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The Churchill Fellows Association of Tasmania are pleased to be hosting the 2019 National Convention of Churchill Fellows, Friday 5th April to Sunday 7th April 2019 in Hobart, Australia.

This special event will provide attendees with the chance to connect with Fellows from across Australia (and some from beyond our shores) whilst gaining a unique and enlightening perspective of Hobart and Tasmania through the work of their active local cohort of inspiring Fellowship recipients.

Take some extra time before, during and after the Convention to explore, experience, discover and celebrate all that Australia's breath-taking cultural hotspot offers, the island of contrasts that is Tasmania!

Special Guests

The Hon. Jeremy Soames UK Churchill Trust Board Chair and grandson of Sir Winston Churchill

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Mr David Trebeck Churchill Trust Board Chair, 1974 Churchill Fellow

Mr Adam Davey CEO Churchill Trust

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Tasmanian Youth Orchestra

Event Highlights

- Welcome Reception at Government House
- Gala Convention Dinner on Hobart's waterfront
- Convention Tours

Register Now

Register at the early bird rate until 28 February 2019*

Early Bird Convention Fee (including Dinner) **\$330**

Early Bird Convention Fee (excluding Dinner) **\$200**

Early Bird Convention Fee Dinner Only (Saturday evening) **\$130**

*All prices listed are per person and include GST

Book your accommodation early

April is a very busy month in Hobart so we encourage you to book your accommodation early. Visit our website for the best accommodation options; some recommended hotels are also offering discounted rates for Convention delegates!

Enquiries

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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..."

“ As well as a great war-time leader and statesman, Churchill also had a strong social conscience and was able to achieve improvements in working conditions and many other reforms.”

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 fundraising 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 is able to award more than 100 Fellowships per year.

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 to 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

Elvie Munday OAM

written by Penelope Hanley

It is with much sadness that we farewelled a much-loved icon of the Churchill Trust Elvie Munday OAM.

Elvie personally touched the lives of over 2,500 Fellows as she assisted them with their Fellowships and maintained close friendships even after her retirement. Elvie passed away on Tuesday 14 August 2018.

Elvie Munday was Assistant Executive Officer and the ACT Regional Secretary at the Churchill Trust. She was first employed with the Trust in 1969 to fill in for three weeks and proved to be so indispensable to the organisation that Dr Ivor Meddleton, the first Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, asked her to stay on permanently. She worked at the Trust for the following 31 years.

In 1976 she became Assistant Executive Officer of the Trust and was awarded an OAM in 1993 for services to the Churchill Trust and its Fellows. She retired from the Trust in 2001.

Elvie was born in Wagga in June 1938, was educated at Canberra's Telopea Park School and completed her schooling in Sydney. After school Elvie did a secretarial course in Sydney and worked there for a short time, then came to Canberra where her first job was with Sir Eric McClintock in the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, later known as the Department of Trade.

Elvie was nineteen when she applied for a posting at the Embassy in Japan. Rather to her future husband Jim's dismay, she was successful and spent two and a half years in Japan doing secretarial work in the Trade Commissioner's service:

'Australia and Japan trade-wise were doing wonderful things with our wool and our wheat, our coal, everything was just fantastic and so we had a very interesting time, and as well as Japan, the Embassy looked after Korea,' Elvie said.

When she returned Elvie married Jim Munday in 1961 and had two children, Karen and Glenn.

Elvie joined the Parents and Citizens Association and introduced the teaching of Japanese language to Ainslie Primary School.



“ We are all reduced by her passing but I am sure that the more senior Fellows will feel this break with their early days greatly. Time and again at Churchill gatherings where they are present and Elvie's name is mentioned the stories flow of her concern for their arrangements, safety and the success of their project. And funny anecdotes, too.”

The Honourable Margaret White AO
Patron of the Churchill Trust

Soon after, both Campbell High School and Dickson College also introduced Japanese language teaching. Elvie also began a careers counselling service at Campbell High School.

It was when the children were at school that Elvie was asked to fill in at the Churchill Trust for just a few hours a day. At that stage, in 1969, the Churchill Trust was in a demountable building in Childers Street.

At first, Elvie said she knew almost nothing about the Churchill Trust. She told oral historian Leslie Jenkins about the first report she edited and typed written by Cyril Henschke...

“it was all about Germany and the vineyards facing north ...and how they crushed the grapes. It was a fascinating report and then the next one was ... on garbage reuse, and...

I thought it was unbelievable that you can have such diverse occupations and while I was thinking that I had a male ballet dancer...dancing up the corridor towards me to ask a question and it just all seemed to be too good to be true. It was such a wonderful concept."

Elvie always claimed that she received more postcards than anyone else in Canberra because the Fellows kept her up to date with all their adventures and achievements from everywhere in Australia and from overseas. Elvie admitted to no favourite Fellows, saying that they were all special and she took a personal interest in them all.

She did, however, admit to a soft spot for those who persevered in trying after failing on their first attempt. There were those who kept trying after the first, second or even third attempt. Sometimes these people **"ended up being some of the best Fellows we had," she said.**

Peter Minson was a glassmaker living at Binalong when Elvie happened to visit his small gallery. Impressed with his work, she left him her card and suggested that he apply for a Churchill Fellowship. He was one of those who simply kept on trying when he failed at the first attempt and he became a driving force behind the ACT Fellows' Association. Even though technically he was from New South Wales he lived close to the ACT, and as Elvie said, **"the ACT adopted him and he has gone from strength to strength since he got his Fellowship."**

Others stand out as well, such as the vision-impaired mother of two, Debra White. In 1998 the NSW Churchill Fellows' Association raised funds to sponsor an Elvie Munday Churchill Fellowship, in recognition of the special and close relationship Elvie had developed with Churchill Fellows over the previous 27 years. Elvie chose Debra White who was from Queanbeyan. Elvie said that having a Fellowship in her name was a great honour and she thought it was wonderful. Debbie White travelled to Macon, Georgia, to learn independent living skills for blind and visually impaired people and returned brimming with keen ideas to implement improvements in the field.

Kirstin Feddersen is another Churchill Fellow remembered fondly by Elvie. Kirstin's stellar career in training and supplying animals for films, commercials and for series such as **Home and Away** was given a jump-start by her Churchill Fellowship. Living with and training her animal actors, including horses, dogs, a crow, turkeys, rabbits and a python, Kirstin believes she has the best job in the world. She remains grateful for the opportunities her Fellowship brought her and visited Elvie when she could, sending letters and photos when she was working in Hollywood or in Sydney's Fox Studios.

For Elvie opera singer Colin Slater was also outstanding, with his engaging enthusiasm about the benefits of singing for individuals and for communities, from curing loneliness to developing the confidence from realising one's potential.

Asked what the most unusual Fellowship she dealt with in her career was, she said that it was Miles Hodge, from Gippsland, Victoria in 1978. He made orthopaedic horseshoes. Before this practice, horses with broken legs had to be put down.

" I enjoyed every minute of [the job]. I loved the Fellows. We got to know each other very well and after they came back they'd send me photos of their wedding or children. There was a great rapport between the Fellows and myself."

But modern techniques using plastic and fibreglass braces allow a horse to walk around while a bone knits.

As Elvie said, **"if a prize-winning horse gave birth to a foal with a crooked leg, Miles Hodge could fix that foal with an orthopaedic horseshoe, and in six or seven weeks the foal would be perfect."**

Elvie told another Churchill Fellow, journalist Peter Clack, "I get more than most people do out of their jobs. It is the diverse nature of the Fellows that makes life interesting."

Elvie will be greatly missed but her legacy as part of the Churchill Trust 'family' will continue to live on with much fondness and gratitude in our memories and hearts. ■

Vale Elvie Munday



Pictured left
From right Elvie with former Trust CEO Ian Richards, Dame Roma Mitchell and Jill Richards

Pictured below
Elvie at the Trust's 50th Anniversary Dinner with 1996 Churchill Fellow Duncan Leadbitter



In Memory

Matthew Harding

From *Inspiring Australians* written by Penelope Hanley

Matthew Harding loved wood. He knew at five years old that he wanted to work with it. At Matthew's vast concrete studio on a cold spring day in regional Victoria, he invited me to sit on one of his early chairs. Constructed of wood and fishing line, they resembled giant distorted tennis racquets. Gingerly, I sat on one. I didn't fall off and it was surprisingly comfortable. I could have sat there in equilibrium all afternoon, looking at the storm clouds through the skylight of Matthew's massive, high-ceilinged studio.

But there were other intriguing things to see. I left the supportive curves of the giant tennis racquet and we walked around the studio looking at works in progress. There were thick steel cables wound into various shapes, held together with big vices, thin metal strands twisted into spirals, and lumps of granite waiting to be carved.

Matthew's Churchill Fellowship in 1998 took him to Europe to study figurative sculpture in wood and stone. When he was young he was drawn to classical sculptures in marble and the Fellowship showed him that these ancient traditions survived. Matthew carried his sketchbook/diary around with him, and he still does. 'I couldn't live without pen and paper,' he said. He told me that the Fellowship allowed him to observe, think and reflect, as well as to be the most prolific he has ever been.

Matthew carves in wood and stone but his reputation for steel sculptures has grown in recent years. When I met him he was working on an Australian-Turkish Anzac memorial commissioned for the City of Melbourne. His concept was inspired by the seeds of friendship between the two nations of Australia and Turkey, symbolised by the casuarina and the pine, representing hope and rebirth.

Matthew's commissioned sculptures are in towns and cities across Australia, as well as overseas. An example is 'Mercury Rising' (2009) at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets in Melbourne. When we met he was completing two sculptures, one being large, woven knot forms for the Newcastle Foreshore, and another, 14 metres high will grace the forecourt of a new building in Collins Street, Melbourne.



“ Matthew was a renowned sculptor who has left an extraordinary legacy of work in Australia and around the world. He was brilliant and one of the most accomplished sculptors in Australia; he was compassionate and had a rare generosity of spirit...”

Matthew has been part of numerous national sculpture exhibitions, such as the prestigious McClelland Award in 2007, 2010 and 2012, as well as winning the 2014 National Sculpture Award for his work 'Void' in which graceful, stainless steel spirals are poised against the bush background. Awards include the National Sculpture Prize (National Gallery of Australia, 2003); the Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award for 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2008; the Wyndham City Council Acquisitive Award and the Popular Choice Award for 2004.

'I find myself pushing the threshold of ideas and bending the limits of materials,' said Matthew. His mind bubbles with a frenetic fountain of ideas. He often wakes at 4.00 a.m. with teeming thoughts about the Big Bang theory, the complexity of patterns and the way energy can travel, while trying to translate these ideas into three-dimensional models in his head and how they could be made in steel or stone. 'I enjoy the process, the artistic journey as much as the finished result.'

Tragically Matthew Harding ended his life on the 22nd of February 2018. His death was unexpected and has shaken all who knew him – family, friends, collaborators, the town of Trentham, the cities of Canberra and Newcastle and the arts communities are all grieving a wonderful man who left this world too soon. ■

Vale Matthew Harding

Douglas Coughran AM

written by wildlife documentary maker Leighton De Barros

Doug Coughran was a very close friend and mentor. He had a huge heart and was a wonderful human being.

Doug was the leader of what is known today as the Department of Biodiversity and Attractions - Parks and Wildlife Service's Large Whale Disentanglement Team, until his recent retirement.

Doug and his wonderful associates in the Department pioneered whale rescue techniques in Australia and over his life-time at work saved more than 70 whales from drowning at sea in ropes and nets. You couldn't meet a more motivated, resourceful, hard-working, passionate and humble man.

In 2004, Doug travelled to the USA on a Churchill Fellowship to study techniques, procedures, protocols and tools used in the disentanglement of large whales, especially the endangered Right Whale and Humpback Whale caught in fishing gear.

Doug was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2010 after co-authoring 18 scientific papers!

Doug was also an incredible wildlife photographer and naturalist. He taught me things I never knew right up until the day he passed away.

Over the last 3 years Doug helped us photograph our latest film on Rottneest Island for Nat Geo Wild. We had an amazing time. He was indefatigable. He discovered new animal behaviour. He loved the island and as a child swam and roamed free there!

This was the first time in the southern hemisphere there had been a re-sight of a whale that had been rescued from ropes and nets at sea.



“ Doug was reserved, but underneath he was ecstatic that he had proved to himself that whales can survive being rescued from entanglements and verifying his life-work.”

Doug's contribution to the conservation of the marine environment in Western Australia is significant and he will be sorely missed.

“He was extremely proud to be a Churchill Fellow and all his family were just as proud, he had so many friends and associates all over the world,” his wife Dawn Coughran said.

Doug passed away on Thursday 15 March 2018 after a short battle with cancer aged 67. ■

Vale Doug Coughran

We pause to remember the following Churchill Fellows who we also lost this year for their significant contributions to Australian society...

- Roger N Calvert
- Robin M Campbell
- Jeffery S Cheverton
- Marcia M Cunningham
- William R Galvin
- Beryl Grant
- Kaye A Griffiths
- Douglas J Hawkins
- Athol Hodgson
- Carole A King
- Arthur A McCutcheon
- Linda P Mondy
- Patrick A Thomas
- Maxwell J Read
- David D Reid
- Geoffrey N Vaughan

Read more about these extraordinary people and what they have achieved at churchilltrust.com.au/fellows

Fellowships in Focus

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.

Churchill Fellowships

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 in and investigate a particular topic or issue of interest for up to 8 weeks
- Overseas travel to countries of your choosing
- 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.

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

Throughout Australia a shortlist of applicants is compiled by a State or Territory based assessment panel. The shortlists 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 Government House ceremony (in the State/Territory in which they reside), and are issued with a certificate and lapel pin to identify them as a Fellow.

Applications are invited each year from February to April.

Strategic Direction Statement



Six key strategic directions guide the Trust's future initiatives:

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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Report by National Chair

Mr David Trebeck

I am honoured to be writing my first report as National Chair of the Trust, having succeeded the Hon Margaret White in June 2017.

Between 1993 and 2017, Margaret was a member and then Chair of the Queensland Selection Committee, then member and Chair of the National Board. At her farewell dinner in September 2017, I referred to her "elegance, charm, diplomacy, courtesy and sound judgement" and that she had, "quite simply, made an enormous contribution to the Trust."

The Trust is indeed fortunate that Margaret's contribution continues following her agreement to serve as one of our two Patrons. Meanwhile, she encountered first-hand the work of many fine Churchill Fellows who appeared before her, or had their work cited, at the Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory, of which she was the presiding Commissioner. She described it as an uplifting experience to hear and see Churchill Fellows so prominently represented.

