

# Annual Report

## 2019-20



**Winston  
Churchill Trust**  
*Learn globally, inspire locally.*

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# Remembering Sir Winston

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

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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 I, 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 II 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 I, 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.

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...*"

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

**Written by  
Sally Campbell**

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 and 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

## Dr Milton (Mick) March MBE CF

Mick had been teaching maths at various schools in New South Wales and Canberra, when, in 1969, he was awarded a Churchill Fellowship. At the time he was active in the Canberra Maths Association, the Teachers' Federation and was Chair of the Education Working Group.

Mick's Fellowship project was titled "To observe the teaching of new courses of mathematics, become acquainted with syllabus content and stress, collect data on the implementation of new mathematics courses and to observe the nature and operation of summer classes in mathematics conducted by the National Science Foundation of USA - USA, UK, Canada".

As an outcome of his Fellowship Mick made a major contribution to the reform and restructure of the education system for the ACT, being instrumental in the establishment of the college system for Year 11 and 12 students when the ACT and NSW Teaching Services separated. The separate college system for the last two years of school was a resounding success; it achieved important social reform while maintaining academic results.

Mick also initiated a Summer School for bright maths students from all over Australia and set up a Teacher Resources Centre in Canberra as a meeting place for teachers to talk about ideas and improvements. He was a Foundation member of the ACT Schools Authority and Chairman of the ACT Schools Curriculum Committee.

In 1989 Mick started an education consultancy, which included teaching at the University of Canberra and the ANU, as well as spending a year in Islamabad helping to rewrite the Physics curriculum for schools in Pakistan.

Mick was a member of the ACT Regional Selection Committee from 1976 until 2011 and played a pivotal role in establishing the ACT Churchill Fellows Association, which is still playing an important role today in keeping our Fellows connected with each other and the Trust.



In December 2019 he was presented with a Churchill Trust Board Recognition Award by Churchill Trust Board Chair David Trebeck in appreciation of his significant contribution to the Trust over fifty years.

## William (Robert) Beggs AM

Robert Beggs was a managing partner of a rural enterprise in Beaufort in western Victoria. Robert was heavily involved with the agricultural industry for over 50 years, particularly as President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and the Australian Superfine Wool Growers Association. He was a council member and Chairman of the Board of Marcus Oldham College Council.

In 1969 Robert was awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship and in 1992 was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours in recognition of service to primary industry, particularly through the wool industry and the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

Robert joined the Churchill Trust in 1985 as a member of the Primary Industry Panel of the Victorian Regional Committee. In 1993 he was elected Chairman of the Victorian Regional Committee and also served in this capacity on the Board of the Trust until 2011.

In 2001 Robert was awarded a Centenary Medal for services to agricultural education. In 2012 he was appointed a Life Member of the Churchill Trust.

Robert's regular attendance at Medallion and Annual Dinners hosted by the Churchill Fellows Association of Victoria was very much appreciated and endeared him to countless Fellows who sought his advice and guidance particularly those in the agricultural sector.

## Dr Brian Wilson OAM CF

1966 Churchill Fellow Dr Brian Wilson's first involvement with the Trust came when he and his son knocked on doors on Churchill Appeal Sunday, 28 February 1965, for the fundraising campaign to establish the Churchill Trust. His Churchill Fellowship allowed him to study treatment of glaucoma in the USA, the UK, Germany and Switzerland.

Brian had a long-standing personal commitment to the ongoing success of Churchill Fellowships in Australia as a member of the Queensland Regional Selection Committee from 1972 until 1979 and an active member of the Queensland Churchill Fellows Association. His commitment continued in a generous endowment made in memory of his first wife, Dorothy, establishing the biennial Dorothy and Brian Wilson Sponsored Churchill Fellowship to investigate strategies aimed at making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children through education and training, which has enabled six Fellowships to be awarded since 2008.

He was awarded Life Membership of the Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland in recognition of his continued dedication to the Association and its Fellows. In 2007 he was awarded an OAM for service to medicine in the field of ophthalmology as a researcher, clinician, teacher, which was testament to his high standing in the community. He retired from private practice in 1997 but continued to benefit his community and beyond by being an active member of the Queensland Churchill Fellows Association.



In January 2020 Brian was presented with the Churchill Trust Board Recognition Award by Dr Damian Thomson (former QLD Board Director) in appreciation of his significant contribution to the Trust for forty-eight years.

## Emeritus Professor Raymond Leslie Martin AO

FAA, FTSE, FRSC, FRACI

Born in 1926, Raymond Martin (Ray) grew up in Melbourne and was educated at the University of Melbourne, the Australian National University and the University of Cambridge. An outstanding student, he received many prizes and scholarships. He gained two doctorates from Cambridge and one from the Australian National University, all in Chemistry.

## Vale Fellows and Friends

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

- ▶ David Burke
- ▶ William Cole
- ▶ Graham Caldersmith
- ▶ Peter Healy
- ▶ Kenneth Lindop
- ▶ Sinclair Miller
- ▶ Milton Moon
- ▶ Rupert Myers
- ▶ John Queale
- ▶ Ralph Westen

To find out more about what these extraordinary people achieved visit [churchilltrust.com.au](http://churchilltrust.com.au)

In the 1950s Ray lectured at the University of New South Wales until he was appointed Professor of Chemistry. He also worked in private industry during this time and was a visiting scholar at Columbia University in the US.

He was Monash University's third Vice Chancellor, serving from 1977 to 1987. In that role he worked at bridging the gap between academia and industry. At the end of this appointment he returned to a Monash Chair of Chemistry there before moving to Canberra to work in the Prime Minister's Department as Chair of the Australian Science and Technology Council. He was a Fellow of the Academy of Science.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 1987 for his services to science and higher education. In 1992 Monash conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. In 2009 he was appointed a Life Member of the Churchill Trust.

Ray served the Churchill Trust in the roles of Director of the Victorian Regional Committee of the Churchill Trust from 1984 to 1992, Deputy National Chair from 1988 to 1994, National Chair from 1995 to 1999, Fellowship Director in 2000, and as National President from 2001 to 2005. He resigned from the Board in 2006. He was well respected for his friendly, engaging personality but also his strong determination to maintain excellence and objectivity.

Churchill Trust National President Elizabeth Alexander, speaking at a Board dinner, said 'Professor Martin gave over 23 years of dedicated and passionate service to the Churchill Trust in a number of appointments, including that of National Chairman and President...we will miss his wise contribution to the affairs of the Trust.'

# Fellowships in Focus



**A Churchill Fellowship offers Australian citizens a life-changing opportunity to travel overseas to investigate a topic or issue they are passionate about. As an internationally recognised award, recipients can access expertise from around the world to gain knowledge that will benefit Australian society.**

## The Award

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 4 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 focussed on a particular field of endeavour.

## Selection of Churchill Fellows

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

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. Final selections are then submitted to the Trust's Board of Directors for discussion and approval.

Successful applicants are then invited to attend a Government House ceremony (in the state/territory in which they reside) to be presented with a certificate and lapel pin to officially identify themselves as Churchill Fellowship award recipients.

The Churchill Fellowship award is open for application between 1 February and 30 April each year.

# Strategic Directions

## 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 'Winston 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.

# Board of Directors



**Mr David Trebeck**  
National Chair



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**Dr Robert Walters**  
Director - TAS



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Director - IARC

# Governance and Life Membership

## PATRON IN CHIEF

### **Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to 30 June 2019**

His Excellency General The Honourable  
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd)

### **Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia from 1 July 2019**

His Excellency General The Honourable  
David Hurley AC DSC (Rtd)

## PATRON

The Honourable Margaret White AO  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Ms AM O'Donnell

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Ms A Cannon

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Mr P Tys CSC  
Dr J Yeo AO  
Dr R Vickery AM  
Dr E Wilson

# Sponsorships

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

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.

If you would like more information about sponsorship, or would like to make a donation, please contact our Sponsorships and Partnerships Manager Dr Kirsty Guster on 02 6247 8333

## The following sponsored Fellowships were offered for award in 2019.

Auto Skills Australia	To increase industry expertise and knowledge for the benefit of the automotive sector in Australia
ANZSOG	To investigate First Peoples' public sector practices leading to positive outcomes for Indigenous communities
AV Jennings	Domestic architecture, building and planning
Blakeney Millar Foundation	NSW Tumut – The benefit of Tumut and its environs
Bob and June Prickett	An aspect of the health of Australians
Bob and June Prickett	Excellence in visual arts
Bob and June Prickett	Mitigating the impact of natural disasters such as fire, flood and cyclones on the Australian community
Community Sector Banking	To identify successful approaches to developing leadership, people and culture that position the not-for-profit sector for future challenges
Community Sector Banking	For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to investigate ways in which relationships between Indigenous peoples and communities and the not-for-profit sector can be mutually beneficial
Dame Roma Mitchell	Excellence in the performing arts
Department of Health	To investigate strategies that have been implemented successfully to drive interoperability of data between healthcare systems including approaches to collaborative environments, co-design, policy and regulatory frameworks or financial incentives
Donald Mackay	Countering organised crime
Dr Dorothea Sandars	Medical/veterinary parasitology or Parkinson's disease, or advances in medicine in general

Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	Enhancement of the delivery of palliative care
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of ophthalmology
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	An issue in the field of marine science
Dr Iain C Medgett	Study of classical strings
Gilbert Spottiswood	Projects related to the theatre
Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws	A project in the field of surgery, including surgical nursing
Hort Innovation	To cultivate new ideas in horticulture
Jack Brockhoff Foundation	VIC - For the benefit of rural/regional areas addressing social welfare (disability, health or medical practice)
Jack Green	The dairy industry
James Love	QLD - In any field
Lamington National Park	National parks, nature conservation and the environment
Leslie (Les) J Fleming	Oncology and cancer research
Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal	To find ways to combat and reduce the impact of bushfires
MPST Foundation	TAS - To advance education in medicine and to advance health in Tasmania
Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New	Performance excellence in classical music or voice
Northern Districts Education Centre	NSW - School and/or pre-school education
NRMA - ACT Road Safety Trust	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
NSW Churchill Fellows Association	NSW - For a person working as a volunteer within a recognised volunteer agency/organisation whose research will have a positive impact on volunteering or volunteers within the broader Australian community
Park Family	Educational and/or vocational training
Paul Tys	In any field
Samuel and Eileen Gluyas	QLD - Tropical pastoral industry
Dr Susan V Nelle	SA - To investigate innovative ways to advance our food and beverage industry
Sir William Kilpatrick	VIC - Health or social welfare
WA Department of Communities	WA - To support individuals and families to lead their best lives with a focus on integrated service delivery models involving local solutions that build on earlier intervention and people's strengths

## Report by National Chair

*Commenting on the year ended on 31 January 2020 seems a more than usual historical exercise, given the viral tsunami that bore down on the world immediately thereafter. Suffice to say that, like everywhere else, the Churchill Trust's environment has changed significantly.*

However, I am pleased to record that the Trust, led by our CEO Adam Davey, responded quickly, implementing a crisis management plan, and placing principal priority on the well-being of our Fellows, especially those travelling or about to travel. Fellows already overseas returned home, some near the end of their studies, others (unfortunately) just starting, and future travel was placed on hold pending clarity in regard to the duration and spread of the corona virus. Needless to say, this has been highly inconvenient to all concerned, but the feedback from Fellows has been uniformly positive.

We will resume "normal" operations when it is safe to do so and 2019 Fellows will have an additional 12 months to complete their travels; hopefully by then international air travel will again be feasible. Quite apart from the difficulty of travelling, and the restrictions in place, it would have been impractical to have attempted to carry on in the face of the coronavirus, as many of those about to be visited by our Fellows were no longer available, or conferences they were planning to attend had been cancelled or deferred.

Meanwhile, everyone has necessarily become proficient with remote/video conferencing, staff have been working from home for the most part, and the momentum of the Trust has continued to the extent possible.



Inevitably, the Trust's finances have been adversely affected by the economic damage being wrought, but fortunately the strong financial buffer built up over many years by sound financial management has placed us in a relatively good position. At the time of writing, market volatility continues, so we do not yet know how things will unfold over the immediate or medium term future. However, it is highly likely that our financial position will have deteriorated during the 2020-21 year.

We wondered whether applicant numbers in 2020 might be constrained, perhaps severely so, by the general dislocation, but this has not proven to be the case, with over 1100 being received, a most encouraging outcome.

Now, back to the 2019-20 year!

At its meeting in September last year, the Board approved the awarding of 115 Fellowships, with \$3.4 million being allocated to meet the costs of these Fellowships, an average of over \$29,000.

Financially, the year ending January 2020 was one of continued strong performance. The Trust generated a net profit (essentially, investment income, donations etc, less Fellowship and administration expenditure) of \$1.8 million, compared with \$5.3 million the prior year. However, after taking into account changes in the net value of its investments and gains on the

disposal of assets, the Trust's total comprehensive income for the year was \$12 million, compared to a loss of \$0.6 million in 2019.

The latter arose mainly due to a decline in share market values in the last quarter of 2018, which then reversed early in the 2019-20 financial year.

As at 31 January 2020, the net value of the Trust's balance sheet stood at \$128.5 million, up from \$116.5 million the prior year. The Trust's investments enjoyed a healthy increase of 14.2 percent for the financial year, which was well above the objective of "CPI plus 4 percent" (in total 5.9 percent this year). This meant that the value of investments reached a 51 percent premium over the "CPI-adjusted value of the base corpus", a healthy buffer over the Trust's 20 percent premium target.

Nevertheless, in 2019-20, as in the previous year, the Trust's performance lagged its benchmark Strategic Asset Allocation, which was 17.3 percent. This is a matter of close scrutiny for the Trust's Investment Audit and Risk Committee, which remains comfortable regarding the diversified nature of the Trust's investments, overseen by our investment adviser, JANA.

There were a number of highlights during the 2019-20 financial year.

As part of one of the Strategic Plan's objectives to "refresh brand Churchill", we updated the corporate logo after many years, which you can see throughout this Annual Report.

We also introduced a new strap line: "learn globally, inspire locally". I think those four words beautifully encapsulate what Churchill Fellowships are all about.

During the year the Board instituted a "Recognition Award" for a select group of Fellows who have rendered particularly meritorious service to the Trust over an extended period.

This includes an enduring and active relationship with CFAs and inspiring others to contribute in a similar way, or in some cases to reconnect with their own Fellowship journey.

The award is in the form of a limited edition botanical illustration print of the "Churchill Rose" painted by 1988 South Australian Churchill Fellow, Gilbert Dashorst.

Gilbert is one of Australia's leading botanical illustrators, having illustrated many thousands of botanical artworks during a career spanning more than 30 years. His illustrations are housed around the world in private collections from Royal Houses in Europe (Royal House of Denmark) through to art collections in Australia. The original of the print is displayed at Churchill House in Canberra.

The Churchill Fellows who received the award in 2019 are: Patricia Corby (1978 Tasmania), Ian Krimmer (1992 New South Wales), Dr Mick March (1969 ACT), Anne McCrudden (1998 Western Australia), John Miles (1998 Victoria), Ian Tolley (1966 South Australia), and Dr Brian Wilson (1966 Queensland). Further information on the recipients appears elsewhere in this annual report. Sadly, both Mick March and Brian Wilson have subsequently passed away.

I also have to report the passing of other stalwarts of the Trust during the past year.

Emeritus Professor Ray Martin served the Churchill Trust in the roles of Director of the Victorian Regional Committee (1984 to 1992), Deputy National Chair (1988 to 1994), National Chair (1995 to 1999), Fellowship Director (2000), and National President (2001 to 2005). He was appointed a Life Member following his retirement from the Board.

Robert Beggs joined the Churchill Trust in 1985 as member of the Primary Industry Panel of the Victorian Regional Committee.

In 1993 he was elected Chairman of the Victorian Regional Committee and also served in this capacity on the Board of the Trust until 2011,

following which he continued his service as a Life Member of the Trust.

Robert was a personal friend and professional colleague of mine for over 40 years.

In my report last year, I also referred to the passing of one of our Patrons, Sir Rupert Myers, and a former Treasurer, Sir William Cole, although those event actually occurred in the 2019-20 year.

On a happier note, six Fellows were recognised in the 2020 Australia Day honours awards, including Bernie Shakeshaft (2014 NSW) who is the Australia Day Local Hero recipient. A further nine Fellows were recognised in the Queen's Birthday honours in June 2019, as well as our Northern Territory Board member, Suzan Cox. I extend the Trust's congratulations to all these recipients for their achievements, in which their Churchill Fellowship no doubt played a part.

