Mrs Michelle Johnston

Clinical Nurse Facilitator
Mater Centre for Neurosciences
Mater Private Hospital

To expand the understanding of marine reptile fossils
of Queensland and enhance outback palaeo-tourism -
Germany, UK, Canada, USA, Colombia, Ecuador

Dr Melissa Latter

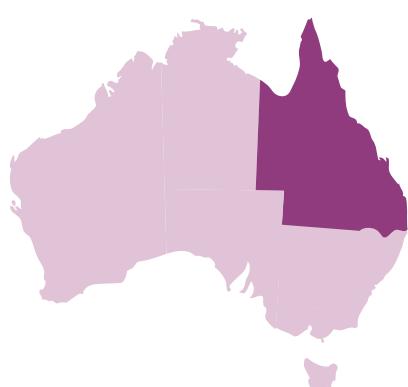
Advanced Research Radiochemist
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

To establish a premier training and manufacturing site in
translational radiopharmaceutical science - UK, Germany,
Finland

Mr Cameron Matthews

Executive Chef
Spicers Retreats, Hotels and Lodges Group

To research and develop improved sustainability
practices for high-end restaurants and food outlets
- Spain, USA, Denmark, UK



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Queensland



Mr Kai McIntyre

Prestige Automotive Panelbeater
Hadwens Prestige Collision Repair

The James Love Churchill Fellowship to research and master the rare craft of traditional restoration in coach-building and panel beating - Italy, UK, USA

Mrs Lisa Penrose-Herbert

Manager, Eye Health Services
Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH)

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to explore models of integrated primary health care to improve Indigenous eye health - USA, Canada

Mr Michael Power

Director, Queensland Health Victim Support Service
Metro North Hospital and Health Service

The Dorothy and Brian Wilson Churchill Fellowship to research innovations for improving the lives of victims of serious violence committed by people with a mental illness - USA, Canada, UK

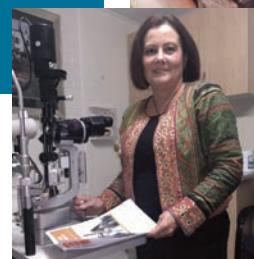
Miss Jacqui Richards

Community Partnerships Coordinator
Southern West Tropics
Terrain Natural Resource Management

To investigate the application of detection dog programs within the conservation sector
- New Zealand, USA, UK

"The empires of the future are the empires of the mind...."

Kai McIntyre



Lisa Penrose-Herbert



Michael Power



Jacqui Richards

Jamie Seymour



Kelvin Slade



Ben Tolliday



Associate Professor Jamie Seymour

**Associate Professor
James Cook University**

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to increase the knowledge of rearing Box and Irukandji jellyfish in captivity - USA

Mr Kelvin Slade

**Director
Slade Brothers Plumbing Pty Ltd**

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to research legionella training and implement a course to educate plumbers on infrastructure treatment - USA, Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland, UK, Singapore

Mr Ben Tolliday

**Film Score Recording Engineer/Mixer
Steven Argila Film Score Composer**

To undertake professional development in the field of film score recording and mixing - USA, UK



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS South Australia

Mrs Lainie Anderson

Sunday Mail Newspaper Columnist
News Limited

To research the story of how pioneering South Australians won the 1919 Britain-Australia Air Race - USA, UK, France, Italy, Greece, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia

Ms Jennifer Cottrell

Rheumatic Heart Disease Program Manager
South Australia Health

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to explore innovative rheumatic heart disease prevention strategies and apply them to Australia - New Zealand, Turkey, South Africa, Kenya, Fiji

Mr Stewart Dodd

Officer in Charge
Western Adelaide Criminal Investigation Branch
South Australia Police

To examine police methods to achieve a successful prosecution of domestic violence offenders - Canada, USA

Dr Kylie Johnston

Senior Lecturer (Physiotherapy)
School of Health Sciences
University of South Australia