Speaking of Patrons, the Trust received a delightful message from its other Patron, Sir Rupert Myers, following receipt of last year's annual report. Sir Rupert said:

"What a wonderful story is told in the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Churchill Trust. The warming news is that 1153 applied for Fellowships and that there is an astonishing range of topics successful Fellows will study overseas covering almost every aspect of life.

Behind all this marshalling of the most worthy candidates is the dedicated and freely given work of the members of the regional committees and panels which preserves the name and reputation of the Churchill Trust. Leading the Trust is a distinguished band of experienced people, who manage the work of the Trust on an honorary basis, and who are assisted by a tiny executive team.

A manifestation of the success of this group is that it has built up the resources of the Trust to over \$100M. Winston Churchill would have been very proud of Australia's appreciation of his service."



Churchill Sculpture to commemorate war-time heritage at new Canberra Hotel and was presented to Nick Georgalis Managing Director and Founder of Geocon at West Block, in the presence of The Hon. Jeremy Soames, to coincide with his first visit to Canberra.

I am pleased to advise that the Trust continues to perform strongly. Our finances are sound, recording a net profit of \$13.2 million in 2017-18. This was greatly assisted by \$8.9 million in investment income, \$6.5 million in net gain from assets sold, \$2.2 million in donations (including from deceased estates) and \$300,000 in donations from sponsors. On the other side of the ledger, the Trust spent \$2.8 million to fund 109 Fellows, and \$1.9 million in administrative and related operating expenses. The Trust's total resources, at the end of the financial year, comprising both investments and cash, were just under \$120 million. Recent years have seen the Trust's earnings climb well ahead of its target rates of return, which is obviously pleasing. However, both the Investment Audit and Risk Committee and our adviser, JANA, warn that future investment prospects are less assured. For this reason, the Trust continues to operate in an appropriate cautious, conservative manner when it comes to investment allocation and expenditure commitments.

"The achievement of Fellows continues to impress. And with over 4000 Fellows at varying stages of their careers, Fellows come to the fore in an astonishing variety of situations."

On a sad note, the Trust has recently lost one of its greatest stalwarts with the passing of Mrs Elvie Munday. Widely regarded, and revered, as "the mother of the Trust", Elvie served in a variety of administrative and executive capacities for an unprecedented 32 years, from 1969 to 2001, having initially intended to fill a short term vacancy for about six weeks!

No one better exemplified the spirit or loyalty of the Trust, and her knowledge of Fellows and their achievements was legion, leading to many long-lasting friendships.

The achievement of Fellows continues to impress. And with over 4000 Fellows at varying stages of their careers, Fellows come to the fore in an astonishing variety of situations. This made the theme of last year's Fellows National Convention in Canberra – "Over the Horizon: What Happened Next?" – particularly appropriate. Speaker after speaker spoke about how their career blossomed following their Fellowship, often in different directions to those initially envisaged. In almost every situation, the value of the Trust in opening doors was acknowledged, along with those oft-quoted words: "a life-changing experience".

The Fellows Convention is growing in importance on the Trust's calendar, and I would urge as many Fellows as possible to attend next year's event, to be held in Hobart, in early April.

Another facet of the Trust which continues to strengthen, is our linkage with our counterpart in the United Kingdom. Modern communications are facilitating interaction between Fellows operating in similar fields, not just Australian peers, but UK ones too. At the organisational level, interaction is regular and constructive. Both organisations share their respective experiences, providing ideas and insights that the other might be able to trial or contemplate.

As part of this, we were honoured to host a visit from the Chair of the UK Trust, The Honourable Jeremy Soames, a grandson of Sir Winston. He spoke at the Trust's Board meeting and at a subsequent dinner, where the common interests were stressed.

He referred to the most recent Churchill film, *Darkest Hour*, commenting that the family found it broadly an accurate portrayal of the period immediately after Sir Winston became Prime Minister in 1940. The distributors of the film in Australia generously offered the Trust a number of promotional opportunities, one of which was the screening at every session, of a brief clip of the Trust and its Fellowships – valuable publicity indeed and helping to keep the legacy of Sir Winston alive. At a pre-screening in Canberra, we were honoured to host our Patron-in-Chief, the Governor General, and Lady Cosgrove.

This report provides me with the opportunity to publicly thank our Patron-in-Chief and other vice-regal representatives in the States and Territories, for their enthusiastic support of the Trust, via presentation of certificates to new Fellows, presentation of medallions to returning Fellows, and in other ways. Of course, in one case, Linda Dessau, the Governor of Victoria, is both a Churchill Fellow and former Board member of the Trust.

The Trust's CEO, Adam Davey, completed his first full twelve months in the role during the financial year. The Board has been impressed with Adam's fresh perspective and energy on a number of fronts and he is actively implementing the Trust's Corporate Plan, which was finalised just prior to preceding CEO Paul Tys' retirement.

A summary of the Corporate Plan appears on the Trust's website; it has six elements:

- Post Fellowship development of Churchill Fellows;
- Ensure contemporary issues are addressed in Fellowship topics;
- Ensure that fellowships are awarded to Australians "from all walks of life";
- Public profile of the Trust;
- Refresh "brand Churchill"; and
- Ensure best practice operations at all levels.

Post Fellowship development includes improving and maintaining connections with and between Fellows during their Fellowship and afterwards, and providing incentives for Fellows to stay in touch with the Trust and with each other. An expanded database now captures more details about Fellows' activities, such as speaking engagements and awards, enabling information about Fellows' reports to be shared.

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We are developing the concept of a 'Mastership' which aims to build Fellows' capabilities and capacity to implement change in their community. Understandably, the budget will be limited initially and not everyone will be able to be covered, but it is an exciting concept which has not existed in the past. There are all sorts of possibilities, for example, fostering better connections between Fellows and the Trust; connecting Fellows to sponsors; or actively disseminating Fellows' work through TEDX talks or YouTube clips, as well as via more traditional means.

The second strategic direction, ensuring that contemporary issues are addressed in Fellowship topics, is also important. For the 2017 application round we had success in targeting peak bodies to encourage applications in several areas – such as athlete behaviour and sports, arts, particularly music, and disability – where there had been relatively few applicants in recent years.

However, by and large, applicant interest can and does change quickly in response to emerging issues. Recent examples include combatting domestic violence; responding to security and terrorism concerns; encouraging new technologies, such as autonomous vehicles, 3D printing and lithium batteries; and treating dementia.

The third strategic direction, ensuring that Fellowships are awarded to Australians “from all walks of life”, was stressed at the time the Trust was formed 53 years ago. In 2017, for example, Fellowships were awarded in the areas of tinsmithing, the art of shoemaking, maintaining historical keyboard instruments, training Indigenous women to work as rangers, and avian biodiversity, to name a few.

The fourth strategic direction focuses on the public profile of the Trust. Here, I think, we already have achieved considerable progress, as we leverage social media and digital technology to good effect. The annual series of Roadshows prior to the application season has been heavily supported, with many attendees going on to become successful applicants.

During 2017, the Trust prepared a brochure featuring recipients of Jack Brockhoff Foundation Fellowships over many years. This impressive document describes what Fellows have achieved since their travel, and what the social impact on the wider community has been from their work. Among other things, it provides the sponsoring Foundation with a comprehensive and professional analysis of the results of its generosity to the Trust.

Our fifth strategic priority is to ensure that the legacy of Sir Winston Churchill remains relevant to a younger generation whose knowledge of him is inevitably second-hand at best.

The recent spate of Churchill films assists this objective. Some selection committees ask applicants during interviews what Churchill means to them. I have been impressed with the answers I have heard. No one has been caught out by the question and most have been able to relate some aspect of his life that is relevant to them or to their proposed project.

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Finally, our CEO has taken a number of initiatives to enhance the efficiency of all aspects of the Trust’s administrative operation, keeping our costs as low as possible so that more funds are available for Fellows and Fellowships.

Additional details of these strategies, and plans for the future, are outlined in the CEO’s report.

During the year, Alex Sloan, a former well-known ABC radio presenter and Canberran of the Year, succeeded me as Chair of the ACT Selection Committee and joined the Board.

In addition, Bill Turner, long-standing Chair of the Tasmanian Selection Committee, announced his intention to retire from the Board and pending the selection of his successor, Bill was appointed as National President. He has contributed some reflections to this Annual Report based on his 17 year involvement with the Board.

I look forward to another twelve months of outstanding achievements from our Fellows, new and long-standing alike. ■

Report by National President



Mr William Turner

Having recently completed my time as a member of the State Selection Committee, Board member for Tasmania and most recently, National President, it is a privilege to be invited to write some reminiscences of my involvement and times at the Trust.

When I was approached to join the Tasmanian State Selection Committee by then Justice William Cox in late 1993, the Trust was an unknown to me. I acknowledge it should not have been as I had once applied for a Fellowship myself in 1968 or thereabouts. Perhaps had I been successful it might have come to mind more readily.

In any event the approach from the Chair was coached in terms such as 'our involvement is stimulating' and 'it continues to amaze me that we have so many innovative applicants from all walks of life', how could I possibly refuse?

My first meeting took place early the following year and was for the purpose of short-listing those for interview. Prior to the meeting I had received a list of applicants together with a request to pay particular attention to a number of them for reasons, at the time, better known to the Chair.

“ They were certainly a very mixed bunch from ‘all walks of life’, innovative, inspirational and, in one or two cases, vaguely bizarre including an applicant requesting to travel to join a witch’s coven in Europe.”

It is difficult to describe my initial impressions. The committee was comprised of various luminaries from politics, education, finance, commerce and trade unions amongst others. In those days, in Tasmania at least, committees were autonomous and not subject to any oversight from Canberra. As a result, new committee members needed a certain ability to 'fly by the seat of his/her pants'. In retrospect on this occasion I think I barely left the ground!

After managing the early challenges, it was possible to enjoy the scope and ingenuity of the applicants and to interview those who seemed, on paper at least, to have some prospect of success.

It was always a pleasure to see returning Fellows bursting with enthusiasm for having travelled overseas and for the benefits their Fellowship had provided them.

A dinner organised by the local Churchill Fellows' Association always follows, at which recently returned Fellows provide a thumbnail sketch of their travels and new Fellows provide information on where they expected to go and what they hope to learn.

Early in 2000 I received another letter from William Cox who was now Chief Justice but was about to become Governor of Tasmania and was stepping down as local Chair and Director on the Trust Board. I accepted his offer to take over.

The Board was comprised of judges, agriculturists, senior accountants, medical practitioners and others. The atmosphere around the Board table was rather like that which might be expected at a meeting of members of a private club. A process which had served the Trust well for 35 years. The Board was comprised of 23 directors, rather more than necessary but a result of the original constitution.

A new CEO was appointed mid 2000. One of his early suggestions was to reduce the number of Board members, a suggestion that was not well received. It was not until 2006, after I had been exposed to the rigours of both the corporate and financial regulators, that I deemed it appropriate to write to the National Chair pointing out what I perceived to be poor corporate governance and risk management affecting the Trust. This ultimately led to improved risk management, greater involvement of the Directors in the operation of the Trust and ultimately in revision of the Constitution to decrease the number of directors from 23 to 14.

I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the Trust and grateful for the help provided by the fellow Directors, members of the Canberra office particularly Paul Tys who was CEO for most of my tenure as a Director as well as the Trust's financial advisors and accountants. I met many wonderful people, including the then Governor General Michael Jeffery during my time on the Board and count them as friends even if, geographically distant. I wish the Trust continuing success in fulfilling the objects of the Company and in so doing the wishes of Sir Winston Churchill. ■

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.

The following sponsored Fellowships were available for award in 2017.

For Award Regionally

ACT Government	ACT resident or working permanently in the ACT - For innovations and resourcefulness for firefighter and community safety in the fields of training or equipment developments or through inter-agency liaison and cooperation (in honour of David Balfour)
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

For Award Nationally

Australian Biological Resources Study	Overseas taxonomic research on Australian flora or fauna (Early career)
Australian Biological Resources Study	Overseas taxonomic research on Australian flora or fauna (Established Career Researcher)
Australian Institute of Management	To investigate management and leadership practices that enable and promote productivity
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
Donald Mackay	Countering organised crime
Department of Health	To identify overseas collection mechanisms for general practice (GP) clinical data
Dr Dorothea Sandars	Medical/veterinary parasitology or Parkinson's Disease, or advances in medicine in general
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	Enhancement of the delivery of palliative care
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of ophthalmology
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of marine science
Dr Iain C Medgett	Study of classical strings
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
Hort Innovation	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
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	Any topic
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

I am honoured to report on the continued success of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. This organisation is an important community asset that continues to encourage curiosity, inspire change and support positive outcomes for Australian society. It is satisfying that Churchill Fellowships remain highly relevant more than fifty years since their inception.

It is unsurprising to see that Sir Winston Churchill's memory has not only continued to stay in the spotlight internationally but has experienced a resurgence. Millions of people worldwide have been re-acquainted with or introduced to the story of Churchill's leadership over the past year, both on the small and large screen thanks to the Netflix series *The Crown* and feature films *Churchill* and *Darkest Hour*. Perhaps the interest these films have generated has been in part driven by change and unpredictability in the world's geopolitical environment? Personally, I think that the modern appeal for our younger generation comes from Churchill's leadership and human qualities more than anything else.

We proudly partnered with Universal Pictures in January for the cinematic release of *Darkest Hour* promoting Churchill Fellowships via a cinema advertisement which was screened across Australia. This was a rare opportunity to expose new audiences to the concept of Churchill Fellowships at a moment when they might form a deeper connection with the concept. With a broad cross-section of Churchill Fellows and projects featuring within the advertisement we have hopefully prompted many Australians to consider applying for a Fellowship over the coming years. We bolstered this promotion with a social media campaign and this continued through our metropolitan, regional information sessions across the country.

This year we received 1,140 applications from across Australia and awarded 109 Churchill Fellowships. Although the numbers of applicants and Fellowships awarded are pleasing, it's the depth and breadth of projects and accessibility to people from all walks of life that sits at the core of the Churchill Fellowship concept. If you read through the list of 2017 Churchill Fellows in this report, I am sure you will agree that we are meeting our brief.



Pictured above Churchill Fellow Tracey Cain speaks about her Fellowship experiences to the media at the Australian premiere of the *Darkest Hour*

In October, the ACT Churchill Fellows Association hosted the biennial National Convention of Churchill Fellows in Canberra. The Convention successfully brought together highly engaged Churchill Fellows from across the country to network and share what they have learned and what they have achieved in their respective fields. We heard from leaders as well as from those who work in the engine-rooms of local communities. Fittingly, holding this event in the National Capital meant we had good representation from government policy departments in attendance to encourage conversations and new networks.

