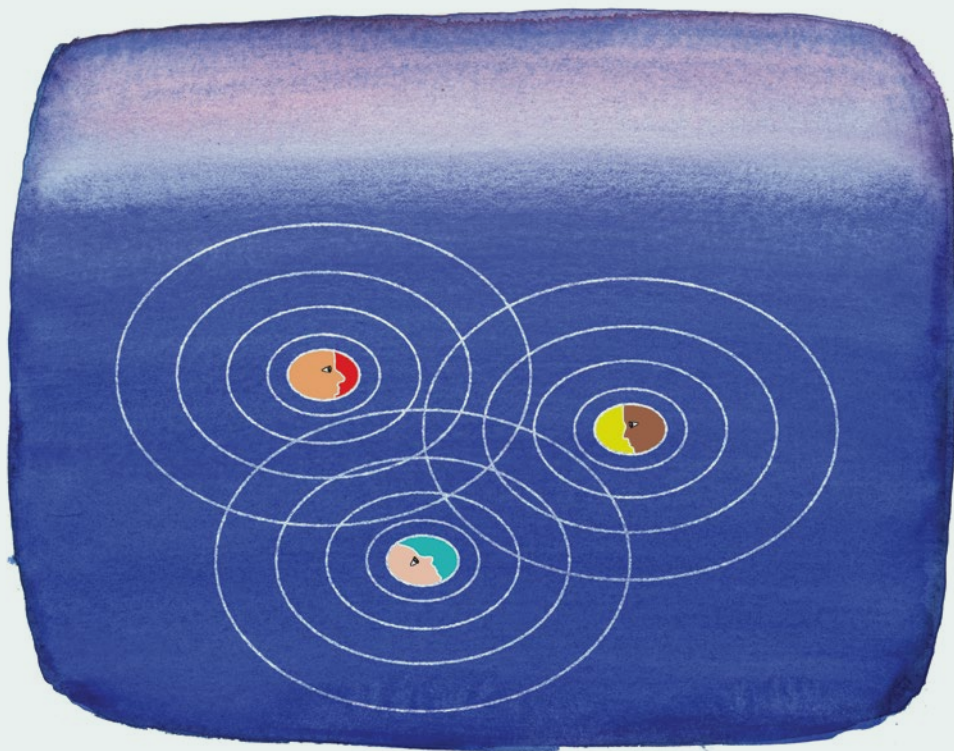




Annual Report 2025–26



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



Jim Pavlidis created the artwork for the National Churchill Fellows Convention as a reflection on the many encounters that shape a Fellowship journey. His image of ripples captures how people, ideas and experiences meet, overlap and gradually transform one another. For Jim, those subtle shifts mirror the personal exchanges that have influenced his own practice and life.

Jim describes the piece as a metaphor for his Churchill journey, which began late in his career while he was still grounded in traditional media. Although digital tools were common in his professional world, he was drawn to the tactile discipline of lithography and wanted to explore how old and new methods might coexist. Entering the Fellowship felt like dropping a pebble into water: he could not predict the outcome, but he sensed it would begin something important.

During his Fellowship, including time in Paris with master printer Christian Bramsen, Jim found that the greatest impact often came through exchange: watching closely, listening deeply and absorbing small insights from others. Those moments enriched his technique, expanded his thinking and reinforced his belief that creativity grows through connection.

The finished artwork expresses that idea visually. Its blending edges and outward-moving forms suggest that even modest actions can have lasting effects, creating influence far beyond their point of origin. In that way, Jim's piece captures the spirit of the Churchill Fellowship itself: a community built on curiosity, generosity and the ripple effect of shared experience.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Chief Executive Officer – A year to remember

by Christine Dacey

2025 has been a bigger year than most for the Churchill Trust. It has been shaped not only by the rhythm of our Fellowship cycle but also by significant milestones and moments of connection that have reinforced our community's strength and purpose.

As we marked the 60th anniversary of the Churchill Doorknock Appeal, I found myself reflecting on the extraordinary origins of the Trust. In 1965, more than 10 million Australians came together to honour Sir Winston Churchill, raising the funds that established this organisation. It was a remarkable act of collective generosity, and one that continues to resonate today. Many who took part are still with us—a living link to a moment of shared national purpose that created opportunity for generations to come.