To learn new methods to manage chronic breathlessness using non-drug interventions - UK, Canada, USA

Lainie Anderson



Jennifer Cottrell



Stewart Dodd



Kylie Johnston



Louise Kelly



Deanna Lush



Miss Louise Kelly

**Team Leader Reintegration Services
OARS Community Transitions**

To research initiatives for reducing recidivism of (ex) offenders through supported reintegration and rehabilitation - Singapore, UK, Canada, USA



Lara Torr



William Rayner



Miss Deanna Lush

**Director and General Manager
AgCommunicators**

To investigate communication, education and engagement methods to improve understanding of agriculture - Canada, USA, UK

Mr William Rayner

**Chief Financial Officer
Rural Bank (Bendigo and Adelaide Bank)**

The Churchill Fellows' Association of South Australia Churchill Fellowship to investigate alternative finance structures for Australian family farmers - USA, Canada, China

Ms Lara Torr

**Manager Community Programs
South Australian Museum**

To explore creative and pioneering disability access initiatives in the museum sector - UK, Spain, USA, Finland, Canada



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS Western Australia

Mr Caine Chennatt

Audience Engagement Manager
Digital and Disability-Access
The University of Western Australia Cultural Precinct

To investigate inclusion and access programs for people with disabilities to engage with the arts - South Korea, Japan, USA

Miss Belinda Cook

Art Centre Manager
Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency
Aboriginal Corporation

To research the growing global Indigenous fashion industry to support a Kimberley textile industry - USA, South Africa, Indonesia, Singapore

Dr Donna Cross

Professor
The University of Western Australia
Telethon Kids Institute

The Nancy Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to enhance school and family awareness of young children's developmental needs in online environments - USA

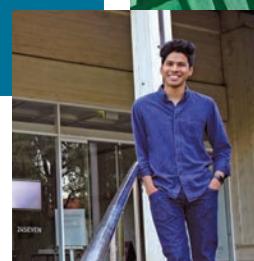
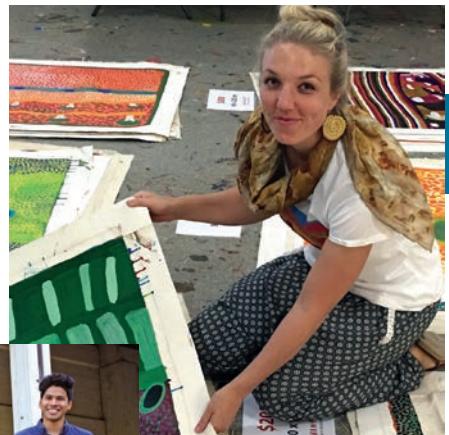
Mrs Fiona Donaldson

Assistant Director Health and Safety Division
Western Australia Police

To evaluate evidence-based resilience and prevention programs for use in emergency services - Canada, USA, UK

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give..."

Belinda Cook

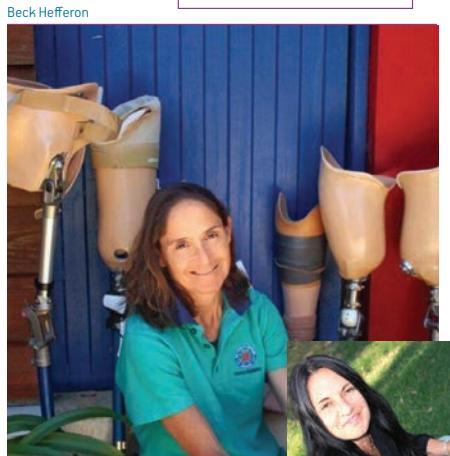


Caine Chennatt

Fiona Donaldson



Donna Cross



Mrs Jessica Gethin

**Chief Conductor and Music Director
Perth Symphony Orchestra**

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to further develop the creative and directive roles as a conductor through international mentoring - UK, USA