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The Trust was able to share its forward focus on impact at the Convention, including announcing new initiatives designed to support Churchill Fellows to share their findings and implement their recommendations. This aligned well with the Convention's public event held on the Friday afternoon about 'Gaining traction' – a common issue raised by anyone seeking to influence change or embed new ideas.

We could draw some inspiration from Sir Winston on the issue of gaining traction:

“The difficulty is not winning the war; it is persuading people to let you win it....”

Persuading people to engage in the observations and recommendations made by Churchill Fellows can sometimes be difficult, particularly in the complex and challenging policy areas that many of our Fellows are so passionate about. And it is for this reason that the Trust has introduced a learning framework offering a range of measures designed to support our Fellows in achieving impact.

Our approach is designed to provide support across the Churchill Fellowship continuum. We are now offering training in strategic communication approaches at induction, prior to the Fellowship travel being undertaken. Assistance with dissemination of Churchill Fellowship findings is also proving popular and I expect will take on many different, targeted forms. Our Talent Bank is well developed and offers an easier way to find informed and inspired speakers (Churchill Fellows) across a wide range of issues and fields. Throughout the coming year we will continue to expand our offerings of support and identify ways in which we can support our Churchill Fellows in their quest to gain traction.

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Of course, one of most powerful support mechanisms is to connect our Churchill Fellows with each other – many have great success in gaining traction and have achieved significant innovation and reforms in their respective areas. We will continue to grow our online forums, communities of practice and initiatives designed to share knowledge and experience across Churchill Fellow networks.

Engagement between the Trust and Churchill Fellows is increasing as we reconnect with those from earlier years. The desire to ‘give back’ is strong and I look forward to providing the opportunity for Churchill Fellows to mentor newer Fellows from similar fields or interests. We continue to capture their stories and the impact of their Churchill Fellowships on their lives and what they have been able to achieve in the community. Some people have been quick to gain traction of their new ideas and recommendations and others have kept their focus for many years, achieving results after sustained effort.

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’.

Churchill Fellowships have a unique position in that they are neither academic nor are they field or topic specific. They are for Australians from all walks of life and something that can be aspired to by many. We must keep sharing this message to ensure we continue to enjoy the diverse range of applicants and projects that are synonymous with the Churchill Fellowships.

Our organisation’s strength comes from people: the Australians who so generously donated to establish the Trust in 1965; the stewards who serve and have served on our Board; our Life Members; selection panel members and Regional Secretaries; Churchill Fellows Association volunteers and members; our sponsors and donors; our dedicated team at Churchill House; and of course, the Churchill Fellows themselves.

The Trust’s Board has provided a clear and strategic focus to ensure the ongoing success of Churchill Fellowships. The team at Churchill House although small in number is big on engagement: Ms Sally Campbell, Ms Meg Gilmartin, Ms Julia George, Ms Emma Robertson, Ms Beverley Payne and most recently the addition of Dr Kirsty Guster has added depth to our team.

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I look forward to this coming year as we continue to implement new ways to support our Fellows on their pathway to achieving impact. ■

Pictured below

From left Andrew Leake
NSW Board Director,
Adam Davey CEO, and
NSW Churchill Fellows
Tracey Cain, Grant
Wargren, Alexandra Harrington,
Ian Krimmer, Judy Saba



2017 National Convention of Churchill Fellows

Over two and a half days from the 27-29 October 2017, close to 200 Churchill Fellows and guests from every state and territory across Australia gathered in the nation's capital!

For such a small organisation, the ACT Churchill Fellows Association (ACTCFA) prides itself on punching well above its weight. This was no more evident than at the 2017 National Convention.

Over two and a half days from the 27-29 October 2017, close to 200 Churchill Fellows and guests from every state and territory gathered in the nation's capital to listen to, learn from and share ideas relating to 'What happened next' in their Churchill Fellowship journey.

Over 40 Fellows presented in a series of panels and interactive conversations at the Shine Dome (Australian Academy of Science). The discussion was lively, ideas were challenged and friendships were formed.

The first afternoon on Friday featured keynotes by Fellows Dr Michele Bruniges AM, Secretary, Australian Department of Education and Training and Catherine McGowan AO, MP Member for Indi, Victoria.

Michele and Catherine were then joined in a panel by Fellows Ian Krimmer AFSM, Tony Peacock, Barry Appleton OAM and Karen Middleton to discuss the opportunities and challenges of gaining traction with your findings after the Fellowship experience.

Nothing was more fitting for a national gathering in Canberra than the announcement by Cathy McGowan during her plenary address that, as from that moment, she held the balance of power in the House of Representatives and may have to cut short questions as she may have to leave for Parliament House as a matter of urgency.

Fellows and guests stayed on into the early evening to enjoy fine wine and conversation at the reception, including pop up dancers from QL2 Dance organised by ACT Fellows Ruth Osborne and Philip Piggin, and a performance by the Sing Australia choir established by ACT Fellow Colin Slater.

A good many Fellows stayed on to participate in night tours of the heritage-listed Shine Dome, and further afield, the Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary.



Pictured right Keynote by Cathy McGowan AO, MP Member for Indi, Victoria (1990 Fellow)



Pictured left QL2 Dancers performing at Reception at the Shine Dome on Friday, 27 October 2017



Pictured above Andrea Ho facilitates Focus Conversation on Ageing with speakers Tushara Wickramariyaratne, Joy Cocker and Helen Walker

Conversations were kept flowing by our engaging facilitators including journalists Nic Stuart and Karen Middleton, ecologist Dr Siwan Lovett and broadcaster Andrea Ho. Their experience and professionalism ensured that discussions were lively and robust.

Joined by Churchill Trust CEO Adam Davey, our facilitators concluded the day with a panel discussion titled 'Making a Difference' to discuss the biggest issues Fellows encounter on their journey and the best ways to fulfill the potential of the Fellowship into the future.

The Convention dinner was held under the wings of 'G for George' in ANZAC Hall at the Australian War Memorial. We were all captivated by the powerful and emotive oration delivered by Dr Brendan Nelson AO, Director of the War Memorial.

This was followed by an engaging discussion hosted by MC and Fellow Geraldine Doogue AO with Churchill Fellows David Crotty *A Journey with George*, Courtney Page-Allen *Lost Portraits of WW1* and Lainie Anderson *The magnificent Vickers-Vimy*. With a musical performance provided by Fellow Dr Nicole Canham and Canberra jazz musicians, the evening was an unforgettable experience.

Sunday was a time to relax and experience the work of local Churchill Fellows through art, sculpture, science and music. Their work is an enduring legacy to the inspiration gained on their Churchill Fellowships. Fellows were treated to a delicious breakfast at University House, and an inspiring talk by ANU Vice-Chancellor and Nobel Prize winning physicist Brian Schmidt AC, before heading off in various directions to explore Canberra's unique spaces and places.

Walking and bus tours included visits to CSIRO's Innovative Bioproducts Labs, Jerrabomberra Wetlands, ACT Fire and Rescue, Calthorpe's House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum of Australia, Mt Stromlo Observatory, the National Library of Australia, Ante Dabro's Sculpture Studio and a Fellows' Art Exhibition at Churchill House. A number of these arts works remain on display in the Churchill House Foyer.

The final event on the Convention program took us to the High Court of Australia to enjoy a public concert by Churchill Fellows Margaret Wright OAM with the Canberra Recorder Orchestra (CRO), Judith Clingan AM with the Wayfarers Choir, Alice Giles AM (harp) and Chris Pidcock (cello).

On behalf of the ACT Churchill Fellows Association I would like to thank all those who joined us at the Convention to share your thoughts and ideas. Thanks also to the many Churchill Fellows from both ACT and interstate who willingly gave their time and expertise to bring the Fellowships alive. Finally, thanks to the members of our small committee, the staff at Churchill House and administrator Dr Kirsty Guster for working tirelessly to deliver a memorable experience for all.

With thanks to ACT Fellow David Pang for these photos. See more at www.flickr.com/photos/actcfa/albums ■

Bill Caddey, Former ACTCFA President

Pictured right Discussion panel at Gala Dinner with Courtney Page-Allen, Lainie Anderson and David Crotty facilitated by Geraldine Doogue



Pictured above Gala Dinner, Australian War Memorial Saturday 28 October 2017



Pictured above Churchill Fellows Art Exhibition at Churchill House Sunday 29 October 2017

Saturday was a full and engaging day, starting with a keynote address from Churchill Trust Board Chair David Trebeck.

There were 12 Focus Conversations in which 3-4 Fellows from around Australia spoke on the various themes, including Environment and Sustainability; Entrepreneurs; Education; Arts Therapy; Ageing; Recovery; Cultural Understanding; Future Cities; Emergency Services; Law Enforcement; and Vulnerable Communities.

The final focus group 'Meet the Trust' gave Fellows the chance to talk with and learn more about the staff from Churchill House.

Finance Report

for the year ended 31 January 2018

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

The extracts that appear here do not 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 2018 the Trust is showing a total comprehensive income of \$12.6 million after a profit of \$13.2 million and a decrease in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets of \$807,032.

During the financial year the Trust's investments returned approximately \$8.9 million in dividends, interest and distribution income which was reinvested or used for Fellowships. The Trust provided \$2.82 million for the award of one hundred and nine 2017 Churchill Fellowships.

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

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	31 January 2018	31 January 2017
Contributions and revenue	2,592,366	341,167
Gross profit	2,592,366	341,167
Release of unused provisions	-	-
Administrative expenses	(1,140,251)	(961,046)
Personnel expenses	(796,209)	(779,239)
Fellowship expenses	(2,822,257)	(2,784,712)
Operating (loss) before investment income	(2,166,351)	(4,183,830)
Investment income	8,863,170	6,430,524
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	6,546,494	1,343,225
Net investment income	15,409,664	7,773,749
Profit for the year	13,243,313	3,589,919
Other comprehensive income / (loss)		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	(807,032)	2,021,909
Collectibles revaluation	164,750	800
Total other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	(642,282)	2,022,709
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	12,601,031	5,612,628

Statement of Financial Position

	31 January 2018	31 January 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,021,606	10,502,296
Receivables and other current assets	805,318	676,842
Total current assets	11,826,924	11,179,138
Non-current assets		
Financial assets	108,584,428	96,497,312
Plant and equipment	21,219	23,342
Other non-current assets	336,008	197,524
Total non-current assets	108,941,655	96,718,178
Total assets	120,768,579	107,897,316
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	159,530	125,115
Employee benefits	117,110	89,115
Unearned income	129,003	121,681
Provision for Fellowships	3,088,128	3,009,892
Total current liabilities	3,493,771	3,345,803
Non-current liabilities		
Unearned income	196,205	77,400
Employee benefits	11,801	8,342
Total non-current liabilities	208,006	85,742
Total liabilities	3,701,777	3,431,545
Net assets	117,066,802	104,465,771
EQUITY		
Gains and losses taken to equity	23,408,171	24,215,203
Collectibles revaluation reserve	250,500	85,750
Retained earnings and corpus funds	93,408,131	80,164,818
Total equity	117,066,802	104,465,771

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Corpus Funds	Gains and Losses taken to Equity	Collectibles Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
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 they year				3,589,919	3,589,919
Capital donations	1,100			(1,100)	
<i>Other comprehensive income:</i>					
Net change in collectibles			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
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COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR					
Profit for the year				13,243,313	13,243,313
Capital donations	2,289,838			(2,289,838)	
<i>Other comprehensive income:</i>					
Net change in collectibles			164,750		164,750
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets		(807,032)			(807,032)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	2,289,838	(807,032)	164,750	10,953,475	12,601,031
Balance at 31 January 2018	24,535,839	23,408,171	250,500	68,872,292	117,066,802

Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2018	31 January 2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Fellows, donors and others	2,747,722	483,846
Payments to Fellows	(2,744,021)	(1,719,968)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,999,033)	(1,832,852)
Interest received	225,583	197,370
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(1,769,749)	(2,871,604)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets	12,936,549	8,246,466
Cost of purchasing available-for-sale financial assets	(19,000,000)	(11,570,000)
Imputation credits refunded	558,360	1,053,029
Distributions received	7,798,756	2,823,772
Return of capital	-	-
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(4,605)	(19,163)
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,289,060	534,104
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	519,311	(2,337,500)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 February	10,502,296	12,839,796
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 January	11,021,606	10,502,296

Bequests and Gifts for the Year

The following bequests and gifts to the Trust made during the year to 31 January 2018 are gratefully acknowledged:

Estate of Mr RJ (Bob) Prickett	\$ 2,012,923
The National Road & Motorists' Association: ACT Road Safety	\$ 250,000
Department of the Environment: Australian Biological Resources Study	\$ 50,000
Department for Child Protection and Family Support	\$ 42,836
The Stuart Leslie Foundation	\$ 32,645
Australian Government Department of Health	\$ 26,000
Park Testamentary Trust	\$ 26,000
ACT Government	\$ 25,000
The Blakeney Millar Foundation	\$ 25,000
Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation	\$ 22,000
Horticulture Innovation Australia	\$21,294
Mrs Patricia D New	\$18,706
Mr Henry Rischbieth	\$13,000
Trust Company of Australia: Peter Mitchell Estate	\$11,047
Mr Warren Muller	\$150

There were also numerous donors who also gave generously to the following sponsored Fellowships:

Dr Susan V Nelle Churchill Fellowship Susan Avery and Phillip Taylor, Adam Davey, Janet Davidson, Margot and Andy Davidson, Ian Dixon, Staffan Ehnborn, Food South Australia, Daniel Gregg, Haighs Pty Ltd, Mark Laucke, Margaret Lehman, Tim Mares, Michael Milan, Theo Simos, Susan Collins Angas Memorial Fund, The University of Adelaide, Susan Wheeler and Lynne Yeannakis.

Terry Lavender Churchill Fellowship Graeme Adcock, Rosie and Ian Budenberg, Alexandra Cannon, Churchill Fellows Association of South Australia, Peter Fisher, Adam Hardcastle, South Australian Recreation Trails Inc and David Trebeck.

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 highlights...

Laura Vidal

To develop innovative and best practice solutions to addressing forced marriage in Australia

Every year 15 million girls are married before the age of 18, and it may surprise people to know that Australia contributes to this global statistic. Despite forced marriage being criminalised in 2013, child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) continues across Australia.

Laura Vidal has spent the last decade working with individuals impacted by human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices, which in Australia includes forced marriage. In 2013, when forced marriage was criminalised, Laura's focus turned to supporting individuals impacted by the practice, and with little available information and practice examples began innovating in service delivery. Laura has documented the gaps in support, and continues to advocate to the Australia government for systemic policy change.

Laura's Churchill Fellowship took her to six countries (Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, Denmark, United States, Canada and Kenya) to explore innovative and best-practice solutions to addressing forced marriage. Based on the learning of survivors, advanced practitioners, academics and government representatives in the places she visited, Laura's research made a number of conclusions about the way in which the issue is both understood and responded to.