My first full year as CEO has been one of listening and learning. It has also been a year of meeting Fellows across the country, each bringing their own story, curiosity and commitment to improving their communities.

Those conversations have reinforced for me what makes the Churchill Fellowship so distinctive: not just the ideas, but the people behind them and the ability to make change with their Fellowship learnings.

The year began with a concerted focus on expanding access. Throughout February and March, we delivered targeted information sessions in regions where application numbers have historically been low. This included 9 face-to-face sessions and 10 online sessions, reaching 913 attendees from 2,206 registrations.

These efforts, supported by our Fellows and Associations, contributed to a strong and diverse application round. By the time applications closed in May, we had received 1,022 applications from across Australia, spanning a wide range of disciplines and communities.



Chief Executive Officer of the Trust Christine Dacey, and Her Excellency the Hon. Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia



Trust Staff at Government House

The months that followed were among the most intensive of the year. From assessment through to selection, the process brought together staff, potential Fellows, assessors and volunteers from across the country:

- 175 assessors engaged
- 312 interviews conducted
- 10,850 kilometres travelled across eight cities
- 100 new Churchill Fellowships awarded

This collective effort (a feat of logistics and stamina) ensures the rigour and integrity of the selection process and remains one of the defining strengths of the Fellowship.

A highlight of the year was the National Churchill Fellows Convention in Melbourne. Hosted by the Churchill Fellows Association of Victoria, the event featured a special international guest speaker. We welcomed The Hon Jeremy Soames, alongside a strong line-up of speakers, who reinforced continuity between the Trust's origins and its future. For many, it was the first chance in some time to reconnect in person. The program showcased the breadth of Fellowship impact, and the conversations that emerged were thoughtful, generous and, at times, robust in the best possible way.

We continued to evolve our post-Fellowship work. The 2025 "Partnering for Impact" round trialled a more targeted approach, receiving 44 applications and funding five projects.

The strength of submissions highlighted both the demand for support and the opportunity to further develop our approach into supporting Fellows in translating their insights into impact.

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the 114 Fellows who have travelled, published their reports and received their medallions. This is significantly higher than in previous years, reflecting a concerted effort to reconnect and engage with Fellows to complete their reports. We have been encouraged by the positive response to this initiative.

Looking back, 2025 has been a year that honoured the Trust's past while continuing to evolve for the future. Maintaining that balance will remain central as we look ahead to the opportunities and challenges of the years to come.



Board Chair report

by Richard Roylance

It has been a privilege to complete my first full year as Chair of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, and what a full year it has been. In 2025, we marked the Trust's 60th anniversary – a truly remarkable testament to all those who have contributed to the Trust's mission over those many decades. This milestone offered an opportunity to reflect on our origins, celebrate our Fellows' achievements, and consider the important role the Trust continues to play in contemporary Australia.

Over the course of this year, I have worked closely with our CEO, Christine Dacey, and the Trust team on a range of foundational matters. I have had multiple opportunities to engage directly with applicants, selection panels, Fellows and the Churchill Fellowship Associations (CFAs) from across the nation. It has deepened my appreciation for the breadth of the Trust's work and the strength of its national reach. These meetings have also reinforced to me the importance of maintaining high standards in how we manage the Fellowship program, and the Board's role to maximise, as far as is possible, a national consistency in our processes.

This national-wide review has strengthened my conviction that the Trust's founding principles remain as relevant today as they were in 1965. We are, and must remain, a truly national program—open to Australians from all walks of life, for as diverse a range of activities as is possible. In this work, the role of our alumni network and the Churchill Fellows Associations across the country are vital. They not only sustain the Fellowship community but also nurture a community of Fellows that honours the Churchill legacy, to promote connection, and to foster lifelong learning and leadership.

The goals of the Trust are ultimately dependent upon the successful management of its funds. I can report that for the financial year ended 31 January 2026, the Trust recorded a loss of \$1.1 million, compared with a loss of \$1.3 million the prior year. The Trust's investment income (dividends et cetera) was \$5.4 million, with \$5.4 million also reported the previous year. However, the value of the Trust's investments increased by \$6.5 million during 2025–26. As a result, the Trust recorded a total comprehensive income for the year of \$5.4 million, compared with \$11 million in 2024–25.