Ms Susan Gontaszewski

**Senior Policy Officer
Pharmaceutical Services
WA Department of Health**

To investigate the implementation of online prescription monitoring programs - Canada, USA

Ms Sharon Gough

**Program Manager
Swan Emergency Accommodation**

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support Churchill Fellowship to investigate programs for young people leaving care that prevent homelessness - New Zealand, Canada

Mrs Beck Hefferon

**Senior Physiotherapist for Amputee Rehabilitation
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital**

To investigate the application of physiotherapy to improve rehabilitation, quality of life and patient care after amputation - USA, Sweden, Germany, UK



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS Western Australia

Ms Cathryn Josif

Senior Project Officer
WA Centre for Health and Ageing
University of Western Australia

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to improve dementia services for remote dwelling Aboriginal people - New Zealand, USA, Canada

Mr Timothy McLennan

Rehabilitation Engineer
Communication and Assistive Technology Service
WA Department of Health

To improve independence and access for people with a disability using innovative Assistive Technology - USA, Canada, UK, Sweden, Switzerland

Ms Angela O'Connor

Clinical Midwifery Consultant
Women and Newborn Health Service
King Edward Memorial Hospital

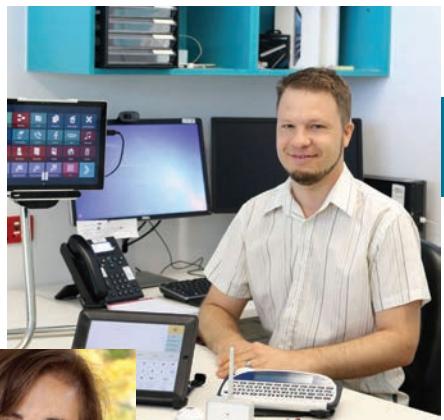
The Churchill Fellows' Association of Western Australia Churchill Fellowship to establish the first 'Sheway' program for pregnant women with alcohol and other drug use – Canada

Mr Giles Pargin

Detective Sergeant
Western Australia Police

To enhance understanding of Asian triad societies and the influence on Australian illicit drug markets - Hong Kong, Taiwan

Timothy McLennan



Angela O'Connor



Giles Pargin



Cathryn Josif



Ricki Smith



Dr Ricki Smith

Chief Executive Officer
Access Care Network Australia

To articulate the benefits of reablement for older people to inform government implementation plans - New Zealand, UK, Denmark



Ms Jane Pedersen

Policy, Engagement and Strategic Projects Manager
Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to explore Canadian-based approaches empowering women and children to overcome intergenerational trauma - Canada



Dr Kenny Travouillon

Curator of Mammalogy
Western Australian Museum

The Australian Biological Resources Study Churchill Fellowship to document the diversity of bandicoots and bilbies through time and space - UK, France, Italy, Germany, USA



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Australian Capital Territory



"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty..."

Mr Zack Bryers

Youth Outreach Worker
Youthcare Canberra

The Paul Tys Churchill Fellowship to investigate the "Cure Violence" approach to reducing violence within at-risk communities - USA, Brazil

Dr Lindy Cayzer

Assistant Director Compliance Division
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

The Australian Biological Resources Study Churchill Fellowship to unlock critical taxonomic information on the Pittosporaceae in overseas herbaria - Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Netherlands, France, UK

Dr Jason Cummings

General Manager
Woodlands and Wetlands Trust

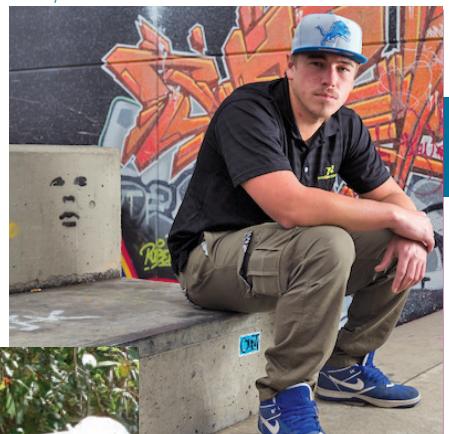
To explore innovative conservation Trust business models, partnerships, policy settings and community drivers to facilitate the adoption and tailoring of arrangements in Australia - UK