For the second year, the Trust was able to nominate two Fellows to attend the Global Leadership Practices Program, made possible by a partnership with Yellow Edge and involving travel to India and China. Congratulations to Stephen Geason (2015 Tasmania) and Sam Bayley (2013 Western Australia) who were successful from a competitive list of applicants. The program gave them the opportunity to meet a diverse cohort of professionals, public servants and community leaders with the aim of gaining a richer, more balanced perspective and privileged insight into how these countries work.

Another new initiative has been the Policy Impact Program, a collaboration between the Trust and the University of Queensland.

As its prospectus states, it is:

*“designed to identify, curate and advocate a selection of ideas from Churchill Fellows that have the potential to shape best practice and policy reform on a variety of relevant and contemporary issues facing Australia. The program will bring together the two organisations’ strengths to deliver a flagship annual publication – Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda...The publication will combine the best of the Churchill Fellows’ ideas and insights with the policy and governance expertise of the UQ Centre for Policy Futures, thus providing targeted policy analysis that reflects the legal, regulatory, administrative and governance arrangements of the ideas presented.”*

From 55 high quality applicants, a total of 11 Fellows were selected by a Committee nominated by both the Trust and the University. Further details appear elsewhere in the Annual Report.

These initiatives and others stem directly from the Trust’s strategic plan, especially three of its objectives: “Post Fellowship development”; “Ensure contemporary issues are addressed”; and “Public profile of the Trust”. The Strategic Plan itself will be reviewed and updated during this year.

The Trust continues to benefit from generous donations and sponsorships, which over the past year amounted to \$102,941 and \$334,669 respectively. One such sponsor has been the Jack Brockhoff Foundation, which for 25 years has funded one or two Victorian Fellows, among them our current Victorian Board member, Jane Munro. In February, many of these Fellows (and I) attended an event at Government House Melbourne, to mark 40 years of the Foundation, hosted by the Governor, Her Excellency Linda Dessau, AM CF.

We intend to prepare a comprehensive document during the year to celebrate the 25 year association of the Trust with the Foundation, and to highlight the value of these Fellowships in terms of achievements of the recipients.

At the end of the financial year, Dr Damien Thomson retired from the Board and as the Chair of the Queensland Selection Committee. Damien was a valued Board member for many years, combining his medical expertise with his other interest, music. He has subsequently been elected as a Life Member. He has been succeeded by Dr Richard Roylance.

Following the transition from Sir Peter Cosgrove to General David Hurley as Governor-General, Sir Peter stepped down as the Trust’s Patron in Chief. The Trust is delighted that General Hurley has agreed to continue the tradition of being the Trust’s Patron in Chief, and also that Sir Peter has agreed to become a Life Member of the Trust.

I am delighted to report that Professor Tom Calma has accepted the Board’s invitation to become a Patron of the Trust, joining Margaret White in this role. Tom is well known and widely respected for his work on human rights and social justice, especially improving the lives of First Nations people. As well as his work in the fields of health, education and economic development, he has served as a senior diplomat in India and Vietnam, and is currently Chancellor of the University of Canberra.

Once again, it is appropriate to thank all Vice-Regal representatives in the States and Territories, for their support of the Trust, via presentation of certificates to new Fellows, presentation of medallions to returning Fellows, and in other ways. I would also like to extend the Trust’s considerable thanks to all Regional Secretaries, and members of State/Territory Selection Committees and Panels for the time and effort they devote to assessing Fellowship applicants and in generally promoting the Trust among their various networks. Without this voluntary commitment the Trust would not be able to operate.

I would like to recognise the personal contributions that a great number of Churchill Fellows made in the face of the bushfires that ravaged our country over summer and indeed, the aftermath.

This, in addition to those Churchill Fellows actively combatting the coronavirus pandemic and its lasting effects, is testament not only to the character of our Churchill Fellows but also to the relevance of the issues that they all work in.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I extend a deep and sincere thanks to the team at the National Office, under our CEO, Adam Davey, for the wonderful work they do for us all. I said last year they are dedicated, helpful and unfailingly cheerful. This year, and particularly in recent months, given the extensive interaction between our staff and 2019 Fellows seeking to revise their travel plans, these attributes have been clearly on display. I have only heard plaudits from Fellows grappling with disruption to their travels – and their lives.

Our staff will endure some further dislocation in coming months as we undertake much needed refurbishment of Churchill House in Canberra, having recently had a further 20 year lease over the building confirmed by the ANU. This work will involve reconfiguration of working spaces for improved efficiency and a general smartening up of the interior of the building. While the work is in progress, our staff will work off-site.

**David Trebeck**

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a light grey top and a patterned skirt, stands in a commercial kitchen. She is smiling and has her left hand resting on a stainless steel counter. The kitchen features stainless steel walls, a large range hood, a sink, and various pieces of equipment like a blender and a large oven. The scene is brightly lit with overhead fluorescent lights.

# Jorja Collins

Churchill Fellowship to explore strategies to improve the environmental sustainability of hospital foodservice in the United States of America



## Policy Impact Program

*The Winston Churchill Trust and the Centre for Policy Futures at the University of Queensland are partnering to increase the impact of outstanding Churchill Fellows and their findings through a new Policy Impact Program.*

The Policy Impact Program (PIP) is a partnership designed to identify, curate and advocate a selection of ideas from Churchill Fellows that have the potential to shape best practice and policy reform on a variety of relevant and contemporary issues facing Australia.

A collaboration between The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the Centre for Policy Futures at the University of Queensland (UQ), the program will bring together the two organisations' strengths to deliver a flagship annual publication – *Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda*, its debut issue to be published in late 2020.

The UQ Centre for Policy Futures undertakes robust, rigorous and applied research to help governments meet the policy challenges of tomorrow, today. In doing so, the Centre draws on the University of Queensland's considerable expertise across the natural, technical and social sciences and humanities, and works in close partnership with sub-national and national governments, industry partners, non-government organisations and other research institutes.

### Policy training

PIP Fellows will be provided with opportunities to develop their skills in policy and governance, identify and engage with relevant government leaders, extend their networks, and learn how to improve the context-specificity of their findings. This will include participating in a two-day training workshop provided by UQ – *Getting Research into Policy and Practice* (GRiPP).

The GRiPP workshop is designed to provide participants with an understanding of Australia's federal system, the respective roles of different levels of governments and insights into what shapes domestic agenda setting and policy making.

Participants will also gain insight into the formal and informal mechanisms by which they can connect and incorporate their research, expertise and evidence into policy and program development.

### A research article published in 'Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda'.

PIP Fellows will work closely with leading policy experts to develop their policy ideas into an article to be included in the *Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda*.

*Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda* will combine the best of the Churchill Fellows' ideas with the policy and governance oversight of the UQ Centre for Policy Futures, along with insights from leading policy experts, to provide targeted policy analysis to reflect the regulatory, administrative and governance arrangements of the ideas presented.

The publication will be distributed variously to Australian federal, state, territory and local governments, and promoted through Churchill Trust and UQ channels.

Post publication, Fellows will also be encouraged and supported to follow up their article with short, plain-language articles in outlets such as *The Conversation* (where an academic affiliation exists); the UQ Centre's *Policy Futures* think piece series; or other relevant media outlets.

### **Engagement with government and extended networks**

Opportunities will be sought for Churchill Fellows to present at Policy Labs, Parliamentary Briefings and *Future Conversations* jointly convened by the Churchill Trust and the UQ Centre for Policy Futures.

Through the *Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda* publication and engagement with Churchill Fellows, policy-makers will be kept informed on a range of pressing issues and learn what other countries are doing to solve these challenges with the aim of ensuring domestic policy is fit-for-purpose and able to address the needs of Australia, both now and in the future.

As the Policy Impact Program develops, we anticipate the potential for a variety of industry collaborations and initiatives, including mentoring, and other professional and policy development opportunities.

The first PIP Prospectus was published in November 2019 along with a nationwide call to Churchill Fellows. Applications for the 2020 PIP closed in January, with 55 application received, and the first cohort of successful PIP Fellows announced on the Churchill Trust website following a rigorous selection process by a National Selection Committee.

To find out more and to download the prospectus visit [churchilltrust.com.au](http://churchilltrust.com.au)



## Report by Chief Executive

*We enjoyed another positive year for the Trust in 2019, awarding 115 Churchill Fellowships from a strong field of 1025 applications that covered a wide range of issues, each important to the Australian community. It was certainly pleasing to see not only a small increase in the total number of applications but also an increased reach into regional areas.*

After careful consideration we launched an evolutionary step in our public image and brand with the aim of presenting the Trust as contemporary and accessible to people from all walks of life whilst maintaining the long held prestige and history of our brand. Importantly, Winston Churchill's enduring characteristics of leadership, dedication and commitment remain firmly in our DNA.

Independent market research was used to inform the development of a refreshed brand and unsurprisingly the findings highlighted the unique proposition of a Churchill Fellowship in the Australian market. It is difficult to think of a similar award that is available to any Australian regardless of academic qualifications, with no limitations on the topic or field of project and the common focus on benefiting the community. On launching The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Sir Robert Menzies referred to us as 'the people's Trust' and this sentiment was felt almost unanimously by research participants.

You will now see the phrase 'Learn Globally, Inspire Locally' at the forefront of our communication. Reassuringly, the phrase was coined by participants in our research groups when discussing what a Churchill Fellowship is and I think it captures the essence of what a Churchill Fellowship is perfectly.



The research also revealed that the name 'Winston Churchill' still has strong meaning and relevance in our community today.

Over the past year we have successfully continued to develop new partnerships with organisations who share our focus on encouraging and maximising the impact that Churchill Fellowships can generate in Australia.

I am particularly excited about our new Policy Impact Program (PIP) that has resulted from a partnership with the University of Queensland's Centre for Policy Futures. The purpose of this new program is to increase the impact of outstanding Churchill Fellows and their findings by informing and guiding best-practice policy reform in Australia.

Participation in the PIP is by application and successful Churchill Fellows will work alongside leading policy analysts to assess the policy implications of their work and how these could be applied to benefit Australia. The flagship of this partnership will be delivered as an annual publication entitled, *Policy Futures: A Reform Agenda*, designed to showcase Fellows' findings to inform leading public policy decision makers, media and the community.

The Trust's Learning Framework continues to generate significant interest and support from Churchill Fellows and new organisations wanting to engage with the Trust and Churchill Fellows.

Our partnership with Yellow Edge has continued positively, with two Churchill Fellows, Stephen Geason (2015 TAS) and Sam Bayley (2013 WA) being selected to participate in the Global Leadership Practices Program in 2019. Read about their experiences in India and Singapore in this report.

More recently we have developed a collaborative partnership with the National Farmers Federation (NFF), which will see additional support provided to Churchill Fellows from the agricultural sector, as well as targeted promotion of the Churchill Fellowship and sharing relevant Fellowship findings throughout the NFF network amongst other developments.

In 2019 we welcomed a collaborative three-way partnership with the Australian and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) and the New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to offer one Churchill Fellowship for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples, and one for a Māori working in the Australian and New Zealand public services.

We also welcomed Community Sector Banking as a sponsor of two Churchill Fellowships aimed at strengthening Australia's not for profit sector leadership.

There are always many positive stories about Churchill Fellows in the media and we sometimes get the opportunity to bask in their successes at special events. I was privileged to attend Lainie Anderson's premier screening of her documentary *The Greatest Air Race* which followed publication of her historical fiction *Long Flight Home*, both informed by her Churchill Fellowship research. We have featured some other Fellow's successes in this report and I encourage you to subscribe to our social media channels to keep on top of the exciting and interesting work of our Churchill Fellows.

Measuring the satisfaction of our Churchill Fellows with the Trust's work is something we have been doing for some time now, and the results continue to be pleasing.

The level of personal support that the Trust provides to Churchill Fellows stands out as the most appreciated strength of the experience. In addition, the flexibility and freedom given to Fellows to design and manage their own projects is greatly appreciated. The post-Fellowship support and development opportunities are seen as being highly valuable by Fellows, as is the recognition provided through the Government House award ceremonies and dinners hosted by our Churchill Fellows Associations. The Trust's role in recognising Sir Winston Churchill's legacy through delivering the Fellowships has also come through this year's feedback, which is reassuring for the Trust.

It has been a difficult start to 2020 with bushfires and smoke affecting and disrupting many parts of Australia throughout January, swiftly followed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Trust acted quickly to develop a specific COVID-19 Crisis Plan to manage the emerging impacts of the spread of the virus as it evolved into a pandemic. Timely advice was provided to Churchill Fellows who were travelling overseas, planning to travel overseas or were eligible to travel but had not yet done so. We were at all times focused on ensuring the safety of our travelling Fellows as a priority, as well as managing the financial risks associated with anticipated cancellations of meetings and flights.

All Churchill Fellows who were overseas when the pandemic escalated were able to return home safely and the Trust has granted all untravelled Churchill Fellows an additional twelve months to undertake their Fellowship travel.

Affected Fellows have responded positively to the Trust's handling and communication of the situation and have welcomed the certainty that the Trust has provided them, that will allow them extended time to undertake their Fellowships.

This year we were delighted to welcome Sir Peter Cosgrove as a Life Member of the Trust, and equally pleased that the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC has agreed to be the Trust's Patron in Chief. And it was with sadness that we farewelled two Life Members, Emeritus Professor Ray Martin and Robert Beggs, who both passed away having contributed many years of generous service to the Trust.

I would like to thank our Board members for their personal contributions to the work of the Trust, as well as the Churchill Fellows Associations and members of our Selection Panels and Committees. The importance, value and appreciation we have for our many volunteers simply can never be overstated.

The highest praise is also due to our team in Canberra who have demonstrated an enormous commitment to the ongoing growth and success of the Trust and Churchill Fellowships. Every member of the team has been flexible when needed and adapted quickly to working remotely as the country manages the hugely disruptive COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to think that by the time you read this Annual Report the world will be a safer place with the COVID-19 pandemic well on the way to being beaten, however it is clear that the impact will be lasting, with the road ahead long, winding and uncertain. Nonetheless we will strive to maintain a positive and optimistic outlook and look forward to brighter days ahead, drawing inspiration from our many Churchill Fellows past, present and future.

**Adam Davey**

# Finance Report

**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 as at 31 January 2020.**

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 2020 the Trust is showing a comprehensive profit of \$12 million after a profit for the year of \$1.8 million and the net change in the fair value of Other Comprehensive Income, FVOCI.

During the financial year the Trust's investments returned approximately \$7.2 million in dividends, interest and distribution income which was reinvested or used for Fellowships. The Trust provided \$3.4 million for the award of one hundred and fifteen 2019 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 4% per annum.