The higher result in 2025 was largely a result of the realisation of most of the investment portfolio as the Trust's portfolio transitioned to the new management arrangements under Morgan Stanley.

The Trust's investments at year end, including cash, were just over \$159.7 million, compared with \$154.3 million for the year prior. This result is a reflection of the careful management of the portfolio by the Board; the Investment, Audit and Risk Committee; the Trust's investment advisers (Morgan Stanley); and Trust staff, especially Sally Campbell and Lenka Peterkova, who closely monitor and manage the budget and investments.

Following a highly competitive selection process, the Trust was pleased to appoint 100 new Churchill Fellows in 2025, including 14 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fellows. This process of selection is made possible by the commitment of assessors, Fellows and volunteers from across the country. Their contributions have ensured the rigour and integrity of our selections for over the past 60 years – and we are highly indebted to them.

A highlight of the past year was the National Convention – held in Melbourne as part of our 60th anniversary celebrations. Congratulations and thanks to the many members of the Victorian CFA and the staff from national office who worked diligently over two years to bring the event to fruition.

It was a particular honour to host The Hon. Jeremy Soames, who travelled to Australia especially for the occasion, and to meet with the Australian Trust Board. As the longstanding Chair of the UK Trust, and as Winston Churchill's grandson, his reflections on the Trust's history in the context of Sir Winston, and his views on the ongoing relevancy of the Trust – were both insightful and timely. As a Fellow myself, I found Jeremy's reflection that the significant positive contribution to the public good made by Fellows selected in Sir Winston Churchill's name was the memorial to Sir Winston that he and the family most valued, and found to be very humbling. His further re-affirmation that Fellowships should continue to be available to people from all walks of life, and in all fields was particularly gratifying.



Churchill Trust Board Directors pictured in Canberra

That the Trust must continue to evolve to maintain its relevance for future generations has been a principle adopted by the UK Trust, and this axiom was an important touch-point when the Board undertook an intensive review of the Australian Trust's 5-Year Strategic Plan in February 2026. The outcome of that meeting, and the subsequent detailed plan of work, has now been made publicly available. I will take this opportunity to restate here the Charitable Purpose which guides the Trust's activities:

*We invest in people from all walks of life,
who translate travel, learning and experiences
into lasting benefits for Australian communities.*

This updated Strategic Plan provides a framework for priorities and delivery, ensuring the Trust remains well positioned to fulfil its purpose in a changing (and sometimes volatile) environment. In addition to our long-standing recruitment and selection of Churchill Fellows, the Board is exploring further strategies to better support Fellows across their working lifetime. A focus on how Fellows may best translate the content of the Fellowship experience into long-lasting and significant impact – to amplify the Fellows' efforts upon their return – is a core part of the Board's focus for the upcoming period.

The Trust's ongoing success depends on the commitment and expertise of many. I thank my fellow Board Directors for their stewardship and diligence; the Investment, Audit and Risk Committee and the Remuneration and Nominations Committee for their oversight; and the Trust staff for their professionalism and dedication. I also extend my gratitude to our sponsors, partners and supporters, whose contributions ensure the Fellowship program's continued strength.

It is a sad necessity of a Board's life-cycle that Directors must depart. With regret, I ask you to note the retirement from the Board of Anne O'Donnell (Finance Director), and Alex Sloane (ACT Fellowship Director). They have made a very significant contribution to the work of the Trust for more than a decade, and the Trust owes them a substantial debt for their contributions over that time. With enthusiasm, I welcome the appointment of two new Board Directors: Vivienne Thom (ACT Fellowship Director) and Diane Winnard (Finance Director). I have great expectations on your behalf of the work they will undertake on our behalf in the upcoming years.

As we move beyond our 60th year, the Trust remains focused on its purpose—supporting talented and committed Australians to explore, learn and bring back ideas that benefit the nation. I look forward to the year ahead with confidence.