Of significant note is the way in which Australia defines the issue, as a practice of slavery. This definition whilst not incorrect, is creating a barrier to engaging in mainstream conversation. It is demonising communities who are reluctant to have a conversation that may lead to attitudinal or behavioural change. Most other countries across the globe see the issue as a clear issue of gender-inequality and gender-based violence.

As a result of this finding, Laura is working to diversify the conversation about forced marriage in Australia, and build a recognition of the continuum to which forced marriage occurs.





“ This journey has cemented my passion and commitment toward social change; and the belief in myself that whilst at times this work may be difficult I have everything within me and around me that I need to continue making a positive difference.”

In order to prevent the practice, early intervention responses and frameworks need to be put in place.

There is much to learn and adapt from the way this is done in areas such as family violence and child protection. Laura is keen to see the definition of forced marriage expanded to include the intersections with gender-based violence, family violence and child protection; with the view that this will improve community engagement and ensure that comprehensive prevention and service delivery frameworks are developed.

Laura continues to be driven by the motivation that adequate and appropriate supports remain unavailable to individuals facing forced marriage in Australia. Laura has sat in front of too many vulnerable young people who have reached out for help and who are choosing not to access what is available because of the conditions that are attached, and, that it is not tailored or targeted to what they believe they need.

The long-lasting, life-altering and detrimental impacts of the practice, make it imperative for the issue to remain on both the domestic and global agenda. No country is immune, and it will require informed and collective efforts to end it and ensure adequate safety and support is available. The dignity and rights of all women and girls must be upheld, because one person forced into marriage, is one too many.

Download Laura's Fellowship Report from our website
www.churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4179/Laura+Vidal

Ben Bjarnesen

To enhance police response to LGBTI domestic violence

Churchill Fellowship recipient Senior Constable Ben Bjarnesen visited four countries, seven police departments and 15 community support organisations last year, conducting research with the aim of enhancing the Service's response to domestic violence (DV) within the LGBTI community.

His travel to the US, UK, Canada and the Netherlands between September and November 2017 gave him valuable insight into issues surrounding domestic violence in LGBTI communities and best practice in the policing response.

He found that while the impact on victims and families was significant, under-reporting of domestic violence was a common problem in LGBTI relationships the world over.

"Internationally, it appears the most common factor stopping LGBTI people from reporting DV and hate crimes is historical events involving negative interactions with police. They fear they will not be taken seriously or treated appropriately or respectfully," Senior Constable Bjarnesen said.

"Another common concern is that they will be 'outed' to their family, friends or workplace if they make a report."

With research indicating that LGBTI relationships suffer significantly higher rates of DV compared with heterosexual couples - some studies estimate some degree of abuse in as high as 50% of same-sex relationships—the need to overcome these barriers and gain the trust of LGBTI people is critical and urgent.

Senior Constable Bjarnesen said he found some impressive examples of best practice in his overseas travels.

"Washington DC's Metropolitan Police Department is home to the Special Liaison Branch where it is mandatory for first responders to contact the LGBTLU in any incident where a victim identifies as LGBTI. Unit members respond to these incidents when on duty, or within 24 hours if not. They also conduct public education campaigns and provide a 24hr on-call officer to answer inquiries from the LGBTI community and fellow officers alike.

He said Police Scotland was also a stand-out with its proactive approach to preventing domestic violence.

"Officers from the local Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit proactively attend the addresses of the partners of high-risk DV perpetrators to see if they want to report DV or would like referrals to other agencies. This assures potential victims that police are looking out for them and lets perpetrators know police are watching them. They also notify victims when a perpetrator is released from custody. Police Scotland also introduced online reporting for DV in 2008.

The ability for LGBTI community members to report violence online, without having to face the fear of telling their story in person, allows police to appropriately respond earlier before it escalates further. ■

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"I thought I had a fair idea about the issues and strategies surrounding domestic violence, but I've been able to learn things and make connections that I would never have been able to without the support of the QPS and the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. It's been a lot of work, but incredibly worthwhile."





Lainie Anderson

To research the story of how pioneering South Australians won the 1919 Britain-Australia Air Race

My Fellowship was undertaken in April and June 2017, with the aim of gauging the international significance of the 1919 Air Race from England to Australia, and the South Australian fliers who won it. I travelled to nine countries to talk with aviation historians, museum education program managers and local history groups, while also visiting libraries, museums and city archives to uncover original source material. Using 1919 references, maps and current day local knowledge, I also attempted to rediscover the Smith crew's original landing sites in key cities and record the details and images for posterity.

The race remains one of the most significant events in the history of aviation. It was the first step in connecting Australia to an increasingly globalised world after World War I. It helped to forge new air routes for transport, communication and defence in the British Empire. It built Australian pride after a devastating war. In its time, it was as awe-inspiring as man landing on the moon 50 years later.

As one of only two remaining original Vickers Vimy aircraft in the world, the plane at Adelaide Airport is an aviation artefact of national and global significance. The other surviving Vimy was the first plane flown non-stop across the Atlantic by John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown in early 1919. It's been a centrepiece of London's Science Museum ever since.

The four men were courageous and inspiring pioneers, compared in their day to Christopher Columbus after his discovery of the New World. Three of the four hailed from South Australia; pilot Ross Smith; his older brother and navigator Keith Smith; and mechanic Wally Shiers. The fourth man was Jim Bennett from Victoria.

The story of the race, the men and the plane is worthy of profound pride and celebration in South Australia. Other parts of the world cherish their history. It's time we did too.

As the 2019 centenary of the 1919 Air Race approaches I plan to make sure we bring this Vickers Vimy aircraft and the story behind it into the light. It's a priceless treasure we don't know we have! ■

[Download Lainie's Fellowship Report from our website churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4093/Lainie+Anderson](http://churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4093/Lainie+Anderson)

“ I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for supporting my project and special thanks to the Churchill Fellows Association in South Australia for their ongoing enthusiasm and advice.”

Ben Wall

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

Churchill Fellow Ben Wall works as part of the Tamara Co-operative that owns and manages the Desert Fruit Company 65km east of Alice Springs. The Desert Fruit Company is the only operating 'date farm' in the NT and one of three in Australia.

Ben identified a real personal and professional need to learn more from other date farmers, to see what is possible and to gain inspiration to move forward and receiving the Churchill Fellowship allowed this to happen.

In early December 2017, Ben began his journey to study old and new date production and processing techniques.

Date Palms are the cornerstones of the Desert communities that I visited. They are the major economic driver of these small communities and a source of their sustenance and resilience. They literally are regarded as the 'tree of life' in most Arabic communities, providing food, fibre, fuel and cultural heritage.

Dates plantations can also be viewed strategically and spiritually in how they occupy the land. This is especially the case in Israel where the dates play a large part in how the Negev/Arava Desert and the Jordan Valley were settled by Israelis and formed a part of the consciousness and sense of righteousness of this new nation through the greening of these deserts by the Kibbutz movement. This is also the case with Palestine and the new plantations that are emerging there; the dates are a source of pride as well as a way of reclaiming their land and water rights from the Israelis!

Date Oasis's in Morocco have always had an important strategic setting. Both through the use of date palms as the cornerstones of the incredibly productive agriculture systems sustaining large communities in otherwise inhabitable landscapes. As well as forming important stops along the way of the trade caravans that connected much of the Middle East.

Perhaps because of all this, the Date Industries in Israel, Palestine and Morocco are heavily supported by their governments in terms of grants for equipment and infrastructure.

Water is the most important element in successful date farming. Although Date Palms can survive long periods of drought, to fruit well they need a lot of water. The difference between getting 20kg of fruit a year or 150kg of fruit from a mature palm is largely due to the quantity and quality of the water. It is the difference between a sustenance crop and a commercial crop.

The use of recycled and brackish water combined with solar pumping systems can help alleviate this problem and make date farming more sustainable.

“I returned to Australia with the confidence to trust my farming instincts and to apply what I have learnt and to continue to build on my new connections and knowledge gained during my travels.”





The production and processing of dates in all the places I visited benefited greatly through being organised into local co-operative groups.

In Israel 70% of farmers are part of the Hadiklaim Growers Co-op, which helps coordinate marketing and research for all its members. The Moroccan Date Industry is completely dominated by small farmers co-ops and receive a lot of support from their government to survive.

Modern and traditional date farming techniques are worlds apart in technology and philosophy but would benefit from more of a cross over in ideas. Traditional farming would benefit from better use of fertiliser, irrigation systems and small mechanisation tools to raise yields and make farming easier for workers.

Modern farms would benefit from taking a more holistic and organic approach practiced by traditional methods.

Date Palms are an incredibly resilient crop and can tolerate huge temperature fluctuations. They are an ideally adapted crop for the coming challenges we face with climate change and increasing desertification.

There has been a real stop-start nature to the Australian Date Industry over the last 100 years. Small projects have been trialed all across the country, they worked but then failed for various reasons. Meanwhile the date palms are still growing the time seems right now for a new flourishing and growth of the sector; new markets, connections and farms are being established and local knowledge and culture of the Date Palm increases.

The existence of an Australian Date Industry is of great interest to everyone I met overseas. It was refreshing during my travels to be able to share what we are doing on our farm and to have this well received. I returned to Australia with the confidence to trust my farming instincts and to apply what I have learnt and to continue to build on my new connections knowledge gained during my travels.

I look forward to sharing what I have learnt with our fellow date farmers as well as the wider community. A particular goal is to work with small Indigenous communities to help set up date gardens for health and environmental benefits. There is a strong history and love of dates within Central Australian communities and I would like to help that grow into the future.

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Kate Cole

To investigate best practice to prevent illness and disease in tunnel construction workers

Silicosis has plagued sandstone workers in Australia since the early 1900s. After an initially recorded epidemic in the early 1900s, again in the 20s and 30s, and yet again in the 50s and 60s, these waves of disease due to exposure to high levels of silica dust during construction, are part of Australia's dark industrial history.

However for some, perhaps due to the many years gone past, because some in the industry are largely unaware of the issue, or because the true extent of silicotic workers is largely unknown, it is believed that this dark past has not, or will not, plague us again.

Tunnel construction represents a key part of building Australia's necessary infrastructure and services and is complimented by world-class feats of engineering. However, it is reasonable to expect that the delivery of such world class infrastructure will not be the cause of yet another epidemic of industrial disease in the future.

As we prepare for our next infrastructure boom which will arguably involve the largest amount of tunnelling into sandstone (and other quartz-containing rock) that Australia has ever seen, we have an opportune time to not only learn from our past but to look outwards internationally to define a best-practice approach to prevent illness and disease.

There are areas of excellence within the tunnelling industry; there are pockets of greatness where project management, engineers, supervisors, safety professionals, and occupational hygienists have implemented risk management systems that represent some of the best in comparison to what I have seen on this Fellowship. While those pockets are moments for us to be proud of, illness and disease prevention can only be realised when a holistic approach is taken across the entire sector, and where we collectively focus on all exposures that tunnel workers experience.

To do this, I believe the current health and safety framework that the tunnelling industry operates in needs a drastic de-dusting. Unless we make a change, there is little evidence to suggest that another wave of silicosis will not be realised. This change will rely on a multitude of key stakeholders working together to address the issue in a collaborative manner as well as a change in our collective attitude towards the "health" in "health and safety", because, in the words of Churchill himself, "attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference".

My Fellowship report is dedicated to the thousands of Australians who work in the great industry that is construction and tunnelling - an industry that has given me nothing but continued support. ■

[Download Kate's Fellowship report from our website churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4105/Kate+Cole](http://churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4105/Kate+Cole)

“ It has been an honour to be a recipient of a Churchill Fellowship and the highlight of my professional career. I would like to express my gratitude to the Trust for the opportunity to explore the area of industrial disease prevention in a rapidly growing high-risk sector, vital for Australia's infrastructure and our economy.”



Cameron Matthews

To research and develop improved sustainability practices for high end restaurants and food outlets



Over the past few years, it has been with dismay and concern that I have noted the decline in high end restaurants and the closure of many successful ones. This is partly due to the harsh working conditions and lack of new and talented chefs who are willing to perform the 'traditional' work – work at an over-demanding and unrealistic level. In addition, the fiscal side of running such a business is becoming much more difficult with ever increasing wage and food costs. It is my belief that there is a better way to achieve our goals as chefs without the old school behaviours that turn many people away from our industry.

My project aim was to investigate some of the kitchens and farms of the highest rated sustainable restaurants in the world, as rated by the San Pellegrino Top 50 Restaurants www.theworlds50best.com as a stagier, looking from the 'bottom up' to see what it takes in this modern day to become a chef at a Michelin Star level.

Below are a few trip highlights, although there were so many...

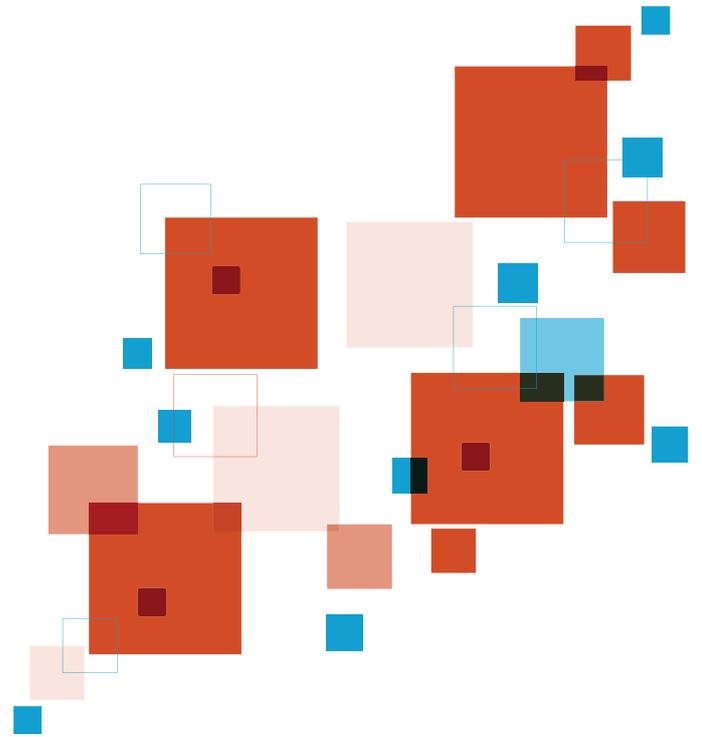
- Cooking with apprentices at the UK's Chichester College where we utilised reclaimed ingredients to prepare meals for underprivileged students. This was a UKHarvest initiative. www.chichester.co.uk/news/education/chichester-college-students-turn-waste-food-into-fabulous-meal-1-8001403
- Attending Chef Dan Barber's wastED pop up restaurant on the roof at Selfridge's, London, for a 12-course dinner where all ingredients were scrap and therefore destined for the bin, however instead turned into a series of delicious courses. www.selfridges.com/AU/en/content/article/wasted-london
- Representing Australia and cooking at the inaugural UKHarvest CEO Cookoff alongside Jamie Oliver whose Food Foundation was a major sponsor of the inaugural UKHarvest, meeting HRH, The Duchess of Cornwall, the UKHarvest Patron, and sharing knowledge with some of my personal food heroes. www.bbc.com/news/uk-39347994

I believe that I can now train and encourage a new generation of apprentices and chefs to implement and strengthen 'sustainability' best practices, ethos and ethical belief. The food industry requires more advocates to speak with authority about the issues involved. Through my recently acquired knowledge and ongoing learnings, I am confident I will be able to make a difference by sharing nationally a workable set of tools and resources that are easy to understand, attainable and achievable at all levels of our industry. ■

Download Cameron's Fellowship report from our website churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/4145/Cameron+Matthews

“ I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for providing me with this amazing opportunity to make change within my industry. It is such an honour and truly the highlight of my career thus far.”