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

	31 January 2020	31 January 2019
Contributions and revenue	438,612	1,724,744
Gross profit	438,612	1,724,744
Release of unused provisions	-	-
Administrative expenses	(1,416,523)	(1,090,483)
Personnel expenses	(1,047,293)	(914,548)
Fellowship expenses	(3,359,917)	(2,859,068)
Operating (loss) before investment income	(5,385,121)	(3,139,355)
Investment income	7,172,255	8,435,473
Net investment income	7,172,255	8,435,473
Profit for the year	1,787,134	5,296,118
Other comprehensive income / (loss)		
Net change in fair value of FVOCI - equity	6,663,972	(10,323,477)
Net gain on disposal of FVOCI - equity	3,561,941	4,466,692
Collectibles revaluation	10,100	1,600
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	10,236,013	(5,855,185)
Total comprehensive income for the year	12,023,147	(559,067)

## Statement of Financial Position

	31 January 2020	31 January 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,018,850	12,522,860
Receivables and other current assets	588,170	644,708
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>10,607,020</b>	<b>13,167,568</b>
Non-current assets		
Financial assets	121,703,427	106,585,868
Plant and equipment	38,856	30,933
Other non-current assets	290,400	309,789
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>122,032,683</b>	<b>106,926,650</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>132,639,703</b>	<b>120,094,218</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	144,129	175,744
Employee benefits	172,814	145,379
Unearned income	118,240	152,250
Provision for Fellowships	3,530,255	2,981,305
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>3,965,438</b>	<b>3,454,678</b>
Non-current liabilities		
Unearned income	132,400	131,805
Employee benefits	10,983	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>143,383</b>	<b>131,805</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,108,821</b>	<b>3,586,483</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>128,530,882</b>	<b>116,507,735</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Gains and losses taken to equity	19,748,666	13,084,694
Collectibles revaluation reserve	262,200	252,100
Retained earnings and corpus funds	108,520,016	103,170,941
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>128,530,882</b>	<b>116,507,735</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

	Corpus Funds	Gains and Losses taken to Equity	Collectibles Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance at 1 February 2018	24,535,839	23,408,171	250,500	68,872,292	117,066,802
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>					
Profit for they year				5,296,118	5,296,118
Capital donations	1,428,800			(1,428,800)	
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>					
Net change in fair value of FVOCI-equity		(5,856,785)			(5,856,785)
Net gain on disposal of FVOCI-equity		(4,466,692)		4,466,692	
Net change in collectibles			1,600		1,600
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>1,428,800</b>	<b>(10,323,477)</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>8,334,010</b>	<b>(559,067)</b>
Balance at 31 January 2018	25,964,639	13,084,694	252,100	77,206,302	116,507,735
Balance at 1 February 2019	25,964,639	13,084,694	252,100	77,206,302	116,507,735
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>					
Profit for the year				1,787,134	1,787,134
Capital donations	102,941			(102,941)	
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>					
Net change in fair value of FVOCI-equity		10,225,913			10,255,913
Net gain on disposal of FVOCI-equity		(3,561,941)		3,561,941	
Net change in collectibles			10,100		10,100
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year</b>	<b>102,941</b>	<b>6,663,972</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>5,246,134</b>	<b>12,023,147</b>
Balance at 31 January 2020	26,067,580	19,748,666	262,200	82,452,436	128,530,882

## Statement of Cash Flows

	31 January 2020	31 January 2019
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from Fellows, donors and others	488,211	1,837,282
Payments to Fellows	(2,810,967)	(2,965,891)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,547,118)	(2,064,182)
Interest received	223,795	281,106
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(4,646,079)	(2,911,685)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets	21,291,809	8,170,121
Cost of purchasing available-for-sale financial assets	(25,572,275)	(11,800,000)
Imputation credits refunded	773,484	441,371
Distributions received	5,672,141	7,621,829
Return of capital	-	-
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(23,090)	(20,383)
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,142,069	4,412,938
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,504,010)	1,501,253
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 February	12,522,860	11,021,606
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 January	10,018,850	12,522,860

## Bequests and Gifts for the Year

The following bequests and gifts to the Trust made during the year to 31 January 2020 are gratefully acknowledged:

Auto Skills Australia Ltd (In Liquidation)	\$81,780
Community Sector Banking Ltd	\$52,000
Mrs Patricia D New	\$32,846
Henry Rischbieth	\$27,000
The Australia and New Zealand School of Government Limited	\$27,000
Park Testamentary Trust	\$26,000
The Yulgilbar Foundation	\$26,000
Trust Company of Australia / Peter Mitchell Estate	\$21,161
The Churchill Fellows Association of South Australia	\$14,885
Mr Warren Muller	\$200

# Recognition Awards



**The Churchill Trust Board has created a new annual award to recognise outstanding contributions by Churchill Fellows to their CFAs and to the Trust.**

## **The inaugural Recognition Award was recently presented to seven Churchill Fellows.**

Each awardee was recognised for their enduring and active relationship with the Trust and for inspiring others to contribute in a similar way.

Each recipient was presented with a letter outlining their contribution to the Churchill Trust and a limited edition botanical illustration print of a Sir Winston Churchill rose drawn from life by 1988 Churchill Fellow Gilbert Dashorst (CF 1988). Gilbert is one of Australia's leading botanical illustrators.

Gilbert's detailed pencil enlargements of the Churchill Rose show not only the flower but also parts of the plant that may not be usually seen, which are important in identifying the species. The original botanical illustration is displayed at Churchill House in Canberra.

The 2019 recipients were

### **ACT Mick March CF 1969**

Mick was a member of the ACT Regional Selection Committee from 1976 until 2011 - a remarkable contribution over thirty-five years. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the ACT Churchill Fellows Association.

*Please refer to In Memory page 5.*

### **WA Anne McCrudden CF 1998**

Anne has been an active member of the CFA of Western Australia and was Treasurer for twenty years. She has been a regular participant at CFA and Trust functions over that period and has actively promoted Churchill Fellowships.

### **NSW Ian Krimmer CF 1992**

Ian has been an active member of the NSW CFA since the early 2000's, and has been President for the last 3 years. He has organised many local CFA events and activities, such as Winston Walks and Churchill Chats, and routinely volunteers to run information sessions across the state, often travelling to regional areas to encourage more people to apply for Fellowships. Ian served on the NSW Selection Committee Public Service Panel in 2009 and 2010 and has been on the NSW Regional Committee since 2011.

### **QLD Brian Wilson CF 1966**

Brian made a significant contribution to the Trust over forty-eight years. Brian was not only a Churchill Fellow but also a member of the Queensland Regional Selection Committee from 1972 until 1979 and an active member of the Queensland Churchill Fellows Association. In memory of his wife Dorothy, Brian sponsor's a biennial Fellowship in perpetuity since 2008.

*Please refer to In Memory page 5.*

### **TAS Patricia Corby CF 1978**

Patricia has been an active member of the Tasmanian CFA for more than 30 years, including being President in the 1980's and Secretary since 2004. She has been dedicated to maintaining links with early Fellows and ensuring that transport and assistance has been provided for them to attend CFA functions. Her dedication to ensuring the success of the 2019 National Churchill Fellows Association Convention in Hobart was outstanding and the success of the Convention is in no small part due to her efforts.

### **SA Ian Tolley CF 1966**

Ian has been an active member of the Churchill Fellows Association of South Australia since its inception, a remarkable contribution. His Life Membership of the CFA SA is a testament to the high esteem in which he is held. He has been involved in many local CFA events and activities.

### **VIC John Miles CF 1998**

John has had a long association with the Trust. He facilitated office space for Regional Committee meetings for a period of fifteen years and has actively promoted Churchill Fellowships through his agricultural contacts for many years. John has been a member of the Victorian Regional Selection Committee since 2012.



Board Chair David Trebeck with Mick March



Board Chair David Trebeck with Anne McCrudden



Board Chair David Trebeck with Ian Krimmer



TAS Board Director Dr Rob Walters with Patricia Corby



Board Chair David Trebeck with Ian Tolley



Board Chair David Trebeck with John Miles



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## 2019 Global Leadership Program

**In 2019, two Churchill Fellows were given the opportunity to participate in the Global Leadership Practices (GLP) Program, a leadership development program made possible through our partnership with Yellow Edge.**

**In line with our aim of investing in our Fellows to increase their personal success and capacity to implement positive change in their community, the Churchill Trust in partnership with Yellow Edge offers Fellows the chance to experience either China or India as participants in Yellow Edge's Global Leadership Practices Program.**

The Global Leadership Practices Program is designed to expose Australian executives from the government, private and not for profit sectors to what is going on behind the scenes in China and India.

These countries are vitally important to Australia's long-term economic well-being and participants learn how decisions are made, become familiar with the political economy, the socio-economic and public policy, and the innovation context of each of these countries.

Participants get to meet and engage with influential business executives and senior public service officials and come away with a richer, more balanced perspective and privileged insight into how these countries work.

To be considered for a placement, Churchill Fellows need to demonstrate how participating in this program will advance their Fellowship journey and demonstrate the impact they have made since going on their Fellowship.

The placements are valued between \$10,000 – \$16,500 each, which includes the program, accommodation, meals and internal transport.

The Churchill Trust will cover the airfares for two Churchill Fellow participants so the opportunity is accessible to all Fellows. Travel costs to attend the primer and consolidation sessions are also covered by the Trust.

To find out more about the GLP Programs visit Yellow Edge's website [yellowedge.com.au/our-services/glp](http://yellowedge.com.au/our-services/glp)

In 2019, Churchill Fellows **Sam Bayley** and **Stephen Geason** travelled to India where they gained new perspectives and networks to continue their Churchill Fellowship journey.



## Sam Bayley shares his experiences of this unique opportunity

I applied for the GLP India program as I saw it as an opportunity to enhance my leadership and management skills and an avenue for personal growth. I have been fascinated by India for a long time and was keen to experience a unique and ancient culture, but also a rapidly changing one. The concept of leadership in a cross-cultural context fascinated me and it was the right time for me to be pushed and challenged. Experiencing the food, music and cultural scene was also a big drawcard.

The GLP India program allowed me to explore and learn about industries completely foreign to me. We visited renowned Bangalore based tech, IT and pharmacy companies gaining an insight into their 'start up' values, marketing strategies and strategic plans.

I took home many ideas that I will look to implement in the not for profit sector in which I work.

We also spent time learning about Hinduism, Indian culture and the arts and the historical and current political environment. All of which helps to set a wonderful scene for discussions and learnings.

We were graciously hosted by one of India's top business schools and created some genuine friendships. We mixed with students and received an amazing cultural night that showcased regional food, dance, song and classical music - and yes, BOLLYWOOD!

The GLP India course exceeded my expectations due to the diverse schedule and thought-provoking program, it threw me into a different world of people, topics, discussions and world views. I was forced to engage both with questioning and answering.

I have grown in confidence in my ability to converse and critically think about issues that I previously would have been silent on or avoided. It has opened my world view on cultural leadership and the interaction between business and social settings.

In Bangalore amongst all the development, site visits and global companies, we visited a humble suburban school. This crowded, small, concrete courtyard was filled with laughing and smiling children with dedicated proud staff. Computers running off car batteries, a donated lunch program and sponsored filtered water reminded us of the importance on focussing on our next generation.

I learnt that India has the 2nd biggest Muslim population in the world (outside Indonesia). That in most parts of India cultural diversity is respected and people live in harmony. That even with rapid development Indians value their traditional culture and beliefs and respect others. Diversity is celebrated and has created opportunities that flow into business, development and opportunity.

The GLP India participants created a wonderful travel party coming from various walks of life in terms of their professions, cultural backgrounds, ages and regions within Australia. We had hearty honest discussions and learnt much from each other. Many of us will stay in touch as friends with the possibility of forging future collaborations between our different industries. I sincerely thank the Yellow Edge team and the Churchill Trust for the opportunity.

I would definitely recommend the GLP to any Fellows keen to sharpen their skills both professionally and personally. The structure of the course is very non-prescriptive and allows for a free-flowing cultural experience to remember. Be prepared to eat lots of amazing food!

## Stephen Geason shares his experiences of GLP India

I had considered applying for the GLP in 2018 however, felt the timing was not right. In 2019 I had achieved significant goals which I had set myself professionally and personally. The Yellow Edge program offered an opportunity to further assist my growth and take me well outside my comfort zone. The GLP once again offered the fantastic opportunity to engage in a global market.

The 2-day primer conducted prior to the program is a fantastic and valuable process which assists in putting the nerves at ease and helps to set realistic expectations. The experience programmed by the Yellow Edge team and the We School was exceptional and delivered well beyond my expectations. It is an immersive and all-consuming week which I would recommend to anyone looking to develop their leadership and creative thinking skills.

It was a challenging week which I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to partake in. Thank you to the Trust and the Yellow Edge team.

The GLP allowed me to develop new contacts within Bangalore and further abroad in India who are working within the entrepreneurial and start up space assisting people with disabilities, senior living and dementia. The program allowed me to connect with the other members of the group in Australia. As an incredibly diverse group of individuals it was surprising the amount of common values we shared.

The GLP taught me to stay nimble and be able to adapt to changing and variable environments, to act with integrity and guide utilising authenticity and meaningful engagement.

Having limited knowledge in the IT sector the site visit to Infosys was insightful and allowed me to see the future India. The company's clear vision, masterplan and investment in their community is admirable.

One other very memorable experience was engaging with the students at the We Business School on the last day of the program assisting them to prepare a traditional Indian lunch, which was followed by a spectacular performance by the students in the evening. Again, we saw the future India and as mentioned by Andrew Simon from Yellow Edge, "it is in good hands".

India has a global conscience with clear aspirations to become middle class and a modern society. India has significant challenges to overcome to achieve this goal however due to beliefs and a positive disposition people know India will transition, however it will not happen overnight.

The application process for the GLP allowed me to reflect on my career and solidify the significant positive impact the Fellowship has had over the past 4 years. My advice is apply, and if successful go in boots and all. It truly is an amazing learning journey. Finally, if successful for the India GLP, take your dancing shoes.



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# Selection Panels

Churchill Fellowship applications are assessed by experts from a range of disciplines who sit on advisory panels and selection committees in each State and Territory.

New South Wales			
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mr Andrew Leake		
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	Dr S Carey Ms D Rygate Mr R Yates	Mr I Krimmer Ms M Smith	Mr S Otto Anderson Mr R Wright
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Mr Grant Wargren		
<b>PANEL MEMBERS</b>			
The Arts	Dr F Fenner	Ms J Fox	Mr S Otto Anderson
Community Service	Ms A Hampshire Ms M Mitchell	Mr L Hatcher Mr J Townsend	Mr P McLure AO
Education	Mr P Ireland	Ms J Simmons	Ms R Yates OAM
Health and Medicine	Dr S Carey Ms T Mitchell-Paterson	Dr B Gardiner Dr K Moore	Dr S Lal
Land, Commerce and Logistics	Mr T Eyres Dr R Spindler	Mr T Grosskopf Mr R Wright	Dr E Liew
Professions and Services	Ms R Hayes Ms C Pidcock	Ms A MacDonald Ms M Smith	Mr M O'Connor
Public Service	Ms C D'Elia Chief Inspector M Smith	Mr I Krimmer	Ms D Rygate



Victoria		 VIC	
<b>CHAIR</b>	Assoc Prof Jane Munro		
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	Ms K Bates Mr J Gardiner Mr J Miles Mr M Stephens	Mr P Burch AM BM Mr M Hardy Dr D Munro	Ms B Duarte Prof. D Forrest Mr S Ringin
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Ms Alison Power		
<b>PANEL MEMBERS</b>			
The Arts	Mr S Armstrong Mr D McAllister AM Ms S Tutton	Mr P Burch AM BM Dr R Mills AM	Mr G Edwards Dr E Sullivan
Community Service	Ms S Adams	Ms K Bates	Dr T Szirom
Education	Ms H Barrow Assoc Prof N Jeanneret	Ms S Crowe Ms K Kyriakou	Prof D Forrest Mr M Watts
Health and Medicine	Dr C Crock	Dr S Hacker	Dr D Munro
Land, Commerce and Logistics	Ms A Admans Mr T Roache	Mr I McClelland Mr M Stephens	Ms H Millicer
Professions and Services	Mr J Anderson Mr J Gardiner	Ms J Bosse Ms J Sutton	Ms C English
Public Service	Ms A Ballard Mr B Nicholson Mr S Wallace-Smith	Ms A Creighton Mr S Ringin	Dr D Fergie Mr K Scott

Australian Capital Territory		 ACT	
<b>CHAIR</b>	Ms Alex Sloan AM		
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	Ms J Bowles Mr P Jones AFSM Ms A O'Donnell	Mr W Caddey Dr S Lovett Dr V Thom AM	Adj Prof C Doogan AM Mr R Mokak
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Ms Beverley Payne		

# Selection Panels




Western Australia			
<b>CHAIR</b>	Mr Colin Murphy		
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## ← 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...*

### **Kim Wolfenden**

**To investigate cases of human-wildlife conflict to improve coexistence between people and sharks - USA, South Africa**

Multiple shark bites on one stretch of coastline in northern New South Wales, Australia, created a traumatic crisis that moved through the community like tumultuous waves – intense, volatile and inescapable. The opposing views on shark management were exacerbated by relentless media attention and social conflicts that compounded the trauma and threatened the identity, wellbeing and security of many in the community.

In response to the increasing incidence of shark bites, the NSW Government committed \$16 million to the five year NSW Shark Management Strategy (NSW Department of Primary Industries 2015). The Strategy aims to increase protection from shark bites to NSW beachgoers, with minimal harm to sharks and other marine wildlife. A key focus has been trialling new and innovative approaches to shark-bite mitigation, such as drones and tagging, and tracking sharks to learn more about their movements.

I lead the community engagement program for the NSW Department of Primary Industries, the government agency tasked to respond to the crisis, and I have seen firsthand the immense impact that multiple shark bites have on a community.

Currently, formal training in communications, engagement, science and conservation does not provide the theory, strategies and practical tools for those working on the front line and facing these social conflicts about wildlife.

I wished to explore how we can better address these complex situations to ensure the wellbeing of our communities, protect our unique Australian beach and surf culture, and minimise harm to marine wildlife. Can we improve coexistence between people and sharks?