Mr Ian Drayton

General Manager
University of Canberra

To explore the use of creative arts to manage and promote recovery from Combat-Related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder - UK, USA

Zack Bryers



Lindy Cayzer



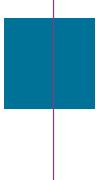
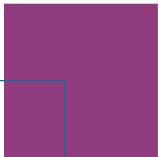
Ian Drayton



Jason Cummings



Megan Gilmour



Ms Megan Gilmour

Chair
MissingSchool

To investigate education system models for maintaining school connection for seriously sick children - UK, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, Canada

Ms Ruth Osborne

Artistic Director
QL2 Dance Incorporated

To research youth dance programs focused on career pathways, mentorship and creative collaborations – UK

Dr Anthony Walker

Senior Firefighter
ACT Fire and Rescue

The ACT Government David Balfour Churchill Fellowship to establish best practice models for firefighter peer-led workplace health and fitness programs - USA, Netherlands, Italy, UK

Dr Tushara Wickramariyaratne

Clinical Psychologist
Canberra Clinical and Forensic Psychology

To investigate models of psychological care for older transgender and gender diverse individuals - USA, Canada, Netherlands



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS Tasmania



Ms Lauren Black

Freelance Artist

To investigate how art stimulates engagement with medical, botanical and historical collections - UK, France, Italy

Ms Catherine Doherty

Assistant Principal

Tasmanian Catholic Education Office

The Gallaugher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to investigate cost effective interventions to improve literacy outcomes of primary aged children - USA, UK, Ireland

Mr Adam James

Proprietor, Rough Rice

To study both age old and key new techniques in vegetable and legume fermentation - China, Korea, Japan, France, Italy, USA

Mr Michael Small

Director

Michael Small Consulting Pty Ltd

The Rodney Warmington Churchill Fellowship to identify the most effective ways to ensure buildings are accessible to people with disability - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland

Catherine Doherty



Lauren Black



Michael Small



Adam James

Edrei Stanton



Mr Edrei Stanton

Owner Operator
Tasmanian Heritage Masonry

To gain knowledge of historical and current cast stone technology - UK, Italy, USA

*"Success is not final,
failure is not fatal, it is the
courage to continue that
counts...."*



2016 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Northern Territory

Ms Johanna Bell

Research and Evaluation Officer
Northern Territory Government Library

To investigate methods that use personal storytelling to empower participants and strengthen communities - USA

Ms Phoebe Dixon

Assistant Principal, Yuendumu School
NT Department of Education

To investigate how trauma-informed practices can support social, emotional and academic development - New Zealand, USA, Canada

Mr Clement Ng

Criminal Lawyer
Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission

To study mental health courts and other justice responses to youth with mental health issues - Canada, USA, New Zealand

Ms Jane Tonkin

Executive Producer
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts

To explore innovative examples of arts complementing education and inspiring engagement with learning - Finland, UK, South Africa

Mr Ben Wall

Manager
The Desert Fruit Company

To learn traditional and modern production/processing techniques of dates and their by-products - Israel, Morocco

Johanna Bell



Phoebe Dixon



Clement Ng



Ben Wall



Jane Tonkin

External Territories



Damien Snell

Mr Damien Snell

Aviation Fire Fighter
Administration of Norfolk Island

To learn the traditional arts and language once practiced
on Norfolk Island - Pitcairn Island, Tahiti

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



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Sponsorship

Benefits of sponsorship and making a bequest

For many years now the Churchill Trust has welcomed sponsorships from appropriate organisations and individuals who wish to have their name and reputation associated with Sir Winston Churchill and the work of The Trust.