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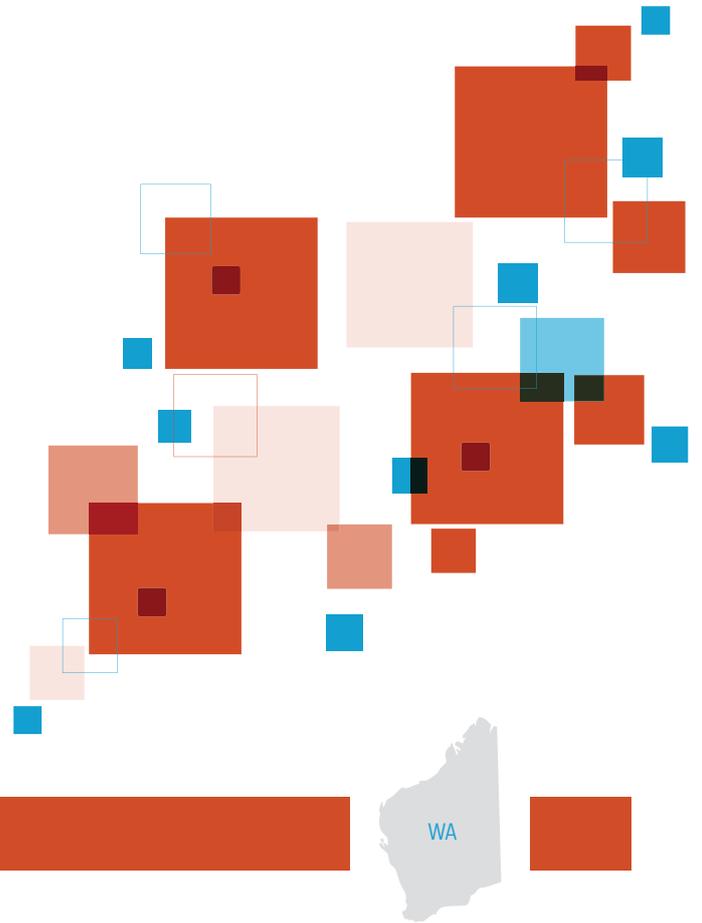
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CFA Activities around Australia

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

2017 was another busy year for the NSW Association with the tireless and faithful committee organising a number of successful events! A Medallion Dinner was organised in July to acknowledge the 2016 cohort of Fellows who had completed their travels and reports, with over 70 Fellows and friends attending a great night of music, entertainment and stories. Included in this group was Mark Robertson, our 2016 NSW Churchill Fellows' Association Sponsored Fellowship awardee, who had completed his travels and final report.

With healthy finances under the watchful eye of our Treasurer Kevin Gardner we are considering the possibility of sponsoring another NSW Association Fellowship in the near future.

The highlight of the year, as always, was in November with the presentation of new Fellows to the Governor followed by a spectacular dinner at Parliament House. The next morning about 50 Fellows and family attended an information session held at the historic City of Sydney Fire Station where tips and travel advice were offered by several returned Fellows.

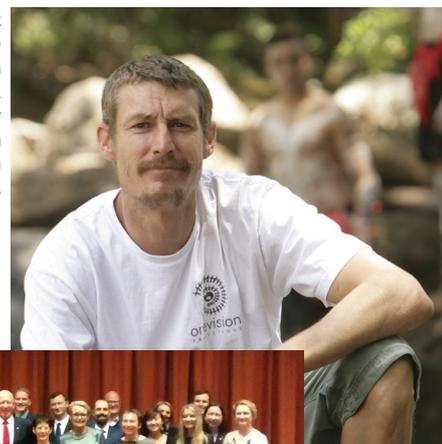
Apart from the two large dinner functions, throughout the year the Committee and in particular, Professor Elizabeth Comino, was kept busy organising six Churchill Chats where Fellows enthralled the audiences with their travel tales and report findings followed by dinner and drinks. These events are held regularly in a central city location to attract city workers, starting at 6pm with presentations and a dinner at 7.30pm.

Many of the NSW Association members and their partners ventured to Canberra in October for another brilliant National Convention hosted by our colleagues in the ACT Fellows' Association.

Additionally, a number of the Committee travelled as part of the Churchill Trust National Roadshow of Information Sessions contingent to promote the Fellowships to hundreds of potential Fellows in Sydney, Albury, Armidale, Woollongong and Coffs Harbour.

In December, a number of our committee were lucky enough to be invited to the Media launch of *Darkest Hour* which also incorporated the debut of the newly released Fellowship promotional advertisement that was screened in cinemas nationally throughout January 2018 as a prelude to this movie!

Pictured right Mark Robertson received 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



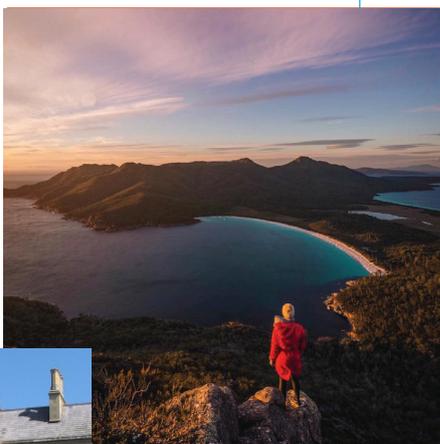
Pictured above 25 new Fellows were presented to His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales (centre) at Parliament House



Pictured right NSW Regional Secretary and Churchill Fellow Grant Wargren and Fellowship Sponsor Peter Merry welcome attendees to the Sydney Information Session



Pictured above One of the many places to visit when you attend the National Convention of Churchill Fellows in April 2019, Wineglass Bay, Tasmania



TAS CFA President's Report

Our annual dinner was held at the Old Woolstore in Hobart on Friday 20 October 2017 with over 60 in attendance to hear and enjoy presentations from new Fellows as well as reports from returning Fellows. We were joined by Sally Campbell and Emma Robertson from the Trust with Sally raising the toast to Churchill.



Pictured above and below 2017 Tasmanian Churchill Fellows were announced at Government House in Hobart

Prior to the dinner, we were warmly hosted by Her Excellency, Professor The Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor and her husband Dick Warner (CF 99) in official recognition of new Fellows and presentation of medallions to returned Fellows at Government House.

The following week a contingent of Tasmanians travelled to Canberra for the biennial National Convention of Churchill Fellows. What a terrific few days it was with excellent organisation, interesting sessions and a very memorable dinner.

As it is our turn to host the 2019 Convention, we established a committee including a professional conference organiser and have been meeting regularly since the ACT event. We have planned an impressive programme that will showcase some fascinating Tasmanian Fellows who have amazing stories to share.

The Convention will be held from Friday 5 April to Sunday 7 April 2019 and sessions will be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel. There will be some optional tours on the Sunday at other venues.

We encourage you to visit our evolving Convention website at www.churchillconventiontas.org.au. You can now register at the early bird rate for what promises to be a most enjoyable 3 days with the opportunity to spend extra time touring Tasmania.

Darkest Hour was screened at the State Theatre in North Hobart on Wednesday 13 December 2017 to an audience of Churchill Fellows, family and friends. Gary Oldman was splendid in the role of Churchill who held our attention throughout this incredible movie.

The National Roadshow of Information Sessions arrived in Hobart on 28 February and Launceston on 1 March, with Trust CEO Adam Davey leading the proceedings. Local Fellows gave interesting presentations with Tasmanian Panel and CFA members attending.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the National Convention of Churchill Fellows in April 2019. ■

Philip Thomson [1995 Churchill Fellow] TAS CFA President

Our new Association logo was finalised which now appears on our correspondence and gold lapel pins have been produced which are presented to Fellows and others who may provide assistance to our Association from time to time.

The Committee continues to utilise the Zoom teleconference platform to hold its monthly committee meetings which we strictly limit to one hour of discussion. All members agree that a great deal of time is saved by not having to travel for face to face meetings. We can thoroughly recommend this system of meetings to other Associations if they are not already utilising a similar system. The quality of the vision and sound is excellent for such a cheap cost. ■

Ian Krimmer [1992 Churchill Fellow] NSW CFA President

CFA Activities around Australia

VIC CFA President's Report

The Churchill Fellows Association Victoria (CFAV) held five roadshow events early in the year, in Mildura, Ballarat, Warragul, and two in Melbourne at the MCG. Whilst we were happy with the overall turnout we were disappointed to hear that the number of applications were down for Victoria this year. The CFAV Committee is discussing and considering strategies to encourage more applications from a wider field.

The AGM and Medallion dinner was held on Friday 20 July. Fourteen Fellows presented their project findings. At the AGM Ben Nichol森 stepped down from the committee and we welcomed Tom Noble (CF 2015) and Julie Grainger (CF 2012).

A Churchill Breakfast was held on Thursday 30 August at Deloitte's with award-winning journalists Caroline Wilson and Jake Niall as guest speakers who shared career insights and inspiration with Churchill Fellows and guests.

A highlight of the year was the CFAV Workplace visit to the Air Ambulance Victoria Centre on Saturday 1 September to highlight the work of Anthony de Wit, who received the Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship in 2011 to study aero-medical patient care and mission safety practices and Yvonne Singer, who received the Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship in 2007 to study burns surveillance, prevention and management.

The dinner to welcome our new 2018 Fellows will be held at The Pavillion Arts Centre following the presentation of awards by the Governor, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC on Friday 16 November. ■

Anne Hooker [2007 Churchill Fellow] VIC CFA President

Pictured right and below Churchill Fellows Erin Roche, Doseena Fergie and Liam O'Keefe shared their Fellowship experiences with attendees at the Melbourne Information Session at the MCG



Pictured above Churchill Fellows Nick McKenzie, Anne Hooker and Julie Grainger with journalists Caroline Wilson and Jake Niall at another successful CFAV Breakfast

Pictured right
WA Board Director
Robert Harvey with
2017 Churchill Fellow
Fiona Ewington and
her husband Damien
Ewington at the Annual
WA Medallion
Awards Dinner



Pictured left WA Regional
Secretary Cheryle Poultney
with 2014 Churchill Fellow
Susan Benson at the dinner



WA CFA President's Report

2017 was an unusual time for the Churchill Fellows Association of Western Australia (CFAWA), as we accommodated the change in timing for the selection and awarding of new Fellows.

We hosted two dinners to welcome new Fellows, and to celebrate our returning Medallionists. One of the Fellows was a recipient of the CFAWA's sponsored Fellowship, which we were very pleased to have contributed. This enabled Angela O'Connor to gain support for her work with pregnant women experiencing challenges with drugs.

Our recruitment drive saw three information sessions being hosted, spanning the far flung areas of WA. In addition to Perth, recruitment sessions at Albany and Broome were also held. It was particularly pleasing to see such a strong turnout in Broome despite torrential rain.

This latter event generated a notable number of Fellows from the Kimberley, which was wonderful to see. The CFAWA again supported its new Fellows with mentors and an extensive induction session to support their planning. The Fellowship cohorts are now building their own networks and support linkages, which has been a great outcome. Our newsletter continues to be a key feature and support for our Fellows.

The Committee also saw some additions and departures through the year. We farewelled Mike Bell, Mike Coe, Floeur Alder and Rejane Legrange. The Committee also welcomed Ricki Smith, Fiona and Rob Donaldson. Continuing members were Keren McCullagh, Anne McCrudden, Troy Kirkham, Susan Benson, Rebecca Prince Ruiz and Shelda Debowski.

The work of our Fellows continues to build impact. A key outcome from 2017 was the establishment of Plastic Free July as a registered charity. This initiative has been nurtured by Rebecca Prince-Ruiz (2015), as she has aimed to build increasing awareness and concerns about the problem of plastic waste in Australia.

All photos by Christine Glenister ■

Shelda Debowski [2011 Churchill Fellow] WA CFA President



Pictured above WA CFA President
Shelda Debowski at the WA
Dinner with Churchill Fellow
Mark Webb (left) and partner
John Debowski



Pictured above The WA CFA
Committee Engine Room Keren
McCullagh and Anne McCrudden
enjoying the WA Annual Dinner

CFA Activities around Australia

SA CFA President's Report

The 2017/18 year has flashed past at lightning speed. What a year for a number of firsts and significant achievements.

The Churchill Fellow' Association of SA (CFASA) has long lamented not having any sponsored Fellowship other than our own CFASA Fellowship. After considerable work by the CFASA identifying potential sponsors the process was finalised by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (WCMT).

South Australia now proudly has three sponsored Fellowships on offer: The Terry Lavender CF OAM (1991) Fellowship duly named after the pioneering nature trekker, and funded through a fund raising and promotional collaboration between Walking SA and the CFASA; the Richard Rischbieth Fellowship named after the father of Henry Rischbieth (CF 2000), and funded by the Rischbieth family; and the Doctor Susan V Nelle Fellowship funded by the South Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regions. We look forward to generating more community and business interest in sponsoring Churchill Fellowships in the future.

Each year Churchill Fellows provide their time, expertise and community profile supporting our Churchill Chats. This year we held a Churchill Chat on the very significant community issue of domestic and family violence.