To do this, I travelled to USA and South Africa and investigated five real-world cases of human-wildlife conflict and coexistence: wolves in Washington, USA; bears in Anchorage, Alaska; white sharks in Cape Cod, USA; white sharks in Cape Town, South Africa; and cheetahs in Namibia.

I also had discussions with international agencies, including the United Nations and the Human Wildlife Conflict Task Force, and heard key findings from a Workshop in Advanced Capacity Building in Conservation Conflict Transformation that was led by the Center for Conservation Peacebuilding in Washington DC.



From this exploration, I came up with six recommendations to improve coexistence between people and sharks in Australia:

1. Increase capacity to understand and address social conflicts related to sharks.
2. Work with communities in ways that address their social psychological needs to build trust and receptivity for ongoing engagement.
3. Invest in locally relevant community education and communication campaigns about sharks and how to minimise the risk of a shark bite and evaluate the impact.
4. If multiple shark bites occur, authorities should dedicate a community engagement role to focus on human needs, recognising that working in human-wildlife conflict is a unique skill.
5. Build a framework for others to consider how to mitigate or respond to human-shark conflict.
6. Investigate an Australian Human-Wildlife Conflict Network and Conference

Since returning from the Churchill experience, I have formally presented

findings and held workshops for:

- ▶ NSW Dept of Primary Industries
- ▶ NSW Fisheries
- ▶ NSW Forestry
- ▶ NSW Agriculture

I will also be sharing findings with both the Western Australian and Queensland government agencies and other organisations that work in shark management and conservation including zoos across the country.

Discussions are also underway to investigate funding opportunities for the Center for Conservation Peacebuilding to travel to Australia to build greater capacity in our nation's ability to analyse, prevent and transform social conflicts not only related to wildlife, but on a number of challenges our communities face.

Finally, I wish to sincerely thank the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for such an incredible opportunity and honour.

A special thanks to Meg Gilmartin for her kindness, warmth and professionalism while guiding me through the incredible Churchill experience.

Pictured above (from left to right)

- 1 Kim at the South African Education Centre
- 2 Advanced Capacity Building in Conservation Conflict Transformation Workshop leaders from the Center for Conservation Peacebuilding in Washington DC
- 3 Kim with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Director in NYC
- 4 Kim teaching children how to be SharkSmart
- 5 Cape Cod Shark Signage

Thank you also to Paul Meek, 2011 Churchill Fellow, who mentored me through all stages of this journey with so much encouragement and support.

The Trust's Learning Framework continues to generate significant interest and support from Churchill Fellows and new organisations wanting to engage with the Trust and Churchill Fellows.

**Download Kim's Churchill Fellowship report at [churchilltrust.com.au](http://churchilltrust.com.au)**



## Robert Siemsen

### To study and further my understanding in the craft of traditional Coachbuilding - UK

This Churchill Fellowship gave me a unique opportunity to gain a working experience in the traditional coachbuilding workshops of England, to investigate the inner workings of the businesses but also the craftsmen who work inside them. I wanted to witness firsthand the skills and techniques used in building car bodies that have been gleaned and passed down through generations during the past century, so that I in turn, can do the same.

The Fellowship also allowed me to research and understand how such labour-intensive businesses can operate in contemporary economies. I believe that understanding the business of coachbuilding or restoring car bodies, is becoming almost as important as the hand skills themselves, and I intend to find out what has enabled these companies to be in business for fifty years or more.

On embarking on this Churchill Fellowship, I intend to find the balance between taking far too long on a project and it running into problems with costs, and rushing or taking shortcuts on a project. The ultimate goal being handing a finished car body back to a pleased client.

I have always been of the belief that as the halcyon era of coachbuilding becomes out of reach of living memory my time to learn this craft in England was slowly dwindling. I fear that the loss of skills, culture and knowledge associated with traditional coachbuilding and panel beating work is becoming ever so more increasingly real. While the subject of body making or 'metal shaping' tend to be becoming ever increasingly broad, the small sub-culture of traditional English panel beating and coachbuilding has remained intact within a very small mile radius in England.

Whether you are talking preceding or post-war coachbuilding, the English firms are held in the highest regard. The simple design, keen eye for line and quality of workmanship were always the earmarks of British coachbuilders. It is never greatly argued that they have throughout the past century always been acknowledged as the best in the world.

My travels from August to November of 2019 took me to Surrey to meet Carl Neville, ex AC Cars, to learn about the history and culture of AC and what it was like to work in such a place.

I travelled to Leamington Spa to work with JME Healeys in the historic Cape Works building to learn about the famous marque and the world-renowned work the company has achieved.

To further my own skills in the craft of shaping sheet metal, I worked under the guidance of some of the best Panel Beaters in the world. In Northampton I worked with Shapecraft Classic Motor Bodies alongside Clive Smart, Phil Linnel, Paul Mackenzie, Steve Matthewman and Ricky Matthewman.

In Stanwick, Northamptonshire, I worked with Luke Chapman and his father Brian at Chapman Classic Panels.

In Olney, Buckinghamshire, I worked with Bodylines Ltd alongside Alan Pointer, Paul Temple, Richard Trasler, Martyn Higgins and Mark Harrison, all of whom had worked for either Aston Martin in Newport Pagnell or Airflow Streamlines of Northampton. Alan Pointer also worked for Mulliner Park Ward of Williesden.

I travelled to Coventry to work with Darren Welsh of Creative Classics and onto Nuneaton to spend a day with James Smith of RS Panels.

Finally, my Fellowship took me south to the Hamlet of Ower in the New Forest District of Hampshire to work with Vic Moulard and Gary Yates. Their company Moulard & Yates specialises in the manufacturing of bespoke car bodies.

Every single one of these companies had a history of learning skills from great tradesman of the past and in turn were all respectively passing it forward to the next generation, myself included.

The difference between Australia and England in regards to the coachbuilding or automotive industry in general cannot be understated. Traditional skills in England are much more intact, a lot more cherished among its admirers and I do not foresee a future in which this is not the case, however despite Australia's geographical vastness and the fact that we do not have continental Europe on our doorstep we really do punch well above our weight. Although my experience only skims the surface, my report was written to help share some of the knowledge which may have otherwise remained lost to us in Australia.

I hope that the writings of my Fellowship and its photographs can inspire others to push themselves and for it to help continue Australia's culture of superior work and craftsmanship.

The knowledge and insight gained from my Churchill Fellowship has been invaluable, and I hope that this report, along with the collection of photographs can serve as a source of information for all aspiring coachbuilders, as Mark Nugent's 2007 Churchill Fellowship report inspired me to take the leap from commercial panel beating to traditional coachbuilding. England has a strong tradition of passing on knowledge, and I think it is important that we do the same in Australia if we want to see the industry thrive. Finally, to everybody passionate about their craft and those making traditional trades and coachbuilding their careers, know that at times it will be a tremendously hard slog but the rewards are always worth the hard work.

"Never, ever ever ever ever give up,"  
Winston Churchill

**Download Robert's  
Churchill Fellowship report at  
[churchilltrust.com.au](http://churchilltrust.com.au)**

Pictured right (from top to bottom)

- 1 Paul MacKenzie from Shapecraft
- 2 Gary Yates working on car bodies
- 3 Creative Classics workshop
- 4 Wheeling at Bodylines Ltd





## Rebecca Lyons

**To investigate human relationships to death and ceremony through alternate approaches and technologies - UK, Sweden, Czech Republic, Italy, USA, Mexico**

We sit on a threshold in Australia in the changing relationship to dying and death in the Western world. There is a movement to increase death literacy both on an individual and a community level, to enhance community capacity and social capital, to reclaim agency in how we care for our dead.

I am a part of the movement for change and this research project is looking at a large number of different aspects of this change and the effects these are having on the space - through the disruptive influences of emerging technologies and approaches.

My Fellowship was essentially in two parts, looking at both the different approaches to body disposal being suggested and developed in the Western world and also the different approaches being taken to death and ceremony.

The purpose of my Fellowship was to document and understand the different approaches and technologies and look at how they are changing the human relationship to death and ceremony with a view to enhancing the Australian experience.

The informing context for my research was thus as follows:

1. We are missing out on the empowerment that is known to come with being involved in end of life care
2. There is a real need to increase community involvement at end of life
3. Current end of life approaches are not delivering the outcomes in dying, death, grief or bereavement that society increasingly says they want
4. There is a sharp increase in the projected numbers of people dying in the next 35 years
5. Our current trajectory of care is considered financially unsustainable
6. There is a growing number of medical professionals lending their support to the call for a change in the approach to end of life and the importance of the roles that community and other non-medical supports play in this space
7. After death care is only considered in a limited capacity and remains largely unexplored
8. There is increasing academic interest and engagement in this space but there is a lack of government and health commitment to the development and implementation of the policies,

processes and other structures required to make a positive difference

9. The space held by End of Life doulas is relatively new and still being defined

In my travels I met with doulas, funeral directors, community members, CEOs, entrepreneurs, advocates, inventors and volunteers looking at alternative approaches to contemporary burial and cremation as body disposal techniques and also at the ways in which alternate approaches to end of life are increasing community capacity and offering improved grief and bereavement outcomes for families.

I found that there are some viable and environmentally friendly methods of body disposal in use and in development in the Western world and they are on track to be better alternatives to what is being offered in Australia. There are also a growing number of disruptive products and technologies changing the way that people interact with death and how they experience their grief and bereavement. Much of this is not yet present in Australia and we are in a unique position to define how all of this is going to work. Most importantly we have an opportunity to put in place the structures and supports to facilitate some of these new and environmentally sustainable alternatives and approaches.

There are thirteen recommendations raised from my research and findings for government, industry and community consultation and implementation. They include defining and giving form to the framework around the role of a doula and cementing the place for that role in end of life care; as well as actively working to increase the death literacy of all Australians.

Additionally, a coming together needs to be orchestrated for the 'coal face' stakeholders, to form both an Australian and a global response to the long-term mortality projections that we face as a society.

Finally, the focus on increasing the Australian community's capacity to care for their dead should not be lost in the rise of emerging professional occupations.

Since my return I have begun giving talks about my research and findings to small community groups and the local ABC radio. I have done a guest lecture by Skype with Falmouth University UK and am now planning education sessions going into 2021.

I will be looking at partnerships to take these education and information sessions across Australia to the public, the health sector and also to the funeral industry.

Additionally; I would like to write an educational module to be presented in written form and taught as 1 or 2-day workshops around dying and death with a view to increase death literacy not only for the public but within the medical communities specialising in end of life care and in contemporary funeral industry circles as well.

As a long term goal, I would like to work towards a global summit where those at the non-medical front line of end of life care can bring to the table strategies, ideas and planning to formulate a response to compliment those medical responses being sought to the death rates predicted.

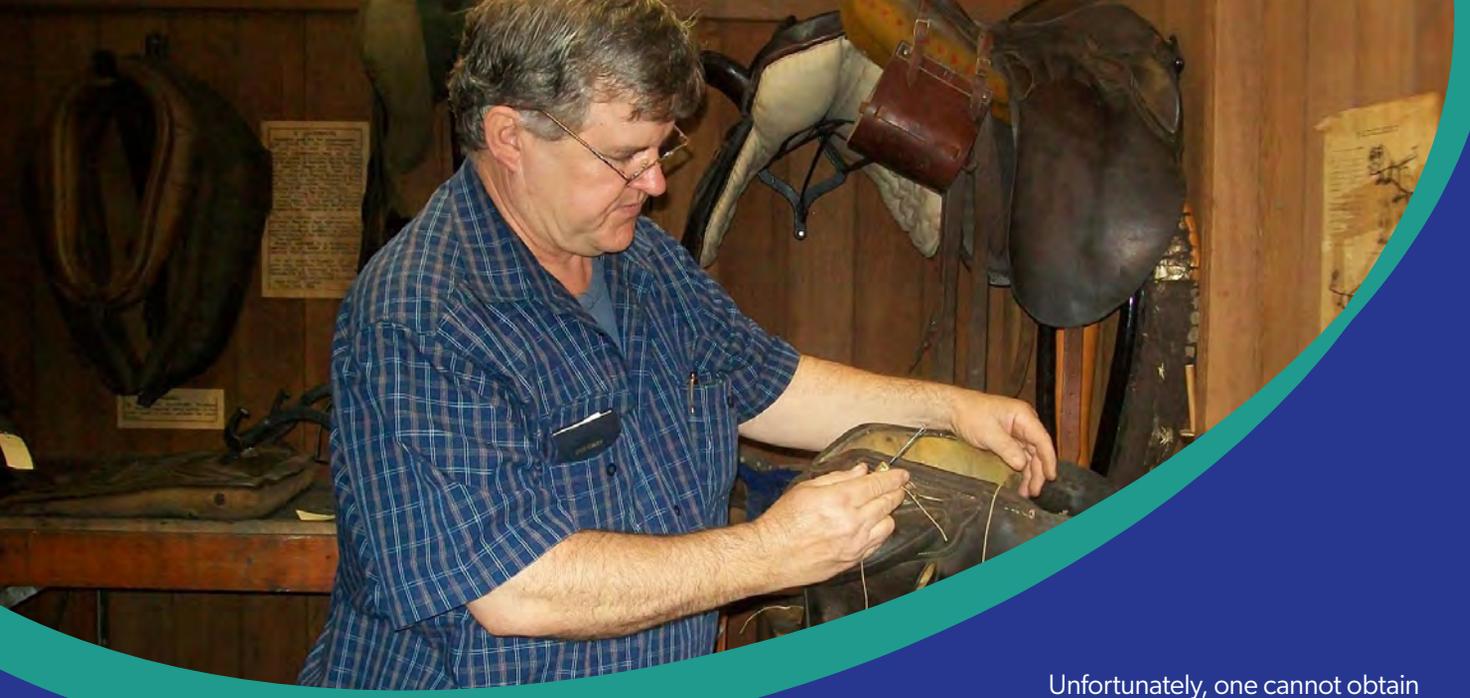
There is so much to come from this report – my investigations were detailed and my findings comprehensive.

I would like to see a more extensive version of my findings published as a book to facilitate an opportunity for many people in this space to learn about each other and what is happening in this movement worldwide.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank the Churchill Trust for the opportunity to travel and learn from people worldwide; this has been an invaluable experience and the support and guidance I have received has been remarkable.

**Download Rebecca's Churchill Fellowship report at [churchilltrust.com.au](https://churchilltrust.com.au)**





## Peter Castles

### To learn the finer points of the English Saddle, Harness and Collar making - UK

My aim in applying for a Churchill Fellowship was to learn new skills in the saddlery trade. I had been making Australian stock saddles for over forty years and had always wanted to broaden my horizons to gain knowledge in other areas.

The saddlery world is a very specialised one. It is very rare to meet anyone who is capable of working across the broad range of the saddlery trade. As time ticks by, there are very few of us left who have had actual training for years on the bench. Most saddlers of today have picked it up here and there.

An example of these specialised skills is collar making. There are perhaps no more than four persons in Australia currently who could confidently make a collar to order. The loss of skills and knowledge has been dramatic in the Western world, in my own trade, and no doubt, in many others as well.

I wish to offer training to people, and to do that, I thought that I could broaden my knowledge by learning the rarer facets of the trade.

I travelled to the UK for eight weeks with a clear objective – to learn the finer points of English saddle, collar and harness making.

I spent five weeks of my eight-week trip actually on the bench, learning from two of the best tradesmen that England had to offer. I was interested to observe that the skill set of the old-time English tradesman, was remarkably comparable to those I had observed whilst doing my trade in Brisbane.

There are some differences between English and Australian saddlery. The most obvious one to me is their use of leather to line a saddle whereas we use serge. Leather can be quite hot, which is why we use a fabric lining here in Australia for coolness and also for ease of manufacture.

We also counterline our saddles here, when the original panel has settled down hard to shape. When counter-lining, the Australian saddler always uses curled hair. Curled hair is made from the tail hair of a bullock, although horsehair can be used as well.

Once again, the heat aspect of working in Australia, comes into play here. The curled hair is the coolest medium that one can use on a horse's back.

Unfortunately, one cannot obtain curled hair commercially anymore, making counter-lining a very difficult process for anyone wishing to work traditionally. I was trained to make my own curled hair, and I have demonstrated this skill at the Lost Trades Fairs here in Toowoomba.

My personal vision has always been to make a product to the best of my ability and to do so, I feel duty bound to use the tried and true techniques of old.