A high level of visibility and credibility is associated with the sponsorship of a Churchill Fellowship. This can generate very positive publicity for the organisation or individual sponsor, positioning them within the Australian community as very practical and altruistic supporters of innovation in Australia.

Alternatively, a direct bequest can also be made to the Trust.

The Trust is recognised as a not-for-profit organisation by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). This means all sponsorship costs, bequests and donations are fully tax deductible.

Choosing the topic of your Fellowship

Sponsored Fellowships can have any purpose or topic for study or investigation. The description of the Fellowship purpose is determined by the sponsor in consultation with the Churchill Trust. Alternatively, the topic of the Fellowship can be left open and be awarded by the Trust after successful applications are assessed by the Board.

Sponsorship Costs

A one-off sponsored Churchill Fellowship costs approximately \$26,000.

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.

Under other agreed arrangements sponsors can choose to fund a Fellowship biennially or every four years. The frequency of award can be determined by the sponsor.

The Trust ensures that all contributions made by a sponsor provide funding for the Fellowship costs only. All administrative costs are already provided for by the investment returns of the Churchill Trust.

The Trust continues to find organisations and people of goodwill who wish to support passionate Australians who are striving for excellence

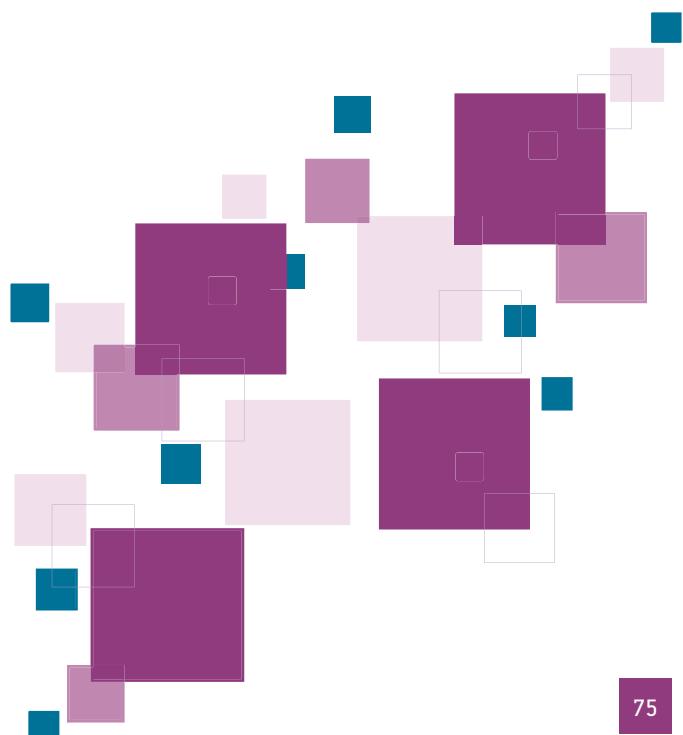
Our Fellows

The Churchill Trust's success is directly attributable to the achievements of our Fellows – now numbering more than 4,100 (as at January 2017) 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.

It is important to realise that the Churchill Fellows themselves are ordinary Australians – with extraordinary abilities and aspirations. A glance through our comprehensive database of Fellows will quickly confirm this, as will the topics of their Fellowships.

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.

For further information visit
churchilltrust.com.au/sponsors/sponsorship-opportunities/



OVER THE HORIZON WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?



2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHURCHILL FELLOWS CANBERRA 27-29 OCTOBER

The ACT Churchill Fellows' Association (ACTCFA) is pleased to be hosting the 2017 National Convention of Churchill Fellows in Canberra this October at the 'Shine Dome' (Australian Academy of Science).

This special event offers you the chance to connect with Fellows from around Australia whilst gaining a unique and enlightening perspective of Canberra through the work of our active local cohort of inspiring Fellowship recipients.

This Convention aims to engage Fellows in the conversation '**What Happened Next?**' Through short presentations, facilitated conversations, Q&A sessions and focus group talks we hope to uncover the opportunities and challenges you have faced whilst implementing your Fellowship learnings.