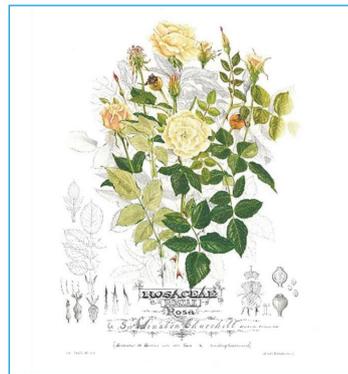
Over a number of years Churchill Fellows have been at the forefront of professionalising the response to domestic violence and the provision of prevention services in South Australia. We opened this Churchill Chat up to the general public for the first time. The event was conducted in a panel and discussion format where issues of coordination of resources and inter-agency collaboration, prosecution difficulties, family violence and sexual assault prevention programs, and ways of holding perpetrators accountable were discussed.

The contributors were Stewart Dodd CF (2017), Donna Mayhew CF (2015), Ellen Poyner CF (2014), and Katharine Short CF (2008) with special guest Detective Senior Sergeant Walter Conte.

Pictured right SA CFA President Graeme Adcock with SA CFA Patron, His Excellency The Governor Mr Hieu Van Le and Mrs Le at the SA CFA Annual Medallion Presentation Dinner



Pictured right CF (1967) Elizabeth Silsbury and the SA CFA Patron, His Excellency The Governor Mr Hieu Van Le and Mrs Le on the 50th anniversary of Elizabeth's Churchill Fellowship



Pictured above The botanical art work of the 'Sir Winston Churchill Rose' by world renowned botanical artist Gilbert Dashorst CF (1988)



Pictured above Churchill Fellow Lainie Anderson presented with her Fellowship Medallion by SA CFA Patron, His Excellency The Governor Mr Hieu Van Le

Pictured right Churchill Fellow Will Raynor was interviewed by CFASA Committee member Christine Morris after receiving his Churchill Fellowship medallion from His Excellency The Governor Mr Hieu Van Le



an adventure training environment in the Flinders Ranges for troubled children.

Walking SA highlighted the enormous contribution Terry Lavender made to trail development in South Australia and the South Australian Government representative advised on the direction trail development was taking in South Australia.



Pictured left Churchill Fellow Melissa Judge (bronze sculptor) presenting at the Adelaide Information Session

This proved a great financial foundation for the launch of the Fellowship. Coupled with other fund raising the Fellowship dollar target was met and the CFASA is very proud to have offered this sponsored Fellowship to South Australia this year.

In another first the WCMT supported Dr Thomas Smith CF (2002) who is now the head of aerospace physiology, King's College London, to return to South Australia as one of the key note speakers at the internationally acclaimed Festival of Ideas.

The CEO of the Festival of Ideas is Sandy Verschoor CF (1998). Dr Smith's presentation contributed towards the development of the infant space industry in Australia and linked him in to the many exciting threads of this rapidly expanding industry.

The CFASA also contributed towards the promotion of Churchill Fellowships by conducting a panel at the internationally renowned SALA (South Australia Living Artists) Festival. The CEO of the SALA festival is Penny Griggs CF (2015). The panel consisted of Stephen Bowers CF (2014) ceramic artist, Penny Griggs and past selection panel member and CEO of the Jam Factory, Brian Parkes. Considerable interest was generated within the Arts industry.

A further major initiative throughout the year has been the botanical art work of the 'Sir Winston Churchill' rose by world renowned botanical artist Gilbert Dashorst CF (1988). The rare rose was searched for and located by Pat Toolan CF (2002) at the request of Mottisfont Abbey, UK and propagated by John Zwar OAM CF (1978). Propagated rose plants have been sent to the Churchill College, Cambridge, UK and also Churchill House, Canberra. The original botanical artwork will hang proudly in Churchill House while 100 artist signed and numbered copies of this brilliant and valuable artwork will be offered for sale Australia wide via the WCMT website 'SHOP'. Funds raised will go towards another CFASA sponsored Fellowship. Interested Fellows are advised to keep an eye on the Trust website for further details. ■



Pictured above Churchill Fellow Kylie Agnew was keynote speaker at the launch of the 'CFASA Terry Lavender Fellowship'.

The event was a resounding success and builds confidence in our ability to showcase the work of Fellows who do not have something 'tangible' to show for their hard work and commitment to our community.

For the first time the CFASA collaborated with an external agency to raise funds and promote a sponsored Fellowship. Walking SA partnered with the CFASA in a Churchill Chat at a popular hotel in amongst the great patchwork of walking, horse riding and mountain bike trails in the Adelaide Hills. Presentations and contributions were made from representatives from the South Australian Government, walking groups and our own adventurer Kylie Agnew CF (2012), who highlighted her work with Operation Flinders,

Graeme Adcock [2002 Churchill Fellow] SA CFA President

CFA Activities around Australia

QLD CFA President's Report

In March, we 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; 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, and 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 driven by Churchill Fellow Kip McIntyre. Churchillians are really an eclectic bunch.

The dinner to welcome the new Fellows was a huge success, with over 100 guests. March also saw our Committee hit the road to advertise the Trust and promote applications at four information sessions. We spoke to over 300 Queenslanders in four cities: Brisbane, Toowoomba, Mackay and Cairns. I'm pleased to say we have been asked back to all these cities.

In September, we again congratulated several Medallion recipients. Under the MC's watchful brief, we again had the formal part of the evening completed as the first fly over began and the fireworks commenced as part of the Riverfire festivities.

In November, we welcomed 18 new Fellows, in fields ranging from next-generation cell processing techniques to advance Australian cell-based therapeutics; 3D printing solutions for the treatment of children with bone deformities; building a citizen-science program for understanding and conserving Queensland's unique avian biodiversity; workplace suicide prevention; high horn playing skills; and the almost lost art of tinsmithing.

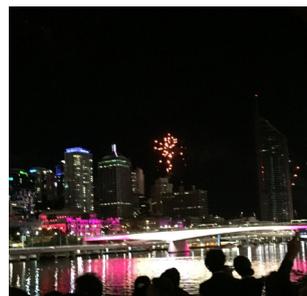
The second award ceremony at Government House was also held on a particularly humid day. Again. It's always lovely to have a cucumber sandwich or two, and see the excitement of our new Fellows. The dinner to welcome the new Fellows was a huge success.

Pictured right and below

Following welcome drinks and canapes on the deck at 2017 Riverfire Churchill Fellow Ken Horrigan invited Fellows and guests into the function room at the State Library to present medallions to five returning Fellows. Doon McColl couldn't attend however pre-recorded a thank you video which was played at the presentation



Pictured right Trust CEO Adam Davey and CFAQ President Fiona Hawthorne present Narelle Dickinson with her Fellowship Medallion



Pictured above CFA President Fiona Hawthorne and Vice President Ken Horrigan with medallion recipients Cameron Matthews, Narelle Dickinson, Justin Francis, Corinne McMillan and Rosetta Cook



Pictured above
New Fellows gather for
the CFAQ Induction Session



Pictured above Churchill Fellow
Matthew Shepherd presents at the
Brisbane Information Session

Two dinners in less than 10 months shows just how slick we are as a committee in running these events. 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 the weekend's events.

Our AGM was held in April and I was honoured to be elected President. I am sincerely thankful to the past-President Fiona Hawthorne for her hard work over a very busy year. The new Committee comprises Stephen Withers Vice-President, Damian Sammon Secretary, Robyn Grote Co-Treasurer, Kelvin Slade Co-Treasurer and members Fiona Hawthorne, Maura Solley, Melanie White and Paul Biggin.

The Committee is now hard at work organising this year's events and supporting the Queensland Regional Selection Committee. My heartfelt thanks to all involved in making the past year so successful. ■

Ken Horrigan [2009 Churchill Fellow] QLD CFA President

CFA Activities around Australia

ACT CFA President's Report

2017 was an exciting year for the ACT Churchill Fellows Association as hosts of the biennial National Convention and many other activities.

The year started at full speed when we hosted an information session on Wednesday 28 February as part of the annual National Roadshow of Information Sessions coordinated by the Trust. The Legislative Assembly was at full capacity with potential applicants. This interest was reflected in the 76 applications received by the Trust when applications closed at the end of April.

We then hosted a well attended mid-year Fireside Churchill Chat at the Mercure Hotel in July to hear from three recently returned Churchill Fellows who shared highlights and reflections from their journey.

Thank you to the ACT Churchill Fellows who gave up their time to share their experiences including **Zack Bryers**, who had investigated the *Cure Violence* approach to reducing violence within at risk communities, **Jessica Aulich** who examined models for addressing domestic violence to inform Australian policy and **Darcy Henderson** who wanted to gain practical knowledge and expertise in sustainable green construction from world leading countries.

We were extremely busy throughout the year organising the National Convention of Churchill Fellows. Over two and a half days from the 27-29 October 2017, close to 200 Churchill Fellows and guests from every state and territory gathered in the nation's capital to listen to, learn from and share ideas relating to *What Happened Next* in their Churchill Fellowship journey.

Over 40 Fellows presented in a series of panels and interactive conversations at the Shine Dome (Australian Academy of Science). The discussions were lively, ideas were challenged and friendships were formed (go to page 20 for a full report on this successful event).

In late September we welcomed a new cohort of eight Churchill Fellows and had the pleasure of announcing them at the Convention Gala Dinner held at the Australian War Memorial on Saturday 28 October.

Pictured right His Excellency General the Hon. Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) presents Churchill Fellow Sarah May with her Fellowship Certificate at Government House



Pictured above Churchill Fellow Jackson Dannock with his parents Roger and Tanya Dannock at Government House



Pictured left His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) addressed the 2017 Churchill Fellows



Pictured above His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Lady Cosgrove with Churchill Fellow Paul Reynolds and his family at Government House

Pictured below The Honourable Vicki O'Hallorhan AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory addressed the 2017 Churchill Fellows at Government House



Pictured below Over 90 NT residents turned out for the Darwin Information Session



In December, members of the ACT CFA were pleased to be invited to the Trust's exclusive screening of *Darkest Hour* in Canberra at the Palace Cinemas in New Acton. Refreshingly this event replaced our annual Christmas Drinks on the House event, held every other year at Churchill House.

Prior to the screening we held our annual AGM in the cinema lounge. Bill Caddy stepped down as President, I was elected to the position and we welcomed new 2017 Churchill Fellows Paul Reynolds and Sarah May to the committee.

I would like to thank Bill Caddy for his tenure as President. His enthusiasm and dedication to the role has been quite a hard act to follow! However, committee members and I are committed to operating with the same passion for the Association that Bill always demonstrated. ■

Ian Drayton [2016 Churchill Fellow] ACT CFA President

NT CFA President's Report

The 2017/18 year was another great one for the Churchill Fellows' Association of the Northern Territory (CFANT). In 2017, we were extremely pleased to have 7 Territorian Fellows announced, a terrific achievement for a small jurisdiction like ours, and testament to the high quality of our applicants.

Other highlights for the year included the superb reception honouring new Fellows in March 2018 at our beautiful Government House.

Our Information Sessions, held in both Darwin and Alice Springs in March 2017, again proved incredibly popular and I'd like to thank all our wonderful Fellows, and Charles Webb from our Selection Panel, for sharing their insights and stories.

We continue to see a strong representation of Central Australian applications, no doubt due to Alice Springs Information Sessions and related media coverage, getting the message out to the community.

Efforts by the CFANT Committee to provide support to Fellowship applicants, and mentoring to new Fellows. This continues to be a crucial role of the Committee, and one we are happy to continue to assist with.

Key priorities for CFANT include holding a Medallion function in late 2018 and an event for recently returned Fellows to share their stories with not only other Fellows, but the community more generally.

The CFANT also continues to look at innovative, new approaches to convey the message about Churchill Fellowships to Aboriginal Territorians in a more accessible way, and to support Aboriginal people to be able to access Churchill Fellowships.

This would also very much support the Trust's Strategic Direction 3, which relates to ensuring a cohort of Fellows that reflects all walks of life. In the Northern Territory, where 30% of the NT population is Aboriginal, this is a major challenge but one that we will continue to focus on.

I would like to thank our wonderful committee for their fantastic work this year, in particular our Vice President Nancy Devlin, Secretary Lee Wood and Treasurer Angela O'Donnell.

I would also like to thank the Churchill Trust and all their wonderful staff for their ongoing support, as well as Suzan Cox QC and the dedicated and hard-working Northern Territory Regional Committee. ■

Jared Sharp [2012 Churchill Fellow] NT CFA President

Introducing the 2017 Churchill Fellows

Mr Jackson Dannock (pictured right)

Director
CoHouse Pty Ltd

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to investigate
the key elements of successful cohousing and how
this can benefit the community - UK, Denmark,
Germany, Sweden, USA





109

Number of Churchill Fellowships awarded to talented and deserving Australians in 2017 at an estimated cost of \$2.82m

4246

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

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New South Wales



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

Dr Clare Arnott

Cardiologist
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

To gain expertise in diagnosis, treatment and prevention of women's cardiovascular disease - USA

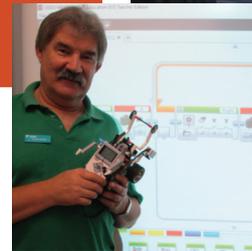
Clare Arnott



Mr Richard Baranski

Head Teacher, Faculty of Business and Education
TAFE NSW, Narrabri Campus

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to identify the most beneficial implementation of EV3 robotics into STEM educational programs - USA, UK, Denmark, Japan, South Korea, China, Singapore



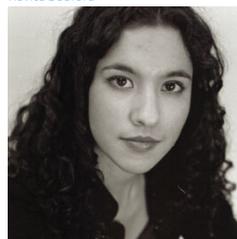
Richard Baranski

Ms Kavita Bedford

Editor, The Point Magazine
Multicultural NSW

To combat violent extremism by exploring international 'alternative narrative' approaches - Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, UK, Turkey, Greece

Kavita Bedford



Dr Caroline Butler-Bowdon

Director of Strategy and Engagement
Sydney Living Museums
(Historic Houses Trust of NSW)

To investigate the best new global models of visitor accessibility and experience at heritage sites - UK, Denmark, USA, Canada

Caroline Butler-Bowdon



Steven Caruana



Stephanie Cousins



Anastasia Glushko



Robert George

Mr Steven Caruana

Assistant Director of Detention Inspections
Commonwealth Ombudsman

To enhance best practice inspection methodologies for oversight bodies with an Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture focus - UK, Norway, Switzerland, Malta, Greece, New Zealand

Ms Stephanie Cousins

Food, Climate and Humanitarian Advocacy Manager
Oxfam Australia

To identify safe pathways for refugees and asylum seekers - Italy, Switzerland, Brazil, Canada

Dr Robert George

Medical Practitioner
NSW Health Service

To investigate keystone antimicrobial resistance surveillance initiatives of benefit to Australia - Switzerland, Sweden, UK, USA

Ms Anastasia Glushko

Chief Executive
Why Not You Project

To investigate programs that support the transition of young people in foster care into university - UK, Hungary, Spain, USA