To disseminate and implement the knowledge I have gained during my Fellowship, I plan to continue to teach students in saddlery schools and volunteer at various related institutions. I will continue to be involved with Lost Trades Fairs and the Whip Maker's Club of South East Queensland. I also plan to collate knowledge in both written and video form to help students learn the craft in their own time and increase the longevity of my findings and prior knowledge.

After finishing my Fellowship in late 2019 and following the usual end of year festivities, I wrote my Fellowship report but this pandemic has been challenging to say the least. I am however pleased to report that I have two candidates discussing saddle-making courses with me at present.

[Download Peter's Churchill Fellowship report at churchilltrust.com.au](https://churchilltrust.com.au)

**Pictured right (from top to bottom)**

- 1 Saddler's Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside London
- 2 Saddle making at Saddlery Training Centre, Salisbury, Mr Mark Romain, tutor, Kerry, fellow student, and myself. My saddle is visible and ready to put the panel in
- 3 Sulky Saddle, completed (this saddle directs the reins to the horse, and with further strapping, will hold the shafts of the vehicle up).
- 4 My two team collars. These both measure 23" and are what you would use on a horse to pull a sulky or a buggy.



# Churchill 2019 Fellows

## Mr Paul Triglau

Bakery/Patisserie Lecturer  
Regency TAFE SA

The Dr Susan Nelle Churchill Fellowship to learn artisan baking/patisserie to establish an Italian focused course at TAFE SA - Italy

*"The baking sector is a growing landscape that employs around 45,000 bakers and pastry chefs.*

*While there is a huge surge of interest in Italian baking/patisserie from both business owners and consumers, there is no Italian specific course in Australia apart from the short 3 day course I currently run.*

*I plan to use the skills I gain in Italy to develop an expanded program that will benefit many bakery owners, bakers and apprentices in South Australia," Paul said.*





**115**

Number of Churchill Fellowships awarded to talented and deserving Australians in 2019 at an estimated cost of \$3.4m

**4473**

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

# Australian Capital Territory

2019 Churchill Fellows

## Mr Timothy Bevitt

Performing Arts Specialist  
Self Employed

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to investigate how intergenerational play and creativity can be used to build cohesive communities - New Zealand, USA, UK, Finland

## Ms Farzana Choudhury

Street Law Program Manager  
and Solicitor  
Canberra Community Law

To empower people facing poverty through social and housing status rights-based models - UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand

## Mr Joel Dignam

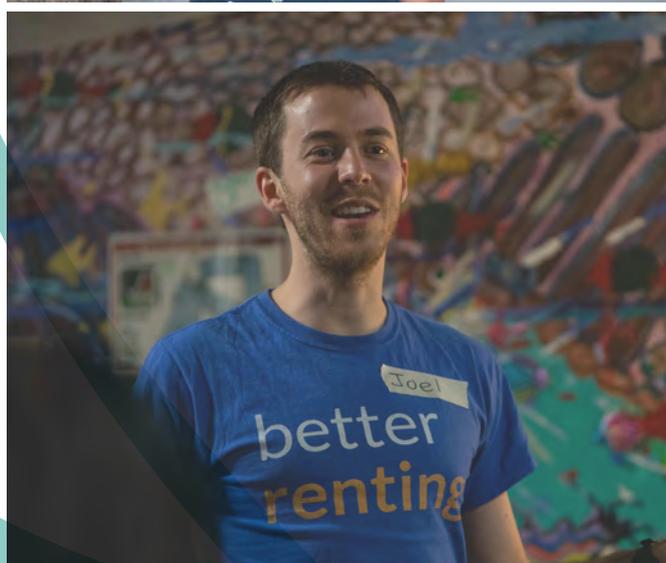
Executive Director  
Better Renting

To learn how to best build an organisation to grow the power of renters to advocate for social change - UK, USA, New Zealand

## Dr Arnagretta Hunter

Physician and Cardiologist  
Canberra Health Service

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to learn skills in Narrative Medicine for education of medical students, doctors, patients and families - UK, USA, Netherlands





**Mr Ali Khan**

Assistant Director  
Program Communication  
Department of Jobs and  
Small Business

To enhance support for gay  
male survivors of domestic  
violence - UK, USA



**Dr Laura Macfarlane-Berry**

Veterinary Officer  
Department of Agriculture  
and Water Resources

The Dr Dorothea Sandars  
Churchill Fellowship to  
investigate veterinary field  
epidemiology training programs  
for improved animal and public  
health - Thailand, China,  
Mauritius, Madagascar, Italy,  
USA, Canada



**Mr Seyi Onitiri**

Barrister  
Key Chambers

To evaluate the suitability of  
programs for self represented  
litigants for Australian courts - USA



**Ms Nicola Palfrey**

Director  
The Australian National University

To understand how to make exposure to  
trauma and adversity in childhood a  
public health issue - USA, UK

# **New South Wales** 2019 Churchill Fellows

## **Mr Matthew Allen**

Executive Director  
Zero Waste Network Australia

To investigate successful impact measurement approaches for community reuse enterprises - New Zealand, USA, UK, Belgium

## **Mr Daniel Busch**

Area Operations Officer  
NSW Rural Fire Service

The Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Churchill Fellowship to innovate career pathways for Indigenous peoples into rural fire service agencies - South Africa, UK, USA

## **Mr Peter Carter**

New Industry Lead  
CSIRO

To understand international best practice and capabilities of Australian national food traceability - Vietnam, China, UK, Ireland, Belgium, Italy, Canada, USA

## **Ms Jacqueline Charles**

Education Manager  
Rule of Law Institute of Australia

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to research best practice in the design and delivery of court education programs for school students - Singapore, UK, USA, Canada





**Dr Mark Dexter**

Neurosurgeon  
Children's Hospital at Westmead

The Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws Churchill Fellowship to develop Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy as a novel therapy for epilepsy and brain tumours - USA



**Miss Nadishani Fernando**

Clinical Psychologist  
Children's Hospital at Westmead

To investigate models of care and treatment for young people with functional somatic conditions - USA, Canada, UK



**Mr Joseph Flick**

Senior Support Officer  
NSW Aboriginal Land Council

To research and document the burial sites of Indigenous soldiers who died overseas during WW1 - UK, France, Belgium



**Ms Rebecca Glenn**

Sightlines Economic Wellbeing Associate  
Domestic Violence Service Management

To explore service responses to women experiencing or escaping domestic financial abuse - USA, Canada, UK

# **New South Wales** 2019 Churchill Fellows

## **Mr Russell Harrison**

Investigative Specialist  
City of Sydney Council

To develop an effective strategy for regulating illegal accommodation in Australia - USA, UK, France, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, China

## **Dr Madeleine Hartley**

Regulatory and Corporate Strategy Adviser  
Water NSW

To improve our legal frameworks' response to water scarcity by learning from the global experience - South Korea, UK, USA, Mexico, Chile

## **Dr Ana Heitor**

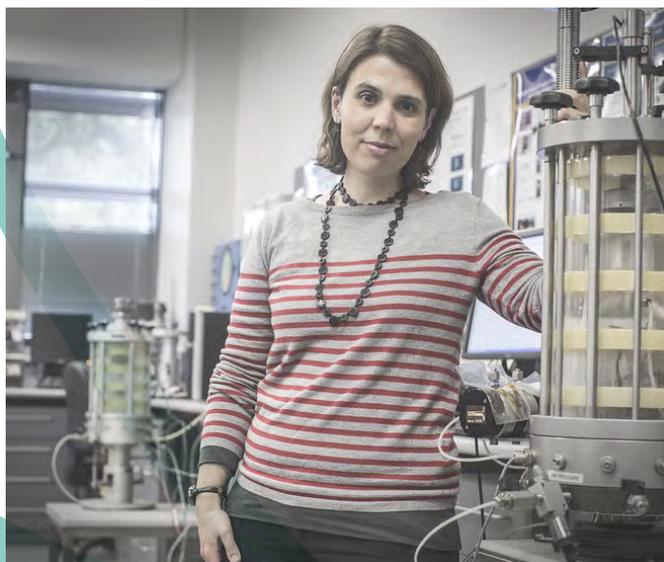
Senior Lecturer  
University of Wollongong

To investigate bio-mediated soil stabilization applied to Australian conditions - USA, Singapore

## **Dr David Kim-Boyle**

Media, Production,  
and Technology Manager  
Sydney Conservatorium of Music  
The University of Sydney

To investigate design and development strategies for augmented reality music applications - USA





**Mr Michael McSweeney**

Mental Health Accredited Social Worker  
Self Employed

The Blakeney Millar Foundation Churchill Fellowship to study ways of engaging isolated people through local theatre in small communities - New Zealand, USA, Canada



**Mr Murray Norman**

Chief Executive Officer  
Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools (NSW) Inc

To explore best practice in Religious Education worldwide to enhance RE in a multicultural Australia - India, Israel, UK, Germany, USA



**Associate Professor David Och**

Senior Principal Structural Engineering Geoscientist  
WSP Australia

To develop a statewide sustainable GIS geotechnical database to capture present data for the future - Malaysia, China, UK, Netherlands, Switzerland



**Mr Cameron Paterson**

Director of Teaching and Learning  
Shore School

To investigate the Creating Cultures of Thinking framework developed at Harvard's Project Zero - USA

# **New South Wales** 2019 Churchill Fellows

## **Ms Joanne Philipson**

Assistant Director  
Organised Crime and Counter-Terrorism  
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

To make a comparative assessment of strategies to effectively manage prosecution disclosure - UK, Canada, USA

## **Ms Kim Samuel**

Director of Service Reforms  
Department of Family and Community Services

To explore innovative options for disability housing that focus on user-choice and self-determination - USA

## **Dr Graham Sattler**

Executive Director  
Mitchell Conservatorium

To evaluate international best-practice Musical Inclusion models for application in Australia - Armenia, UK, Ireland, Portugal, Canada, USA

## **Ms Philippa Stevens**

Manager, Information and Access  
State Library of New South Wales

To benchmark the balance of access, security and preservation for significant library collections - UK, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Italy, USA





**Ms Sharon Taylor**

Aboriginal Health Educator/Project Officer  
NSW Health Education Training Institute

To implement cross-cultural education within  
NSW Health based on Aboriginal pedagogies  
(8Ways) - New Zealand, Canada, Italy



**Miss Elaine Thomson**

Director Practice Quality  
NSW Family and Community Services

To explore methods to ensure  
vulnerable families receive a child  
protection service that upholds  
dignity and social justice -  
Canada, USA, UK



**Miss Melinda Tually**

Director  
Ndless: The New Normal

To understand best practice  
garment manufacturing upholding  
workers rights and paying living  
wages - Vietnam, Cambodia,  
India, UK, USA



**Associate Professor Nicholas Wood**

Academic  
University of Sydney

To improve our clinical advice and  
management of vaccine reactions for the  
Australian community - USA,  
Canada, Switzerland

# ← Northern Territory

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### **Ms Ingrid Johanson**

Manager Babbarra Women's Centre  
Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate philanthropic models connecting remote women's social enterprise to broad networks - USA, Guatemala, India, New Zealand

### **Ms Traci Keys**

Director  
NT Anti-Discrimination Commission

To increase effective and supportive options for women experiencing sexual harassment in the workplace - Canada, USA, UK, Ireland

### **Ms Naomi Lacey**

Aeromedical Logistics Coordinator  
CareFlight NT

To study peak community garden bodies to continue the development of our national organisation - UK, Ireland, Netherlands, USA

### **Miss Samantha Nowland**

Aquaculture Research Scientist  
Darwin Aquaculture Centre  
Northern Territory Government

The Yulgilbar Foundation Churchill Fellowship to address the challenges facing remote Aboriginal communities in the culture of native rock oysters - Canada, USA, France





**2019 NT Government House Presentation**

Pictured left (from left to right)

*Trust CEO Adam Davey, Samantha Nowland, Traci Keys, NT Administrator The Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO, Naomi Lacey, Ingrid Johanson, Christina Spargo, Alphonsus Shields and NT Director Suzan Cox OAM QC*



**Ms Anna Reynolds**

Artist  
Self Employed

To investigate art textile hubs, focusing on sustainable manufacturing and global markets - Italy, Switzerland, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, UK



**Mr Alphonsus Shields**

Senior Constable  
Northern Territory Police

The ANZSOG Churchill Fellowship to promote Indigenous employee groups in middle management positions within government - USA, Canada, New Zealand



**Ms Christina Spargo**

Manager, Research Office  
Menzies School of Health Research

To learn how to teach Taiko (Japanese drumming) to people living with dementia - Japan, USA, Germany, UK

# Queensland

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Associate Professor Deborah Askew

Conjoint Associate Professor  
General Practice Research  
The University of Queensland

To research holistic Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder prevention in urban Indigenous communities - Canada, USA

### Ms Clytie Binder

Program Officer, Waste Education  
Brisbane City Council

To explore education methods and partnership models to support community composting - USA, Canada, Cuba

### Dr Paulo Borges

Principal Research Scientist  
CSIRO

The Auto Skills Australia Churchill Fellowship to bridge the gap between autonomous vehicles and individuals with mobility difficulties - USA

### Mr Aaron Brown

Baroque Violinist  
Australian Brandenburg Orchestra

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to research the performance practice of medieval and baroque music - Greece, Italy





**Ms Bianca Bulley**

Assistant Head of Wardrobe  
Opera Queensland

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to gain international costume tailoring skills to address a national skill shortage in the field - UK

**Dr Amanda Cahill**

Chief Executive Officer  
The Next Economy

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to study how climate action can build regional economies that are more resilient, just and prosperous - Spain, UK, Belgium, France Netherlands, Italy, Sweden

**Ms Petah Chapman**

Opera Singer and Teacher  
Apollo Opera Collective

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to pursue excellence in opera and build international relationships with cultures in which opera thrives - UK, Denmark

**Ms Jennifer Davis**

Library Assistant  
Brisbane City Council

To investigate footwear last design and manufacture techniques including 3D printing of footwear lasts - Spain, Germany, UK, Finland, USA

# Queensland

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### **Mrs Nadia de Silva**

Senior Speech Pathologist  
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

To investigate improving language outcomes for brain tumour patients undergoing awake craniotomies - USA, France, Belgium, Netherlands

### **Dr Ashley Field**

Senior Botanist  
Queensland Department of Environment and Science

To conduct the first census of type materials for all 526 Australian fern and lycophyte species - UK, France, Denmark, Italy

### **Mrs Louise Hallo**

Deputy Principal and  
Director of College Life  
Emmanuel College

To support young people develop healthy and safe strategies when engaging in sexual relationships - USA

### **Inspector David Charles Hickey**

Senior Investigator  
Queensland Police Service

To analyse appropriate procedures for the investigation of police critical incidents - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Thailand





**Mr Russell Kelley**

Communication Designer  
Morgan Pratchett ARC Centre of  
Excellence for Coral Reef Studies  
James Cook University

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee  
Churchill Fellowship to renew a proven,  
easy-to-use, tool for self directed learning  
and training in coral identification - UK,  
Germany, Italy, Indonesia



**Ms Jan Maggacis**

Management Support & Training  
Australian Electoral Commission

The Community Sector  
Banking Churchill Fellowship to  
investigate resilience training  
methods and develop  
sustainable leadership models  
to support the NFP sector - USA



**Ms Jane Milburn**

Sustainability Consultant  
Textile Beat

To investigate ways hands-on upcycling  
actions help reduce textile waste and  
enhance wellbeing - Japan, USA, UK,  
Netherlands, Germany



**Dr Yvette Roe**

Research Fellow  
Molly Wardaguga Research Centre  
Charles Darwin University

To investigate innovative strategies for  
Indigenous community engagement in  
maternity services - Canada

# Queensland

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Mr Matthew Smith

Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Student Veterans Association

The James Love Churchill Fellowship to improve the military transition process through education opportunities and employment outcomes - USA, Canada, UK, Israel

### Miss Sian Spencer

Physiotherapist  
Queensland Health

To develop and prepare Australian athletes for international paraclimbing competitions - USA, Austria, France, UK

### Ms Michelle Tapper

Supervising Producer  
Video and Digital Production  
Australian Academy of Science

To study science video production in digital media and develop a financially sustainable model - USA, UK, Switzerland

### Dr Jaclyn White

Paediatric Ophthalmology Fellow  
Children's Health Queensland

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to develop an integrated Ocular Genetic Service to improve care for children with genetic eye disease - UK, USA, Canada





## Jane Milburn

Churchill Fellowship to investigate ways hands-on upcycling actions help reduce textile waste and enhance wellbeing - Japan, USA, UK, Netherlands, Germany