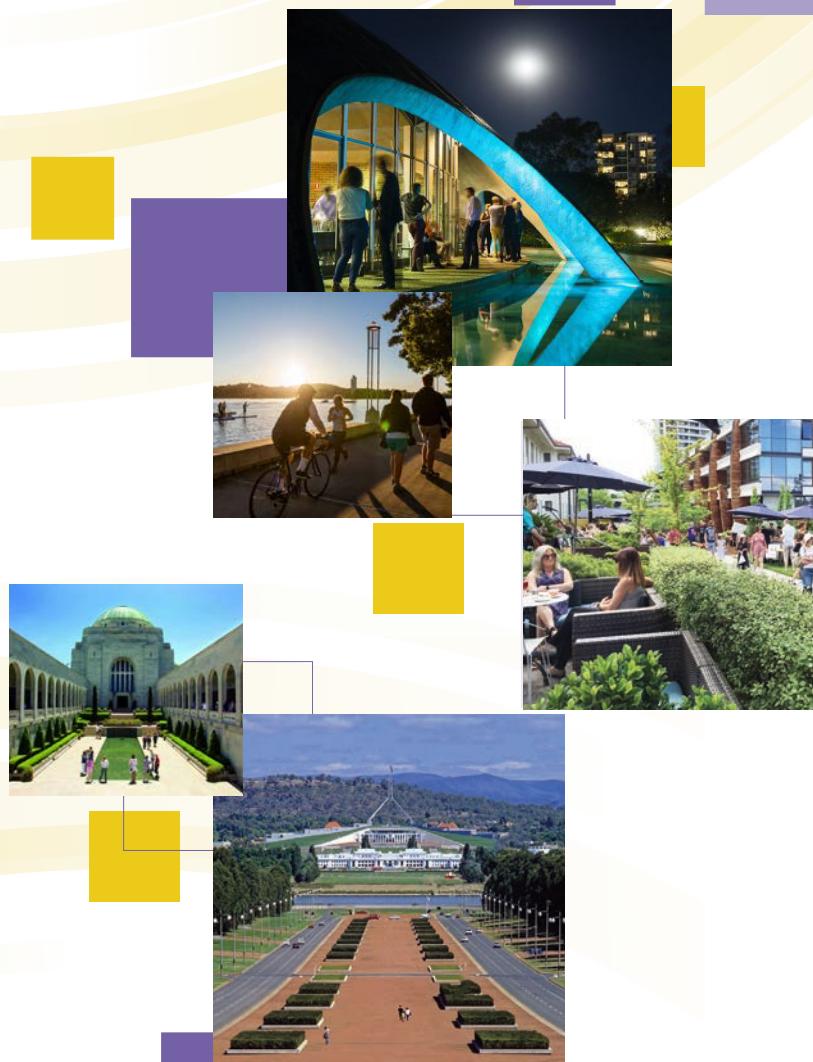
Over 40 Fellows from across the nation have offered to share their personal insights as part of the different panels and discussion groups.

Join us for a unique convention dinner under the wings of '**G for George**' in Anzac Hall at the Australian War Memorial and enjoy Fellow-led tours visiting some of Canberra's most well-known landmarks and institutions.

Spring is a great time to be in Canberra!

If you would like to lead a tour or showcase your merchandise at the Convention please contact Kirsty Guster by email to secretary@churchillfellowsact.org.au

To find out more and to register visit www.churchillfellowsact.org.au/convention





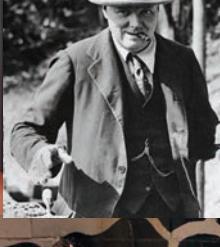
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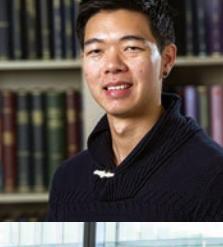
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