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New South Wales



Ms Alexandra Harrington

Chief Operating Officer

The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering Limited

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to identify global best practice policy regarding autonomous vehicles for Australia - USA, France, Germany, Japan

Dr Emily He

Consultant Gastroenterologist

NSW Cancer Council

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to improve the effectiveness of bowel cancer screening in Australia using next generation testing - USA, UK

Dr Toby Heap

Chief Executive

H2 Ventures

To investigate and learn from startup accelerators and innovation ecosystems - Israel, Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, UK, India, China, Singapore

Mr Craig Hughes-Cashmore

Chief Executive

Survivors and Mates Support Network (SAMSN)

To investigate best practice methods and support models to assist male survivors of child sexual abuse - New Zealand, USA, UK, Ireland

Toby Heap



Alexandra Harrington



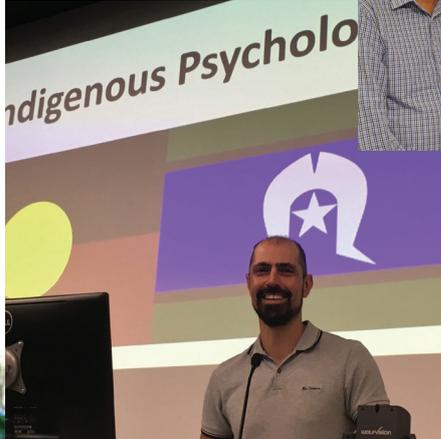
Emily He

Jed Long



Craig Hughes-Cashmore

Mehmet Mahmut



Robert Lawson



Gabrielle Kuiper

Dr Gabrielle Kuiper

Director, Energy and Climate Change
NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

To investigate the regulation of clean, smart, customer-centric energy networks - USA, UK, Belgium, France, Germany

Mr Robert Lawson

Student Pathways Advisor Senior Pathways
Secondary Education
NSW Department of Education

To investigate transition programs from school to work for students with disability - USA, UK, Ireland

Dr Jessica Madden

General Practitioner
Federation Clinic Wodonga

To investigate Indigenous health education for general practitioner trainees - New Zealand, Canada

Dr Mehmet Mahmut

Tertiary Education Teacher
Macquarie University

To discover innovative methods for embedding Indigenous content and teaching into psychology degrees - New Zealand, USA, Canada

Ms Sophie Mathisen

Writer & Director
Festival & Executive Director
Self-Employed - For Film's Sake

To conduct a global investigation into affirmative action gender equity programs in the film industry - USA, Sweden, UK, Canada, China



Sophie Mathisen



Jessica Madden





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New South Wales

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

Ms Peggy McDonald

Volunteer Raptor Rehabilitator/Conservationist

To advance and exchange our knowledge of Australian raptor rehabilitation and release techniques - USA, Canada, UK, United Arab Emirates, South Africa

Mrs Carolyn Nixon

Director
Corruption Prevention and Intelligence Assessments
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

To research new, practical methods to fight law enforcement corruption by organised crime - Hong Kong, Austria, Lithuania, Estonia, Finland

Associate Professor Sarah O'Shea

Principal Fellow, HEA
University of Wollongong

To explore best practice in retaining students who are first-in-family to attend university - UK, Canada, USA

Ms Angela Ryan

General Manager
Australian Digital Health Agency

To investigate methods for preventing patient harm through national digital health safety governance - UK, Canada, USA

Ms Rachel Scott

Senior Reliability Engineer, Naval Technical Bureau
Royal Australia Navy

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to bring international Reliability Engineering best practice to Australian Defence and industry - Singapore, Japan, Russia, UK

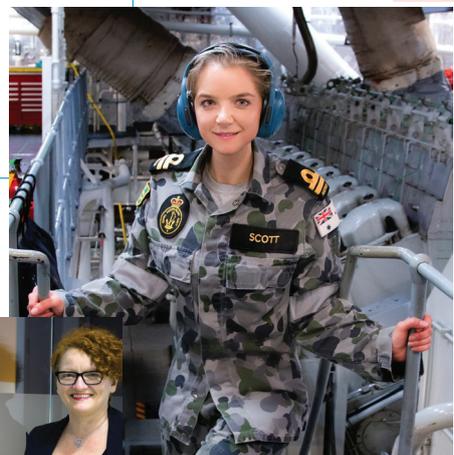
Carolyn Nixon



Peggy McDonald



Sarah O'Shea



Rachel Scott



Angela Ryan

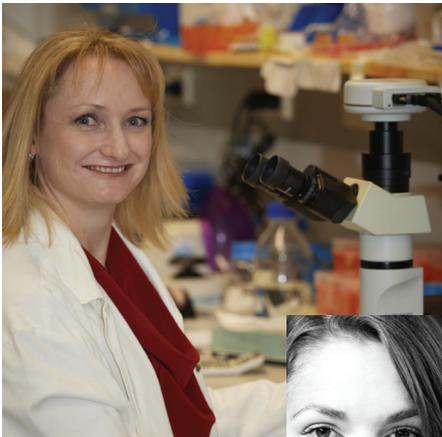
Rebecca Sng



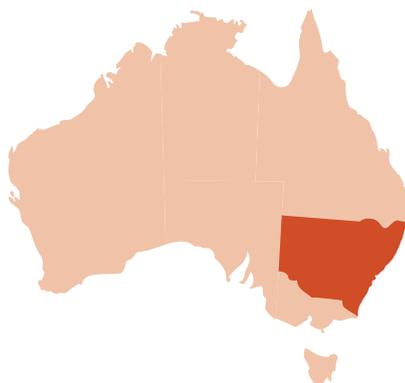
Ebru Sumaktas



Leigh Waddell



Anthea Williams



Dr Rebecca Sng

Manager, Primary Mental Health Services
Grand Pacific Health

To investigate international programs supporting parenting following family and domestic violence - USA, UK

Ms Ebru Sumaktas

Senior Policy Officer, Disability and Employment
NSW Department Family and Community Services

To examine successful programs for the employment of people with disability in the open labour market - UK, Germany, USA

Dr Leigh Waddell

Laboratory & Diagnostics Manager, Postdoctoral Scientist
Institute for Neuroscience and Muscle Research,
The Children's Hospital at Westmead

To learn the latest genomic analytical tools for genetic diagnosis of rare neuromuscular disorders - USA

Ms Anthea Williams

Associate Director
Belvoir Street Theatre

To research the best play, writer and audience development models in English speaking theatres - USA, Canada, UK

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Victoria

Mr David Bartlett

Case Manager, Dedicated Source Unit
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to understand the methods, risks and benefits of the international deployment of human sources - USA, Canada, UK, Netherlands, New Zealand

Dr Adam Best

Research Group Leader/Senior Research Scientist
CSIRO Manufacturing

To develop improved electrolytes to enable the lithium metal electrode for high energy batteries - Germany, UK

Senior Sergeant Greg Dean

Manager, Welfare Services
Victoria Police

To investigate early intervention in mental illnesses for serving police and peer support for former police employees - USA, Canada, UK, Hong Kong

Miss Cherise Donovan

Officer in Charge, Drug Court
Department of Justice & Regulation

To investigate and research effective Drug Court initiatives - USA, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand

Mr Rafael Epstein

Host, Drive
ABC Radio

To ensure fake news and extremism don't distort debate while ensuring a diversity of voices – USA

Cherise Donovan



Adam Best



Greg Dean



Rafael Epstein

Scott Falconer



Geraldine McDonald



Helen Millicer

Mr Scott Falconer

Assistant Chief Fire Officer
Loddon Mallee Forest, Fire and Regions
Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning

The Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Churchill Fellowship to create close partnerships with and jobs for traditional owners in fire and land management - USA, Canada

Mrs Bianca Handyside

Senior Analyst, Specialist Intelligence Team
Counter Terrorism Command, Victoria Police

To investigate the role of women in violent Islamist extremism - USA, Canada, Netherlands, France, UK

Ms Geraldine McDonald

Director Wellbeing
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to determine the feasibility of implementing a volunteer model of patient navigators in cancer care - USA, Canada, UK

Ms Helen Millicer

Business Administration Manager
Vinyl Council of Australia

To increase recycling and reprocessing of plastics in Australia - UK, Belgium, Germany, Malaysia





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Victoria

*"Difficulties mastered
are opportunities won..."*

Mr Marcus Mulcahy

Classroom Teacher and
Learning Technologies Coordinator
Carrum Primary School

The Nancy Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to optimise
digital technology learning and skills in primary
schools – USA

Marcus Mulcahy



Mr James O'Brien

Education Aid
Villa Maria Catholic Homes
St. Paul's College

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to
research new content and electronic delivery of
training for Prader-Willi Syndrome for city, regional
and remote communities – USA



James O'Brien

Assoc. Professor Lisa O'Brien

Director of Research
School of Primary and Allied Health Care
Monash University

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship
to gain new knowledge regarding 3D-printed hand
prostheses - USA, Brazil, UK, Netherlands



Katarina Palmgren

Ms Katarina Palmgren

Court Legal Advisor
The Magistrates' Court of Victoria

To explore the use of online dispute resolution to
resolve civil disputes - Canada, USA, UK, Netherlands,
France



Lisa O'Brien

Julie Reilly



Stephen Poropat



Dr Stephen Poropat

Postdoctoral Fellow (Palaeontology)
Swinburne University of Technology

To explore the impact of continental drift and climate change on Southern Hemisphere dinosaur faunas – Argentina

Debra Robertson



Ms Julie Reilly

Chief Executive Officer
Australian Women Donors Network

To identify more effective personal and institutional giving to women and girls - USA, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, UK



Tim Roache

Mr Tim Roache

Business Manager
Gardiner Dairy Foundation

The Jack Green Churchill Fellowship to modernise milk price models and manage price risk in the Australian dairy market - Netherlands, UK, Ireland, Sweden, USA, New Zealand

Detective Superintendent Debra Robertson

Police Officer
Victoria Police

To develop a workplace policing model which builds flexibility, fairness and equity - Ireland, UK, Iceland, Norway, USA





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Victoria

*“Out of intense complexities,
intense simplicities emerge...”*

Dr Avnika Ruparelia

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute
Monash University

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to investigate the molecular cues that drive age-related muscle wasting using Killifish - Germany

Avnika Ruparelia



Mrs Julia Symons

General Manager
Netball Australia

To investigate elite sports environments that enable culturally diverse women to thrive - New Zealand, USA, UK



Julia Symons

Mr Nicholas Verso

Freelance Director
ABC Television

To learn the process of leading television showrunners - USA, UK



Natalie Walker

Ms Natalie Walker

Founder
PartnerSPEAK

To explore peer support as a trauma-informed response to families of online child sex offenders - USA, New Zealand



Nicholas Verso



Mr Scott Falconer

The Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Churchill Fellowship to create close partnerships with and jobs for traditional owners in fire and land management

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Queensland

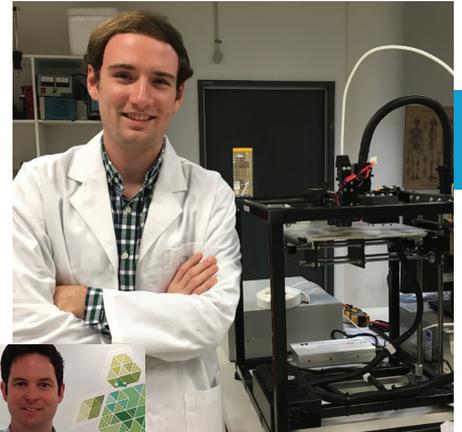


Mr Jeremy Baldwin

Research Associate
Queensland University of Technology

To explore next generation cell processing techniques to advance Australian cell based therapeutics – Germany

Jeremy Baldwin



Dr Christopher Carty

Clinical Motion Analysis Consultant
Children's Health Queensland

To learn the latest 3D printing solutions for the treatment of children with bone deformities - USA, Belgium



Christopher Carty

Ms Michelle Deshong

Chief Executive
Australian Indigenous Governance Institute

The James Love Churchill Fellowship to research and apply best practice on Indigenous governance and leadership models - USA, Canada, New Zealand



Michelle Deshong

Dr Emma Di Marco

Tertiary Education Teacher
Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University

To progress contemporary Australian music by exploring performer-composer relationships globally - USA, Netherlands, UK



Emma Di Marco

Dr Leigh Donovan

Education, Health and/or Welfare Services Manager
Children's Health Queensland

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to identify and develop guidelines for best practice paediatric hospital bereavement care services - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Sweden, South Africa



Leigh Donovan

Kylie Johnson



William Feeney



Yasmin Kahn



Jorgen Gullestrup



Dr William Feeney

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
University of Queensland

To build a citizen-science program for understanding and conserving Queensland's unique avian biodiversity - South Africa, UK, Germany, Switzerland, USA

Mr Jorgen Gullestrup

Chief Executive
MATES in Construction

To investigate and understand approaches to workplace suicide prevention and mental health globally - Switzerland, Denmark, UK, USA, New Zealand

Ms Kylie Johnson

Self-employed Owner/Director
Paper Boat Press

To study the Japanese art of Kintsugi and explore successful models of gallery spaces for ceramics – Japan

Ms Yasmin Khan

President
Queensland Eidfest Association

To look at best practice methods to support victims of domestic violence from the Indian subcontinent - Singapore, Malaysia, UK, Canada, USA

2017 CHURCHILL FELLOWS

Queensland



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

Dr Li Li

Research Fellow
University of Queensland

To develop a novel imaging-guided precision medicine for glioblastoma multiforme – China

Miss Lauren Manuel

Tutti Horn Musician
Queensland Symphony Orchestra

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to study the techniques and further develop my skills to become a high horn player - USA, Germany, Austria, UK

Ms Sally McKenzie

Freelance Writer
TheCoalface Pty Ltd

To research screenwriting tenets within playwriting contexts and institutions with playwriting courses - UK, Canada, USA

Ms Rebecca Morgan

Self-employed Tinsmith
Tinkers World

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to study the near lost art of Tinsmithing - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland

Mrs Kathryn Morton

Senior Advisor, Experience Development
Tourism and Events Queensland

To investigate and design new, innovative approaches to grow and market Indigenous tourism experiences - USA, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand

Lauren Manuel



Li Li



Sally McKenzie



Rebecca Morgan



Kathryn Morton

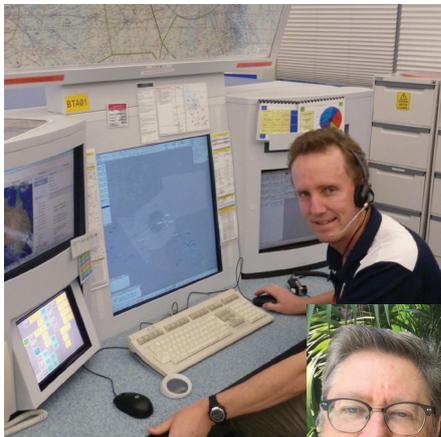
Lara Wieland



Veronica Neave



Scott Turner



Greg Turner

Miss Veronica Neave

Lecturer/Actor, Workshop Facilitator/Intern Creative Producer
New York Film Academy/Queensland Theatre Company/CIRCA!