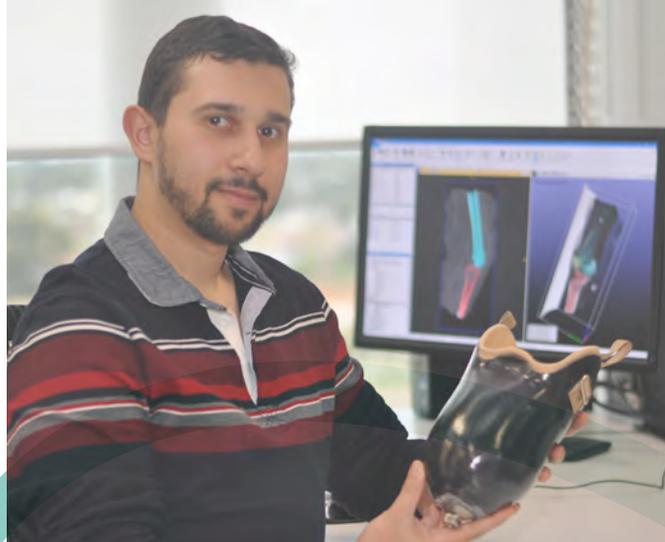
# South Australia

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Dr Rami Al-Dirini

Research Fellow  
Flinders University

To investigate application of advanced (Bio) mechanical modelling and 3D printing for personalised prosthetic design - UK, Italy, USA



### Ms Trischa Baff

Chief Executive Officer  
FCTA - Building Careers

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to investigate best practices in heritage trade training for Australia and establish a trainer exchange - UK, New Zealand



### Dr Victoria Cornell

Research and Evaluation Manager  
ECH Inc

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to investigate alternative, affordable models of housing that could help older Australians to age-in-place - USA, Germany, Denmark, Japan, Singapore



### Ms Elspeth Grant

Teacher, Golden Grove High School  
Department for Education

To revive learning about state and territory perspectives under our national History curriculum - USA, UK, Spain, Thailand





**Mr Evan Marker**

Director/Stonemason  
Evan Marker Stonework Pty Ltd

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to train in the art of stone letter carving and observe the operation of a commercial studio - UK, Belgium



**Ms Briony O'Shea**

Project Manager  
GPA Engineering

To understand how barriers to introducing hydrogen into natural gas networks can be overcome - UK, Norway, Germany, France, Turkey



**Ms Anastasia Read**

Senior Social Worker  
Department for Child Protection

The Churchill Fellows Association of South Australia Churchill Fellowship to investigate family preservation programs in child protection space for Aboriginal families - USA, Canada, Sweden, Belgium



**Dr Jared Thomas**

Curator Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art and Material Culture  
South Australian Museum

To investigate colonised people's interpretative strategies in permanent gallery displays - New Zealand, USA, Canada, Norway

# South Australia

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Mr Paul Triglau

Bakery/Patisserie Lecturer  
Regency TAFE SA

The Dr Susan Nelle Churchill Fellowship to learn artisan baking/patisserie to establish an Italian focused course at TAFE SA - Italy

### Mr Aaron Tucker

Supervisor Operations & Planning  
Australian Border Force

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to enhance understanding of illicit synthetic opioid trafficking and examine border protection programs - China, Canada, USA, Mexico

### 2019 SA Government House Presentation

Pictured right (from left to right)

Front row Trust Board Chair David Trebeck, Elspeth Grant, SA Board Director Alexandra Cannon, Mrs Le, Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le AC, Jared Thomas, Anastasia Read  
Back Row Rami Al-Dirini, Paul Triglau, Trischa Baff, Aaron Tucker, Victoria Cornell, Briony O'Shea



Government House, Adelaide



## Churchill House

This statue of Sir Winston Churchill stands in the gardens of Churchill House, the Trust's National Office, located within the grounds of the Australian National University in Canberra.



# Tasmania

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Ms Sarah Bayne

Inspiring Australia Manager (Tasmania)  
University of Tasmania

To design a science centre that will be the public interface of Hobart's new Science Precinct - Philippines, Singapore, Japan, USA, Ireland, Netherlands, Germany, Finland

### Mr Timothy Crow

Managing Director  
Hemp Harvests

The Ron Badman Family  
Churchill Fellowship to further develop expertise in the cultivation, manufacturing, science, and policy of hemp - Nepal, India, Israel, USA, Canada, Ukraine, Netherlands

### Mr Adam Dickenson

Executive Director  
Elverton Pastoral

To improve community health and wealth through the creation of engineered whitewater/surf facilities - New Zealand, Canada, USA, Germany

### Ms Leah Galvin

State Manager  
Eat Well Tasmania Inc

To explore business and government approaches that have increased local food procurement - USA, Canada, Norway, Denmark, Sweden





**Mrs Faina Iligoga**

Administrator  
IOOF Holdings Limited

The Tasmanian Churchill Fellows Association Churchill Fellowship to establish a documentation and healing centre that will teach the history of the genocide in Rwanda - Poland, Rwanda, Cambodia



**Mrs Kristy Lark-Booth**

Owner/Manager/Distiller  
Killara Distillery

To establish Physic and Apothecary Gardens specifically for distillation, education and tourism - USA, Italy, France, UK



**Mr Ian Marmion**

Ranger-in-Charge  
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service

The Lamington National Park Churchill Fellowship to investigate methods to manage visitation to protected areas while conserving their intrinsic values - South Korea, China, USA, Canada



**Mr Nathan Maynard**

Independent Artist  
Tasmania Performs

The Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to further hone and develop my craft as a playwright and immerse myself in the running of a First Nations Theatre Company - Canada

# Tasmania

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Ms Olivia Powell

Psychologist  
 Family Violence Counselling and Support Service  
 Children and Young Persons Program  
 Department of Communities Tasmania

To advance specialist family violence therapeutic service provision for children in Australia - USA, Canada, Netherlands, UK

### Ms Catherine Sumner

Director  
 Law and Development Partners

The Gallagher Bequest  
 Churchill Fellowship to research how impact investing and social impact bonds can support legal services for women and children - Singapore, Bangladesh, Netherlands, UK, USA, Canada

### 2019 TAS Government House Presentation

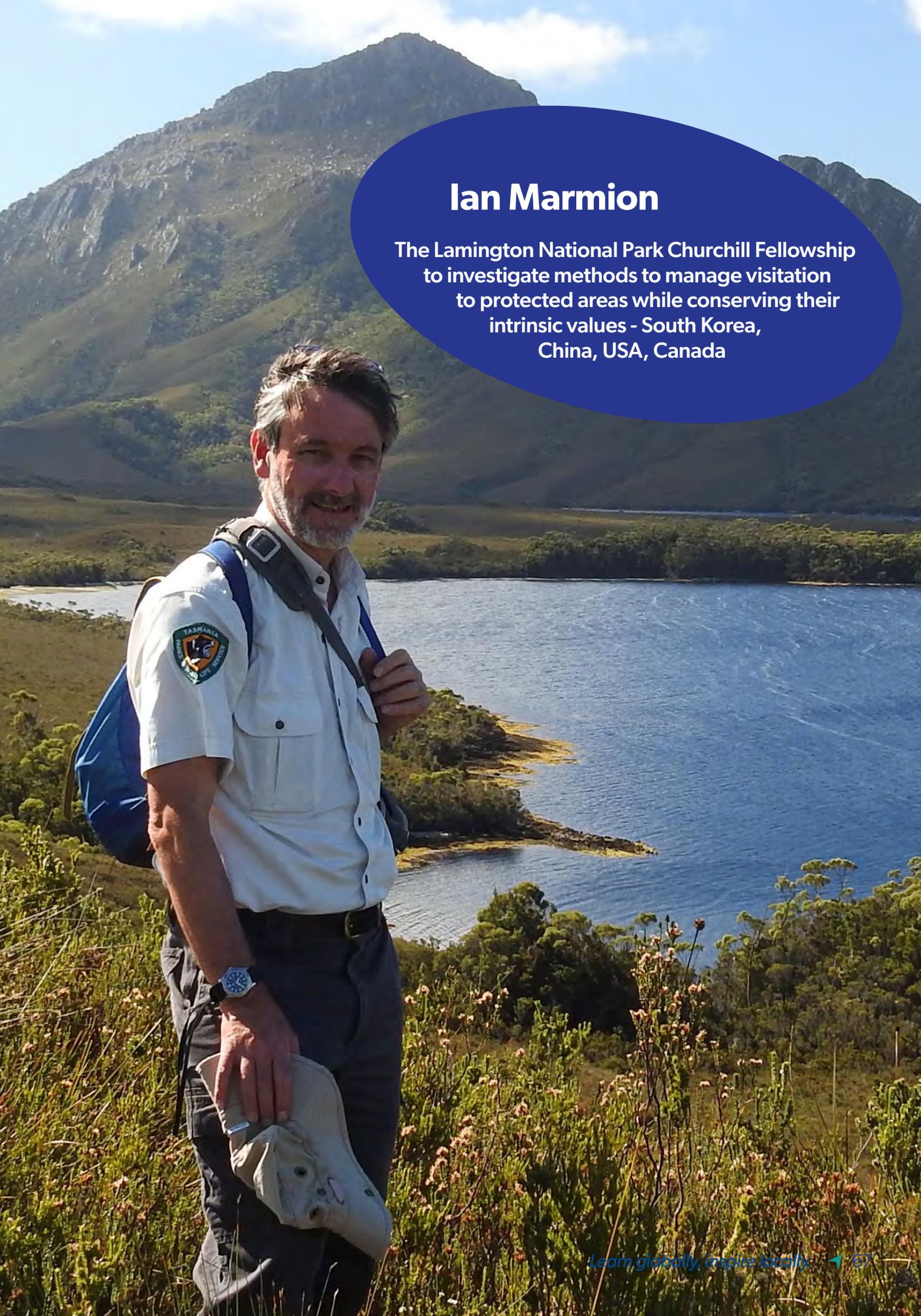
Pictured right (from left to right)

Front row Leah Galvin, Sarah Bayne, Governor of Tasmania  
 Kate Warner AC, Catherine Sumner, Adam Dickenson  
 Back row Nathan Maynard, Faina Iligoga, Olivia Powell,  
 Ian Marmion, Kristy Lark-Booth, Timothy Crow.



Government House, Hobart



A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark trousers, stands on a grassy hill. He has a blue backpack and is holding a light-colored hat. The background features a large body of water, a forested shoreline, and a large, rocky mountain peak under a blue sky with light clouds. A blue oval graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

## Ian Marmion

The Lamington National Park Churchill Fellowship to investigate methods to manage visitation to protected areas while conserving their intrinsic values - South Korea, China, USA, Canada

# Victoria

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### **Dr Natalia Antolak-Saper**

Lecturer  
Faculty of Law, Monash University

To find innovative solutions to assist unrepresented accused in summary criminal matters - USA, Canada, UK

### **Ms Judith Brewer**

Farmer and Corporate Director  
Co-operative Research Centre for Autism

To create and expand care farming practices in Australia for autistic adults with acute anxiety - Vietnam, UK, Ireland

### **Mr James Brown**

Head of Circus Studies  
National Institute of Circus Arts

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank  
New Churchill Fellowship to investigate the artistic future of Australian Circus Arts - France, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, USA, Canada

### **Ms Samantha Burchell**

Chief Executive Officer  
Judicial College of Victoria  
Court Services Victoria

To promote quality and diversity in an independent judiciary through transparent judicial appointment - South Africa, UK, USA





**Dr Susan Carland**

Director, Bachelor of Global Studies  
Monash University

The Paul Tys Churchill Fellowship  
to explore practical strategies for  
countering Islamophobia - USA, UK



**Ms Laura Chipp**

Managing Principal Lawyer  
Victoria Police

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation  
Churchill Fellowship to analyse  
evidence based and best practice  
approaches to stop recidivism in  
the youth justice system -  
New Zealand, USA, UK,  
Spain, Germany



**Dr Jorja Collins**

Foodservice Dietitian  
Eastern Health

To explore strategies to improve  
the environmental sustainability of  
hospital foodservice - USA



**Dr Louise Fuller**

Senior Clinical Physiotherapist  
The Alfred Hospital

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill  
Fellowship to investigate a variety of  
post lung transplant rehabilitation  
models to develop guidelines for  
Australia - UK, Belgium, USA, Canada

# Victoria

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Dr Billy Garvey

Senior Fellow  
Centre for Community Child Health  
The Royal Children's Hospital

To improve child health and development using technology to support evidence-based parenting practice - USA, UK, Sweden

### Dr Rachel Kennedy

Senior Clinician Physiotherapist  
The Royal Children's Hospital

To implement exercise programs for Australian children and young people living with neuromuscular disease - UK, Denmark, Netherlands, USA, Canada

### Ms Penelope Lee

General Manager  
Her Place Women's Museum  
Australia

To research, learn from and build relationships with women's museums - USA, UK

### Ms Adongwot Manyoul

Customer Service Specialist  
Cotton On Group

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate ways in which Africans have been integrated in other Western multicultural societies - USA, UK, France, Norway





**Professor Danielle Mazza**

Professor and Head  
Department of General Practice  
Monash University

To reduce inequities in access to medical  
abortion through better integration  
into primary care - Ireland, Sweden,  
USA, Canada



**Mr Patrick McGee**

National Manager  
Policy Research and Advocacy  
Australian Federation of  
Disability Organisations

To investigate models of  
disability supports to people  
with disability detained in  
prisons - UK, Ireland, USA,  
Canada



**Mr Markiyan Melnychenko**

Lecturer in Music  
Melbourne Conservatorium of Music  
University of Melbourne

The Dr Iain C. Medgett Churchill  
Fellowship to study pedagogical techniques  
of the German violin school under renowned  
violinist Antje Weithaas - Germany



**Ms Leanne Mitchell**

Program Integration and Delivery Manager  
City of Melbourne

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill  
Fellowship to investigate how councils  
respond to rough sleeping while balancing  
responsibilities to the wider community -  
UK, Finland, USA

# Victoria

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Mr Michael Reid

Program Manager  
Established Invasive Species  
Agriculture Victoria

To investigate community-led programs that support the management of weeds and pest animals - New Zealand, USA, UK, South Africa

### Ms Amy Rogers

Team Leader, Policy  
Victorian Equal Opportunity and  
Human Rights Commission

To investigate the effectiveness of gender pay equity legislation and regulatory frameworks - UK, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, New Zealand

### Mr Adam Sandford

Asset Manager  
Aboriginal Housing Victoria Ltd

To study indigenous social housing and ownership models and delivery services - Canada

### Dr Jennifer Schumann

Senior Research Fellow,  
Head - Drug Harm Prevention Unit  
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine

To investigate effective public health policies for preventing opioid misuse - USA, Canada





Government House, Melbourne



**Dr Sean Stevens**

General Surgeon  
Corangamite Surgical

To explore leading global practices  
in the use of simulation in surgical  
education and training -  
UK, Ireland, USA, Canada



**Ms Heather Thomas**

Knitwear Production/Retail Sales  
Wendy Voon Knits

To increase natural dyeing  
expertise by investigating  
established botanical dye studios -  
USA, Canada, Japan



2019 Welcome to new Fellows Dinner

# Western Australia

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### **Mrs Leasa Ashton**

Senior Liaison Teacher  
WA Department of Education

To increase quality of life, community and schooling outcomes for adolescents with chronic pain and fatigue - Netherlands, UK, Canada, USA

### **Ms Jimena Garcia-Vega**

Senior Physiotherapist  
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

The Leslie (Les) J. Fleming Churchill Fellowship to investigate rehabilitation methods to improve function and quality of life in patients with malignant brain tumours - UK, Italy, Canada, USA

### **Dr Kirsten Hancock**

Senior Research Fellow  
Telethon Kids Institute

The WA Department of Communities Churchill Fellowship to research factors and contexts linked with successful and failing student absenteeism strategies - New Zealand, USA

### **Ms Amanda Healy**

Chief Executive Officer  
Warrikal Pty Ltd

To complete formal and recognised training in Fashion Design in Europe with subject experts - Italy, UK





**Ms Lois Keay-Smith**

Career Counsellor and Consultant  
Career Wisdom

To help adults navigate their career interruption,  
career re-invention and work life after cancer -  
Canada, USA, UK



**Dr Tracey Kreplins**

Research Officer  
Department of Primary Industries  
and Regional Development

To investigate predator  
management in a farming and  
agricultural context -  
South Africa



**Miss Sharni Lawler**

Police Officer  
Homicide Squad  
Western Australia Police

To examine international techniques  
for the Family Liaison Officer in homicide  
investigations - UK, Canada, USA



**Dr Stephen Macdonald**

Consultant Emergency Physician  
Royal Perth Hospital

To develop a best practice approach to diagnosis  
and management of sepsis across Australia - UK,  
Ireland, USA, Brazil

# Western Australia

## 2019 Churchill Fellows

### Dr Manickam Minakshi

Senior Lecturer  
Murdoch University

To create new biodegradable polymers with incorporated redox active minerals for energy storage - Sweden, Poland, Germany

### Ms Alison Morley

Head of Business Development and Strategy  
Western Power

The Auto Skills Australia Churchill Fellowship to examine installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in low population areas - USA, Canada, China, South Korea, UK, Norway

### Ms Cara Peek

Chair  
Nyamba Buru Yawuru

The Community Sector Banking Churchill Fellowship to improve the social, emotional and economic well-being of Indigenous Australian people - Brazil, USA, Canada

### Dr Jennifer Pontre

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist  
King Edward Memorial Hospital

To gain experience in the management of endometriosis worldwide through observerships and courses - United Arab Emirates, France, Belgium, Italy, USA





Government House, Perth



### Mr Ceri Skamp

Detective Senior Sergeant  
Western Australia Police

To investigate the impact of rapport building and environment on interviews for victims of child abuse - New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK, Netherlands, China, Philippines



### Dr Virginia Westwood

Self Employed  
Protea Textware Pty Ltd

To study aspects of speech recognition specific to learning to speak an endangered oral language - UK, Singapore, Malaysia, France



### 2019 WA Government House Presentation

Pictured left (from left to right)

Front Row Trust Board Chair David Trebeck,  
Leana Stendell, WA Board Director Colin Murphy,  
Governor of Western Australia Kim Beazley AC  
Second Row Tracey Kreplins, Jimena Garcia-Vega,  
Cara Peek, Jennifer Pontre Third Row Leasa Ashton,  
Virginia Westwood, Kirsten Hancock Back Row  
Lois Keay-Smith, Manickam Minakshi, Ceri Skamp  
Sharni Lawler, Amanda Healy



## ← CFA Activities around Australia

### ACT CFA President's Report

The year kicked off for the Canberra-based committee on Tuesday 19th February with an exceptional turnout with approximately 190 registrations for the ACT Information Roadshow. This resulted in 66 applications from interested ACT citizens and 8 awardees across a broad spectrum of interests and projects.