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to further my Shakespeare studies in order to become a distinguished Shakespearean performance teacher - UK, USA

Mr Greg Turner

Owner & Principal Consultant Psychologist
Global Community Consulting

To gain knowledge to further support the mental health of refugees settling in Australia - USA, Canada, Sweden, Germany, Denmark, UK

Mr Scott Turner

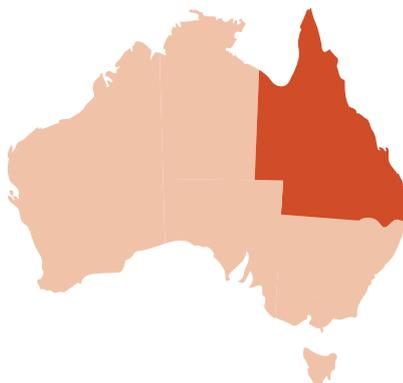
Air Traffic Controller
Airservices Australia

To research air traffic procedures leading to airspace redesign at major Australian airports - Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Netherlands, UK, USA, Canada

Dr Lara Wieland

Senior Lecturer - Tablelands
JCU Medicine & Generalist Medical Training
James Cook University

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to learn and apply lessons on how to recruit, retain and care for health professionals in rural health – Canada



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South Australia

Mr Stuart Barr

Legal Professional
Norman Waterhouse Lawyers

To examine leading dispute resolution practices upon cross-cultural family breakdown - Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada

Stuart Barr



Ms Julie Blake

Chief Executive
Westside Housing Association

To investigate successful resident participation strategies in neighbourhood renewal of public housing - UK, Ireland, Italy



Julie Blake

Miss Monica Diaz

Clinical Midwife/Registered Nurse
Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide

To explore the care and support available to women with female genital mutilation during pregnancy - UK, Ireland, Switzerland, Belgium

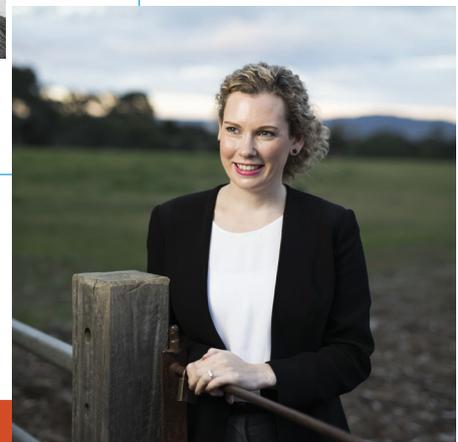


Monica Diaz

Dr Kate Fennell

Research Fellow
Sansom Institute for Health Research
University of South Australia

The Leslie (Les) J. Fleming Churchill Fellowship to investigate sustainable methods of improving the health and well-being of rural cancer survivors - USA, Netherlands



Kate Fennell

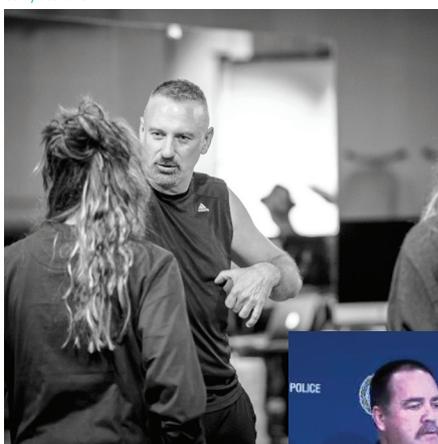
Adam Hardcastle



Sarah Jamieson



Garry Stewart



Paul Roberts

Dr Adam Hardcastle

Performing Arts Teacher
Portland North Primary School

To learn how music-oriented regional festivals can be authentic, community-inclusive and sustainable – UK

Mrs Sarah Jamieson

Dementia Excellence Program Manager
Eldercare

The Paul Tys Churchill Fellowship to improve care and residential environments for people living with younger onset dementia - UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy

Mr Paul Roberts

Police Officer
South Australia Police

To investigate a model for policing, employment and empowerment for remote Indigenous communities - Canada, USA

Mr Garry Stewart

Artistic Director
Australian Dance Theatre

To study the structure and function of choreographic centres in various international locations - India, France, Netherlands, UK, USA, Canada

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Western Australia



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

Dr Louise Devenish

Lecturer, Head of Percussion
School of Music, University of Western Australia

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to study European percussion music creation/performance, research methodologies and pedagogy - Germany, France, Switzerland, UK

Louise Devenish



Ms Michelle Dival

Self-employed Architect
Front Door Building Design

To study specialised building design of homes/work places for individuals on the autism spectrum - USA, France, Netherlands, Denmark, UK



Michelle Dival

Commander Fiona Ewington

Directing Staff, Royal Australian Navy
Australian Defence College

To develop military doctrine on Maritime Trade Operations employment to protect trade interests - UK, Greece, Germany, Portugal, USA

Fiona Ewington



Mr Jon Haines

General Manager
WA Football Commission

To investigate global best practice character development strategies for adolescent males - Canada, USA, UK



Jon Haines

Ms Anna Hilyard

Program Coordinator, Complex Pain Service
Princess Margaret Hospital

To develop an internet treatment program for children with persistent pain in regional Australia - Sweden, UK, Canada, USA



Anna Hilyard

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Western Australia

Ms Olivia Samec

Education, Metropolitan Services
Department of Communities

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovative initiatives to improve literacy and well-being of children in state care - UK, Italy, Austria, USA

Mr Paul Tunzi

Self-employed Concert Technician

To investigate advanced conservation techniques and the maintenance of historical keyboard instruments - UK, France, Czech Republic, Austria, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany

Ms Deborah West

Coordinator Speech Pathology Department
North Metropolitan Health Service
Osborne Park Hospital, Western Australia

To explore aphasia therapies which optimise communication from hospital to home post stroke - USA, Finland, Denmark, Iceland

Mrs Felicity Zempilas

Magistrate
Magistrates Court and Children's Court
of Western Australia

To achieve best practice in the Western Australian Mental Health Court - USA

Olivia Samec



Felicity Zempilas



Deborah West



Paul Tunzi



Dr Louise Devenish

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percussion music creation/performance,
research methodologies and pedagogy
- Germany, France, Switzerland, UK



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Australian Capital

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

Mr Peter Cursley

Manager
Canberra Grammar School Foundation

To gather knowledge to expand the successful and unique model of the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation - UK, Netherlands, New Zealand

Mr Jackson Dannock

Chief Executive
CoHouse

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to investigate the key elements of successful cohousing and how they can benefit the community - UK, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, USA

Ms Jacinta Evans

Director, Student Engagement
Education Directorate

To investigate best practice in managing violent behaviour in schools including preventative programs - Canada, Finland, UK, Ireland

Ms Sarah May

Policy Officer, Food and Agriculture Branch
Office of Trade Negotiations
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to research international models for reducing food waste - New Zealand, UK, Denmark, USA, United Arab Emirates

Jackson Dannock



Peter Cursley



Jacinta Evans



Sarah May

Amanda McCue



Matthew Mihaly



Barbara Whitlock



Detective Paul Reynolds
ACT Policing

Ms Amanda McCue

Self-employed Career Development Practitioner
Career Swag

To improve military spouse career and employment assistance and outcomes in Australia - USA, Canada, UK

Mr Matthew Mihaly

Intensive Care Paramedic
ACT Ambulance Service

To investigate non-clinical factors associated with high pre-hospital cardiac arrest survival rates - Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Denmark, USA, Canada

Detective Senior Constable Paul Reynolds

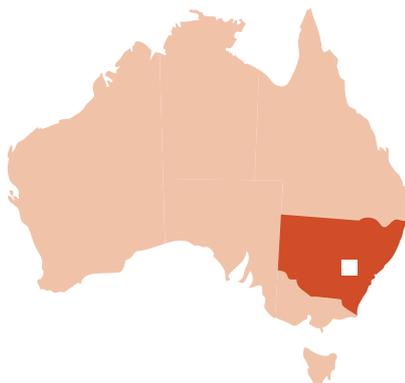
Police Officer
Australian Federal Police

To reduce incidents of drowning particularly amongst young children - Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Philippines, New Zealand

Ms Barbara Whitlock

General Manager
Commonwealth Department of Health

To adapt foreign GP clinical data collections to improve patient care, workforce wellbeing and cost - USA, Canada, UK



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Tasmania



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

Dr Niall Doran

Director/Chief Executive Officer
Bookend Trust/Pennicott Foundation

To gain direct experience of international media production, marketing and audience engagement - USA, UK

Niall Doran



Dr Adam Grover

Curriculum Teacher Leader
Tasmanian Department of Education

The Gallagher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to investigate First Nations curriculum and pedagogy and apply the findings in the Tasmanian context - New Zealand, USA, Canada, Finland



Adam Grover

Dr Hazel MacTavish-West

Research Director
MacTavish West Pty Ltd

To review state-of-the-art approaches to food innovation for value-added, convenient, healthy foods - Ireland, UK, Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland



Dean Maddock

Mr Dean Maddock

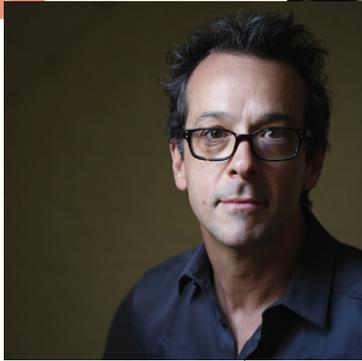
First Class Correctional Officer
Tasmanian Prison Service

To witness sustainable prison projects in order to implement better work practices – USA



Hazel MacTavish-West

Deborah Wace



Dean Stevenson



Jan Radford

Associate Professor Jan Radford

A/Prof of General Practice/General Practitioner
Launceston Clinical School/West Tamar Health

The Department of Health Churchill Fellowship to investigate how routinely collected GP electronic medical record data can be used to improve patient care - UK, Netherlands

Mr Dean Stevenson

Self-employed Composer/Musician

To better understand composers living and working from islands or isolated cities - Iceland, USA, New Zealand

Ms Deborah Wace

Self-Employed Arts Professional

To develop artwork/fabric design from European botanical collections of French expeditions to Tasmania - UK, France, Italy



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Northern Territory



*“Continuous effort -
not strength or intelligence
- is the key to unlocking
our potential...”*

Ms Rita Cattoni

General Manager
Indigenous Community Television Limited

To investigate convergent technology research for application in remote Indigenous media space - India, Canada, USA

Ms Josephine Cruickshank

Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy and Legislation
NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

To investigate successful cycling policies and programs in regional centres and smaller cities - UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, France

Mr Greg Jansen

School Teacher
Northern Territory Government
Department of Education

To learn advanced snare drum techniques from leading educators in order to teach Northern Territory students - USA

Ms Marlene Kranz

Self-employed Textile Artist
Ideal Husband

To research eco leather, sustainable design and further develop the 'Art of Shoemaking' - Netherlands, UK, Spain, Italy

Greg Jansen



Josephine Cruickshank



Rita Cattoni



Marlene Kranz

Penelope Mules



Netanela Mizrahi



Barry Russell

Ms Netanela Mizrahi

Principal Second Violin/Registered Music Therapist
Darwin Symphony Orchestra/Royal Darwin Hospital

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to examine the impact of music-based interventions for communities that experience significant trauma - USA, Ireland

Ms Penelope Mules

Women and Youth Engagement Coordinator
Northern Land Council

The John Hartley Churchill Fellowship to investigate ways to increase employment of Indigenous women as rangers - India, Nepal, South Africa, Kenya, USA, Canada, New Zealand

Dr Barry Russell

Curator Emeritus
Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

The Australian Biological Resources Study Churchill Fellowship to undertake a re-evaluation of F.L. Castelnau's type-specimens of Australian fishes in the Museum National D'Histoire Naturelle – France



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As a Churchill Fellow, you automatically become part of our alumni network that encompasses a national community of over 3000 active Fellows across Australia.

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Churchill Fellows' Associations

We encourage you to engage with your local Churchill Fellows Association where you can actively be part of ongoing State/Territory based Fellowship activities.

The Association's host various functions and activities throughout the year including an Annual Dinner where new fellows are introduced and returning Fellows are awarded their medallions.

Each Association supports the National Roadshow of Information Sessions co-ordinated by the Trust annually and independently organise their own events or participation in festivals and conferences where relevant to promote the Fellowship opportunity.

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

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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.

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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 \$27,000.

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.

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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.

Our Fellows

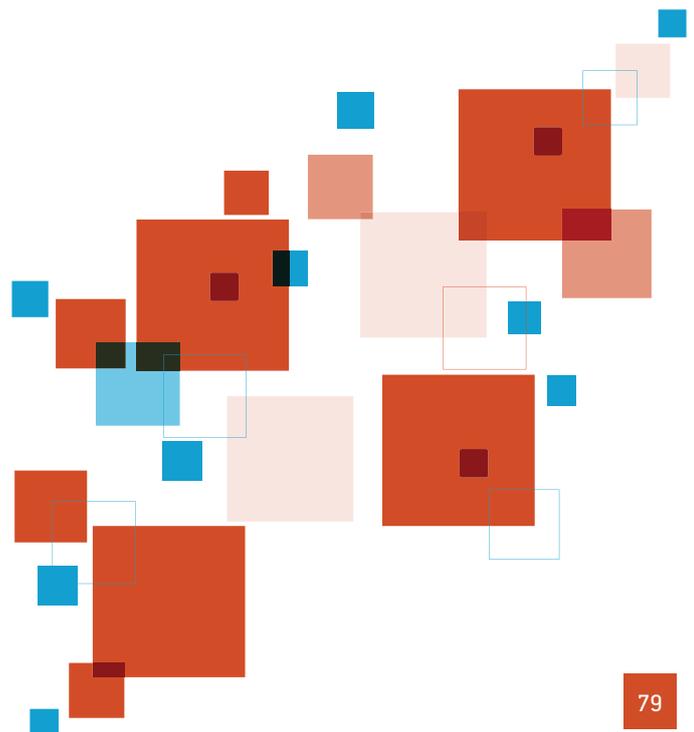
The Churchill Trust's success is directly attributable to the achievements of our Fellows – now numbering more than 4,300 of Australia's best and brightest. Their projects are extremely diverse, invariably innovative and are the result of extra endeavour in the search for excellence. These are the hallmarks 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.

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