I also attended the Wagga Wagga information evening on Monday 25th February with a small but interesting group of attendees.

Thursday 4th April saw me attend the CFA Presidents Forum in Hobart as a prelude to the wonderful Churchill Convention which took place 5-7 April in Hobart. Several of the ACT CFA attended what was an amazing few days and our congratulations must go out again to our Tasmanian colleagues for organising such a fantastic and engaging event.

Whilst I extricated myself from a Canberra mid-winter spending a month in Italy, the ACT Committee remained hard at work with a Churchill Chat being held at a local café/restaurant in early July.

The event featured industry guest speakers and was well attended by hardy Canberrans not afraid to venture out into the brisk winter evening.

One of the features the ACT CFA wanted to embrace was to highlight how a Churchill Fellow has integrated their Fellowship into their everyday work lives. This saw us liaise with 2017 Fellow Peggy McDonald who graciously opened her Raptor Rehabilitation Centre in the Southern Highlands of NSW on 8th September to 18 ACT & NSW Fellows for an amazing perspective on her work with injured raptors.

As fate would have it, a wild storm hit the evening before which knocked out power to her bushland property, however whilst we weren't able to enjoy her slide presentation, we did spend a wonderful few hours viewing her facility and the raptors in her care.

Our 2019 Annual Dinner held on Friday October 25th was, for the first time, held at the Royal Golf Club in Yarralumla. The dinner, MC'd by the effervescent Andrea Ho, highlighted the travels of recently returned ACT Fellows in an interview style Q&A and

provided an opportunity to introduce our new 2019 awardees.

Our final event, ACT CFA "Drinks on the House" held stand up and casual on Friday 6th December at our much utilised favourite café, Teddy Pickers in Campbell completed another very busy year for the committee.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the 2019 ACT Committee for the corporation and support, especially to Sarah May our Secretary who stepped down due to work commitments. I'd also like to welcome our newest committee members, Kerry, Courtney, Katrina, Kate and Peter. Thank you all for putting your hand up to support the work of the Committee in the coming year.

**Ian Drayton**  
President ACT CFA



2019 New Fellows Welcome Dinner



2019 Fellowship Recipients



2019 Churchill Chat



Performance by Churchill Fellows

### NT CFA President's Report

It has been a terrific year for the Churchill Fellows Association of the Northern Territory. I would especially like to thank our wonderful Committee for their hard work this year.

The CFA NT is now in its 7th year, and as a small CFA, it is timely to reflect on how far we've come in that time. We're now offering a range of events across the calendar year, which we can only do because of our Committee's passion and commitment.

We thank two outgoing Committee members - our Secretary, Lee Wood and Treasurer, Angela O'Donnell for their enormous contributions (including mentoring roles with new Committee members).

It has been really pleasing to see our committee grow in numbers, to see other Fellows step up and to see recently returned Fellows come on board. Their drive and fresh ideas will hold CFA NT in good stead for many years to come.

As noted, the CFA NT's activities have continued to expand this year. We held a dedicated Medallion Presentation event for the first time

and an AGM event that was open to the public and provided an opportunity to hear from, and showcase the musical talents of, recently returned Fellows.

Our committee has also been working hard on expanding the reach of our information sessions to regional and remote areas, to target Aboriginal Territorians and to enable them to hear about the unique opportunity Churchill Fellowships present.

Some of the highlights for the past year have included:

- ▶ Our AGM and community information evening in October, featuring presentations and musical performances by some of our Fellows;
- ▶ The superb Government House reception honouring new Fellows in November. This was followed by a wonderful dinner featuring presentations by recently returned Fellows;
- ▶ The Darwin information session in February, which was again very well attended;

- ▶ The Medallion Presentation dinner, featuring presentations by recently awarded Fellows;
- ▶ The innovative new induction sessions for new Fellows. Several of our Committee members attended and provided tips on the Fellowship adventure and information about the CFA NT;
- ▶ Efforts by the CFA NT 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.

I would like to thank the Trust and its wonderful staff in Canberra for their ongoing support. They are always happy to assist with anything we need. I would also like to acknowledge our Chair of the NT Regional Committee, Suzan Cox QC for her leadership and support, as well as our Regional Committee as a whole.

**Jared Sharp**  
President NT CFA



## NSW CFA President's Report

2019 and 2020 have been a busy time for the NSW CFA with many new Fellows joining our ranks, dinners, functions, Churchill Chats, Roadshows and of course the recent challenges of Coronavirus.

One thing we are very thankful for is that the Committee decided two years ago to move towards virtual committee meetings on the Zoom application. We are therefore very familiar with the video conferencing system and have continued unaffected to meet and plan in recent months.

The big challenge for all of us is the limitations on social gatherings and meetings and have had to cancel (or at least postpone) planned events for the foreseeable future. At the time of writing we are however planning our first virtual Churchill Chat.

We congratulate six NSW Fellows who were honoured in the June 2019 and January 2020 Australian Honours:

**Bernard Shakeshaft** (CF 2014)  
Awarded the title of Australia's Local Hero in honour of his work with disadvantaged rural youth.

**Brad Norman** AM (CF 2002)  
Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to science as a marine biologist.

**Bronnie Mackintosh** AFSM (CF 2015)  
Australian Fire Service Medal.

**Nigel Hadgkiss** AM (CF 1989)  
Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the building and construction sector, to public administration, and to law enforcement.

**John Bennett** AO (CF 2000)  
Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the law through prolific authorship of biographies of eminent members of the legal profession.

**Edward Kraegen** AO (CF 1973)  
Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to medicine, and to medical education, in the areas of diabetes, obesity and glucose metabolism research.

In 2019 our Committee again assisted the Trust in February and March at numerous Roadshows to promote the Fellowships in Sydney, Nowra, Bega, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Broken Hill, Newcastle, Tamworth, Ballina and Tumut.

In March 2019 we held a very successful Churchill Education Chat in the city where about forty people enjoyed three presentations from Fellows working within the education sector. It is proposed that these Education Sector Chats will continue on the in March each year.

A number of NSW Fellows travelled to Tasmania in April 2019 for the biennial Churchill Fellows Convention in Hobart and we were treated to wonderful hospitality and an excellent array of demonstrations, talks and site visits. We wish to congratulate Tasmania for an exceptional programme of events.

Our Medallion Dinner on 7 June 2019 was highly successful, with 80 members in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful opportunity as returned Fellows received their well-earned medallions and recounted many tales of wonderful experiences during their travels around the world.

In August 2019 we held the first of our annual Medallion Recipients Churchill Chats where we invited a panel of 5 recently returned Fellows to present on their research and progress. These Medallion Chats will continue each year however it is anticipated that our 2020 Chat will be postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions.

The new Fellows Presentation, followed by Dinner on 1 November were again a highlight of the year with the ceremony at Government House with our new Governor Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO.

The dinner in the Strangers Dining Room of Parliament House was an amazing evening and great to see

so much interaction between Fellows and guests throughout the night. This was also the first time the event was live-streamed by the Trust.

Our raffle of the Sir Winston Pol Roger Champagne raised another \$1,000.00 towards our next sponsored CFA Fellowship.

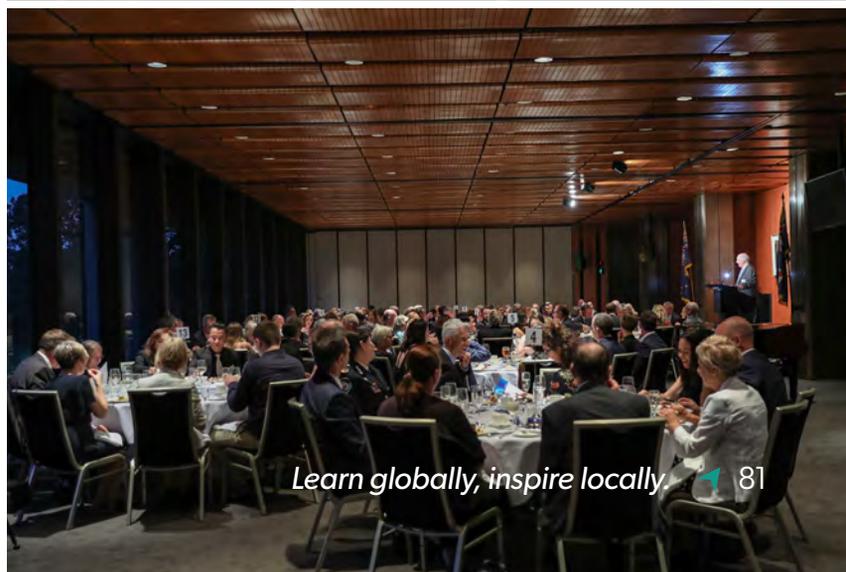
The following morning we again held a new Fellows induction session and assisted the Trust in organising excellent presentations from recently returned Fellows.

For many years we have utilised a well-known online ticketing service for our events.

This year, for the first time, we used an organisation known as Humanitix to process our ticketing and payment processes. We can highly recommend this service to other committees as we discovered their service costs are much lower and profits from the service fees are directed towards Humanitarian projects both within and outside Australia.

Our December AGM is always a good excuse for a Christmas BBQ get together for all Fellows and families and was a great way to finish off another busy year. I again place on record my sincere thanks to the amazing NSW Committee for their on-going work in the support of the Association and in turn the Fellows of NSW.

**Ian G Krimmer AFSM CF**  
President NSW CFA





2019 New Fellows Welcome Dinner



2019 Medallion Presentation (from left to right) Paul Biggin, Kelvin Slade, Ken Horrigan, Damian Sammon, Robyn Grote and Sharon Gilchrist

### QLD CFA President's Report

2019-20 was busy and productive for the Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland.

I would like to start by acknowledging Dr Brian Wilson OAM, who passed away on 6 March 2020. Brian and his late wife Dorothy were great supporters of the CFAQ and the Trust, and I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

It was my second year as President, and second year serving on the Queensland Regional Selection Committee - I feel like part of the furniture now. Dr Richard Roylance, a former CFAQ President, succeeded Dr Damien Thomson as Chair of the Selection Committee – congratulations Richard. Serving on the Selection Committee is one benefit of holding the President's position, and I was again impressed by the passion and expertise of Selection Committee members. We had a very strong field of applicants in 2019-20, and I am sure this year will be no different.

During interviews, the CFAQ provided the 'whisperers' to help the applicants through the somewhat daunting interview process. Thanks to Kelvin Slade and his wife Mandy for organising this greatly appreciated service, and excellent catering.

On 28 September, we congratulated 15 medallion recipients.

The night coincided with Riverfire, as it has previously, and under MC Damian Sammon's watchful brief, we completed the formal formalities before the Riverfire fireworks began.

On 8 November, we welcomed 20 new Fellows, covering a broad range of fields from conducting the first census of type materials for all 526 Australian fern and lycophyte species, to researching holistic Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder prevention in urban Indigenous communities, and from researching the performance practice of medieval and baroque music, to supporting young people develop healthy and safe strategies when engaging in sexual relationships.

The award ceremony at Government House was a great success, as was the dinner. Highlights from the dinner included presenting Dr Margaret Steinberg and Dr Richard Roylance with their CFAQ Life Member badges in recognition of their outstanding contribution to, and support of, the CFAQ and the Trust.

Leigh Park, administrator of the Park Family Churchill Fellowship, was also presented with a special membership category badge to honour her extraordinary support of the CFAQ and the Trust.

The day following the Government House ceremony a few members of the committee, under the watchful eye of Kelvin Slade, attended the orientation for the new Fellows on how to maximise their Fellowships.

Dr Richard Roylance again kindly hosted the CFAQ Christmas Party on 15 December. This much-loved event was again very popular, and always provides a wonderful opportunity for new and old Fellows to socialise, network and share experiences, and I hope that it continues into the future.

All of this would not be possible without a hard-working committee. I thank them for their contribution to the success of the CFAQ events this past year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my second year as President and was again elected President for the 2020-21 year at the AGM on 20 March. I would like to thank those who attended, but am glad that most people heeded the COVID-19 warnings and stayed away or phoned in. Those that did attend observed social distancing, refrained from handshaking and personal contact, but were rewarded by delicious catering organised by Kelvin and Many Slade.

The 2020-21 CFAQ committee is: Ken Horrigan President, Paul Biggin Vice President; Damian Sammon Secretary; Kelvin Slade Treasurer; General Members: Maura Solley, Melanie White and Sharon Gilchrist.

Unfortunately, Tania Porter, Robyn Grote and Will Feeney left the Committee in March. I thank them for their contributions.

**Ken Horrigan CF**  
President CFAQ

## VIC CFA President's Report

I would like to express how much of an honour and privilege it was in July 2019 to take over the role of Churchill Fellows Association of Victoria (CFAV) President, from my predecessor Anne Hooker whose strong contribution over her 2 years as President saw the CFAV continue being a forum for the strong body of Victorian Fellows. Thank you Anne for guiding and maintaining the direction of the CFAV with humility and good humour.

If I didn't need reminding of Sir Winston Churchill's legacy, on a recent trip to London I again observed the strength of spirit and presence of Churchill – visiting the Churchill Arms Hotel, a unique and quintessential English pub and the Houses of Parliament where a large statue of Churchill casts an imposing figure over the passing parade of politicians and visitors. To quote Winston himself ...“we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give“; in other words being involved with the CFAV is a great way to 'pay it forward' for future Fellows and community benefit.

2019 started out with six roadshow events across February and March, in Wodonga, Ballarat, Sale, Geelong, and two in Melbourne, including a lunchtime presentation. The roadshows were supported by the CFAV Committee who share the common bond of the Churchill legacy to work tirelessly promoting CFAV and supporting the Trust in actively encouraging people to apply for Churchill Fellowships.

The roadshow included presentations from returned Fellows providing lively insight to their respective Fellowship experiences, generating rich conversations and engagement with the audience reflected by the high number of Victorian applications.

In July we hosted the CFAV AGM and Medallion Dinner with 115 attendees enjoying the Pavilion at the Arts Centre in Melbourne with spectacular views over the Yarra River towards the Melbourne CBD. Returned Fellows enthralled the guests with a diverse range of learning and travel experiences by sharing humorous and sometimes emotional anecdotes leaving everyone invigorated and inspired.

August saw the CFAV host a breakfast session promoting Churchill Fellowships with over 50 guests taking the opportunity to enjoy the Fellowship esprit de corps. The guest speaker was John 'Sly' Silvester, a Walkley-award winning crime writer, columnist and author whose weekly 3AW radio segment attracts a large following. Sly held the audience in the palm of his hand providing an entertaining and informative insight to the Melbourne crime scene from his journalist perspective, explaining both the humorous and serious sides of the world of crime, the justice system, and the politics of law and order. Sly deftly linked the spirit of innovation and inspiration of Churchill Fellows to what is required in the community to effectively tackle law and order issues – a nice touch indeed.

On 22 November, 2019, Governor the Honourable Linda Dessau AC presented 22 inspiring Victorians with their Fellowships at the historic and grand Government House. That evening, over 110 guests attended the New Fellows Dinner at Pavilion at the Arts Centre with the event 'live streamed' online - a first for a CFAV event.

The standout highlight of the night was the Churchill Trust's National Chair, Mr David Trebeck, presenting Mr John Miles (1998 CF) with the Trust's Recognition Award for those who've made a great contribution to the Trust and CFAV. The award is a beautiful limited edition print of a botanical drawing of the Churchill Rose produced by Gilbert Dashorst, a South Australian Churchill Fellow.

The 2020 year has started promisingly with strong numbers in attendance for roadshows in Melbourne and Victorian regional cities of Shepparton, Bendigo, Horsham and Bairnsdale.

Sadly, the COVID-19 Pandemic impacted all of our lives. However, hopefully social isolation will afford strong 2020 Churchill Fellow applications no matter what the future holds!

**Martin Hardy**  
President CFA VIC



## SA CFA President's Report

As I sit in isolation to write this President's Report, I am amazed to look back on a year of social contact and fellowship, given the current climate we now find ourselves in.

The awarding of ten Churchill Fellowships in South Australia for 2019 was a fabulous achievement, and included the awarding of the Dr Susan V Nelle Churchill Fellowship, funded by the SA Department of Primary Industries and Regions, to Paul Triglau. Paul will travel to Italy to learn artisan baking/patisserie to establish an Italian-focused course at TAFE SA. It was also with much pleasure that we learned that the CFA SA Sponsored Fellowship was awarded to Anastasia Read. Anastasia will travel to the USA, Canada, Sweden and Belgium to investigate family preservation programs in child protection space for Aboriginal families.

Eight of our ten new Fellows were able to attend the annual dinner and AGM that was held at the Pavilion on 15th November – coinciding beautifully on the same day as the award ceremony at Government House for our new Fellows. The evening was a great success, and saw the awarding of two Life Memberships – one of which was endorsed in a secret ballot due to the recipient being an ongoing Committee member! Graeme Adcock (2002 CF) and Christine Morris BSocSc, MPH, FPHAA (1997 CF) were both welcomed as Life Members and they join a worthy cohort in South Australia that also includes Ian Tolley OAM, (1966 CF), Dene Cordes OAM, PSM, (1985 CF), Peter Elder (1986 CF) and Associate Professor Tony Phillips M.Phil. FBCO, FCCLSA, Dip.CL (1992 CF).

The annual dinner also saw Ian Tolley presented with a special award by the Trust's National Chair, David Trebeck, to recognise Ian's long-standing personal commitment and contribution to the ongoing success of Churchill Fellowships in Australia.

Attendees at the dinner would have been familiar with the award: a specially framed, limited-edition print of the 'Sir Winston Churchill' rose. This has a very personal connection to South Australia as three South Australian Churchill Fellows – Pat Toolan (2002 CF), John Zwar OAM (1978 CF) and Gilbert Dashorst (1988 CF) – were all involved in what culminated in the original botanical painting of the 'Sir Winston Churchill' rose by Gilbert Dashorst that is on public display in Churchill House in Canberra.

While 100 strictly limited hand-numbered and individually-signed prints (59x42cm) were produced on archival paper as a fundraiser for the CFA SA in 2018, late last year the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust National Board voted to take receipt of the remaining prints from the CFA SA, in exchange for a CFA SA Sponsored Fellowship for 2020. With such a personal connection to both Sir Winston Churchill and Churchill Fellows, these prints are a highly appropriate way to recognise the lifetime achievements of Churchill Fellows nationally.

On other rose-related matters, the 'Sir Winston Churchill' rose that was gifted to our Patron, the Governor of South Australia His Excellency Hieu Van Le, was planted out in the grounds of Government House with a plaque acknowledging its origins.

On Sunday 26th May 2019 another successful Churchill Chat was held at the British Hotel in North Adelaide. It was the second time that the CFA SA opened up the event to interested members of the public, and over 40 people attended. Three Churchill Fellows - Dr Richard Davis MBBS, FFARACS, FANZCA, (1980 CF), Chris Morris BSocSc, MPH, FPHAA (1997 CF), and Maeve Downes (2007 CF) - spoke about their Fellowship, and subsequent changes in their respective fields, followed by a question and answer session and lunch.

May also saw the 20th Anniversary of Liquid Metal Studios, owned and operated by sculptors Meliesa Judge (2001 CF) and Will Kuiper. Their workshop held open days during that month and Churchill Fellows were invited to a private walk-through of the studio and exhibition where they were able to see how the sculptures are made, from initial design through to the bronze casting stages, while enjoying wines from Adelina in the Barossa Valley and Dog Ridge in McLaren Vale, as well as some truly gorgeous cheeses from Churchill Fellow Gina Del Santo.

Our second Churchill Chat was held on Sunday 29th September on a beautiful spring day in the Adelaide hills. Gill Weiss (2002 CF), a self-employed harpmaker, opened her home for a shared lunch and informal talk and tour of her workshop. The weather was sublime and we enjoyed beautiful food and conversation amongst the birds in the backyard.

2019 also saw the return of seasonal casual dinners for CFA SA members and their partners, and it has been pleasing to see that different Fellows have attended each of these throughout the year. This brings us to 2020, where plans have been made for both casual dinners and Churchill Chat events, but these are subject to review and re-arrangement throughout the year as we make our way through the uncharted territory that is COVID-19.

Our first planned Churchill Chat is a concert that was planned for Sunday 3rd May 2020 in the Adelaide Hills, hosted by Pam Freeman (1979 CF) and Cathy Tully, followed by an 'after party'. The date is likely to change to later in 2020...

Our other planned event for 2020 will be a fund raiser film-showing of *Sixteen Legs*, courtesy of Tasmanian Churchill Fellow, Dr Niall Doran. *Sixteen Legs* is a film documentary like no other!

The tantalizing advertising offers a “Journey into a world like no other, overseen by still-living giant prehistoric spiders the size of dinner plates seeking kinky love in the dark. Meet animals that outlasted the dinosaurs, survived the splitting of the continents and that have endured the entirety of human civilisation in Australia’s deepest caves”.

This is likely to be shown at the Palace Nova, once we have an idea of when cinemas can re-open. In the meantime, if this has piqued your interest, check out their website for a trailer and other information [www.sixteenlegs.com](http://www.sixteenlegs.com)

Nationally we were lucky to provide so many Churchill Fellowship information sessions in the first two months of the year, and South Australia held three sessions, in Adelaide, Port Lincoln and Naracoorte. All were deemed a great success and we hope that this attracts many applications.

I would like to finish this report with thanks to both the current 2019-2020 Committee members, and those who stepped down at the end of 2019 – in particular the outstanding and dedicated service that Peter Elder brought to the role of Treasurer for so many years. The Committee’s support and service to the CFA SA and its members is an inspiration and joy to witness. My thanks also go to the WCMT staff and the Regional Selection Committee, in particular Chair Alexandra Cannon and Regional Secretary Geoff Sauer.

It seems fitting to finish with a quote from Sir Winston Churchill that suits our time of social distancing “It is no use saying ‘we are doing our best’ You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary”. I hope that you all do what is necessary to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe, while also staying connected through the many innovative ways that the 21st Century allows.

**Katharine Short**  
President SA CFA





## TAS CFA President's Report

The Tasmanian CFA Committee has spent the year 'recovering' from the organisation of the National Convention. CFA Tasmania wishes to thank outgoing President, Philip Thompson for his nearly seven years guiding the CFA in Tasmania, and especially in chairing the Convention Organising Committee.

The 2019 Committee welcomed several enthusiastic new members to their fold and was keen to organise a number of activities aimed at assisting returning Fellows reach a wider audience with their reports, spreading word of the Trust and hopefully raising some funds. Unfortunately, most of this work has come to nought at this stage with the COVID-19 crisis, but some exciting plans have been shelved until life returns to 'normal' in the future.

One of the highlights of the past year was the awarding of our Association's first Fellowship – a result of the hard work associated with organising the National Convention. We were delighted to see a Fellowship awarded to Faina Iligoga to enable her to travel overseas to study memorials to genocide victims in various countries, with a view to establishing one in Hobart

in memory of the victims in her home country of Rwanda. Our Committee aims to raise sufficient funds to enable our CFA to award a Fellowship every second year.

Last year we were delighted to see a record 10 Fellowships awarded to Tasmanians. We were again privileged to hold our award ceremony for new Fellows at Government House where Her Excellency, the Governor, Professor Kate Warner AC, presented the awards and also the medallions to returning Fellows.

The annual dinner followed the awards presentation, where all Fellows' had the opportunity to learn about the new Fellows' hopes and plans, and also to hear the fascinating stories and findings from our returning Fellows. A surprise highlight of this evening was the special presentation from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Board to our long serving Secretary and CFA TAS stalwart, Patricia Corby, of a framed botanical painting of the 'Churchill' rose in recognition of her service to the Trust.

Many Fellows have continued to make significant contributions during the year. One of the exciting new projects that have come to fruition as a result of her Fellowship

was Hazel MacTavish-West's (CF 2017) launch of her "Seedlab" project.

"Seedlab Tasmania" is a new two-year project aimed at helping Tasmanian start up food, drink, agri-food and agri-tourism businesses become export ready.

Great news too that Travis Tiddy (CF 2010) and his team were awarded a \$375,000 government grant to host (COVID-19 permitting) the 'West Coast Unconformity Festival' 16th-18th October.

Another amazing achievement was Chief Fire Officer and Artist Chris Arnol (CF 2007) mounted an impressive catalogue of his works 'Behind the Scenes' at an exhibition highlighting the work of firefighters in recent times that received much deserved recognition.

With all the disruption to returning and departing Fellows caused by the COVID-19 virus, it will be a challenging year ahead for many, and the Association in Tasmania stands ready to assist Fellows wherever possible.

**Robert Parker CF**  
President TAS CFA



## WA CFA President's Report

The purpose of the WA Churchill Fellows Association is to build the WA Fellows network. In particular, to nurture new Fellows and support returning Fellows to maximise the impact of their Fellowships across Australia with 2019 being no exception.

The CFA WA Committee is very much a collaborative team. The group is made up by Troy Kirkham (Vice President), Ricki Smith (Treasurer), Mark Ritchie (Secretary) and committee members Kanthi Perera, Tim McClennan, Anna Hilyard, Mike Bell, Emilia Galatis and Shelly Dival.

We welcomed Fellows old and new to the AGM in October which included a social gathering after the business meeting where many of our 2019 Fellows were able to connect with their peers over pizza and wine and hear first-hand of the experiences of others.

This was followed by the Annual Dinner where the 2019 Fellows gave a short presentation of their topics; with 14 Fellows studying topics across health, farming, police, and energy.

We are again proud of the contribution West Australians will have on our country and, through engagement with others during their travels, the world.

It was also a bittersweet dinner during which we formally farewelled Keren McCullagh and Anne McCrudden from the CFA WA Committee. Both women devoted a great many years to the CFA WA; to them we say a heartfelt thank you.

The dinner included a silent auction with all items donated by Fellows and were associated in some way with their Fellowships. Items included AFL football memorabilia and tickets, a prime beef meat tray, signed books, Indigenous designer clothing and more. This auction combined with other fundraising events resulted in the CFA WA proud to be sponsoring a Fellowship in 2020.

Supporting the Churchill Trust to encourage applications is an important role for the CFA WA with this year's roadshows reaching out to the rural regions of Northam and Busselton as well as Perth.

And finally, the CFA WA recognises the importance of supporting returning Fellows to share their knowledge.

In October, the WA Department of Health facilitated a Churchill Fellows' leadership masterclass during which Anna Hilyard, Tim McLennan and Sharon Gough shared their experience as part of a panel chaired by CFA WA President Susan Benson.

The event was a great success and helped support the initiation of a new WA Department of Health sponsored Fellowship. When combined with the WA Department of Communities' continued support, we are confident our State will be a better place because of the Churchill Fellowships.

**Susan Benson CF**  
President WA CFA

# Partnering with the Trust



There are many opportunities to partner with the Churchill Trust and become part of Australia's Churchill Fellowship journey.

Partnering can be as straight-forward as:

- ▶ promoting the Churchill Fellowship and encouraging people who you think would make a difference to apply;
- ▶ engaging with Churchill Fellows and sharing their findings;
- ▶ collaborating with the Churchill Trust on events such as speaker series, presentations or workshops;
- ▶ sponsoring a Churchill Fellowship and leveraging the opportunity and knowledge through your business, network, industry or sector; or
- ▶ leaving an ongoing legacy through a bequest.

We are very open to discussing new ideas and ways of partnering with organisations and individuals.

## Promote and Engage with Fellows

Promote the Churchill Fellowship to your employees, membership and networks, or engage with Churchill Fellows by sharing their findings, meeting with them or asking them to present to or participate within your organisation.

- ▶ Inspire people to research issues that align with your values
- ▶ Access international best practice via Fellows directly, or their reports
- ▶ Increase your own evidence base and knowledge about the issues most important to you or your organisation
- ▶ Generate interest within your own organisation and network that could inspire new ideas, initiatives and collaboration
- ▶ Build your reputation and networks by actively engaging with inspiring Australians and contemporary overseas practice

## Collaborate with the Churchill Trust

Partner with the Churchill Trust through collaborative events such as speaker series, presentations or workshops; or extend the value of a Churchill Fellowship through a workplace visit or engagement or similar 'value creation' initiative.

- ▶ Generate discussion and debate on specific issues in ways designed to encourage further exploration and innovation drawing on international experience for the benefit of Australia
- ▶ Provide a platform to promote your issues in a way that engages inspiring people from outside your existing networks
- ▶ Gain exposure and access to potential partners, collaborators or even future employees



## Sponsorships

Sponsor a Churchill Fellowship on a specific issue, topic or field of endeavour to enable passionate Australians striving for excellence to access international expertise and observe inspiring practice in any field of endeavour.

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.

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.

Some sponsors have continued their sponsorship for many years at the yearly rate and others have elected to have a Fellowship named in perpetuity at a one-off cost. Under other agreed arrangements sponsors can choose to fund a Fellowship biennially or every four years. The frequency of award can be determined by the sponsor.

Alternatively, you can choose to leave a lasting legacy by making a private donation or bequest to support inspired and dedicated Australians striving to make a positive impact in their community.

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.

- ▶ Be visibly part of a prestigious Australian award scheme
- ▶ Access opportunities, expertise and international networks
- ▶ No administration costs, funding is 100% for the Fellowship
- ▶ Fully tax deductible
- ▶ Engage with the Churchill Fellow to maximise your investment and relationship
- ▶ Target a specific geographic or demographic group

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

To find out more about partnering with the Trust please contact our Sponsorships and Partnerships Manager Dr Kirsty Guster on 02 6247 8333.

*Pictured above Paul Triglau TAFE SA Bakery/Pâtisserie Lecturer announced as the recipient of the Dr Susan V Nelle Sponsored Fellowship offered through the collaborative efforts and contributions of Food SA, the Centre for Global Food and Resources University of Adelaide, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA.*

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## Churchill Trust Network

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

Our network comprises subject matter experts, made up of change makers, thought leaders, journalists, chefs, crafts people, trades people, designers as well as arts and fashion luminaries to mention only a few.

As a Churchill Fellow you're part of a strong and influential community that actively contributes to industry, research, business, the not for profit sectors and so much more to create a society of the future.

We have a range of resources available to support Fellows following their return to Australia. To find out more visit [churchilltrust.com.au](http://churchilltrust.com.au)

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## Churchill Fellows Associations

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

The Association in your state/territory hosts 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 its own events or participation in festivals and conferences where relevant to promote the Fellowship opportunity.

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