Churchill Trust at a glance

1022 applications received

Most applicants applied for Fellowships in the categories of community service, health and medicine

24 applicants submitted a joint project

8 applicants applied for virtual/hybrid Fellowships



The most popular travel destinations were the **USA (23%)**, **UK (19%)** and **Canada (16%)**

63% of applicants identified as **female**

36% of applicants identified as **male**

1% of applicants identified as **other**

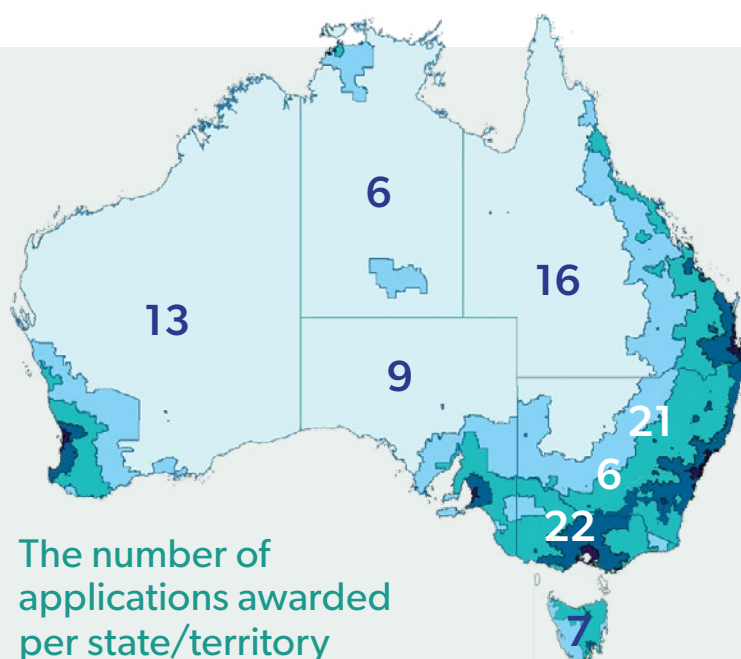
19% of applicants were aged **35 and under**

63% of applicants were aged **36–55**

18% of applicants were aged **56 and over**

4% of applicants identified as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians

13.90% of applicants indicated they spoke a language other than English at home



72% of applications were from applicants living in a **major city**

18% of applications were from applicants living in **inner regional areas**

7% of applications were from applicants living in **outer regional areas**

2% of applications were from applicants living in **remote areas**

1% of applications were from applicants living in **very remote areas**

19% of applicants reported they heard about the Churchill Fellowship through **social media**

60% of applicants reported that they were **encouraged to apply by a friend or colleague**

100 recipients were awarded Churchill Fellowships, including **10** joint Fellowships

14 Fellowship recipients identified as being **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians**

4,976 Churchill Fellowships have been awarded since 1966

5,443,827 kms flown

4,711 Fellowship travel days supported

12.6 days on average spent per country

50 different countries visited

101 Churchill Fellowship journeys were supported

149 Churchill Fellows published reports

30,262 downloads of written reports

Month by month

February

2025 Fellowship application round opens

Richard Roylance appointed National Board Chair

19 information sessions delivered in person and online to 2,206 prospective applicants

9 Churchill Fellowship reports published

2 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys

Government House medallion ceremony and CFA event held in Canberra

60th Anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill's doorknock appeal

March

13 Churchill Fellowship reports published

12 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys

April

8 Churchill Fellowship reports published

9 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys

Medallion ceremony and new Fellowship recipients event held in Sydney



Nanthini Kanthan travelled to Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and the US on The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to investigate appropriate health literacy for people with communication difficulties.



David Collins travelled to the US on The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to research how mural arts and restorative justice projects intersect.

May

2025 Churchill Fellowship application round closes

Season two of Churchill Collective podcast launched

10 Churchill Fellowship reports published

22 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys

Medallion ceremony and CFA event held in Melbourne

June

Interviews for the 2025 application round commenced nationally

8 Churchill Fellowship reports published

13 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys

6 Churchill Fellows recognised on the King's Birthday Honours List

The Trust welcomed new sponsor, Margaret Bland. Margaret renewed her brother, Gilbert Spottiswood's existing sponsorship

July

16 Churchill Fellowship reports published

6 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys

Medallion ceremony and CFA event held in Melbourne

August

2025 Partnering for Impact round opens
10 Churchill Fellowship reports published
12 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys
Government House medallion ceremony and CFA event held in Brisbane

September

100 recipients awarded Fellowships from the 2025 application round
2025 Partnering for Impact round closes
10 Churchill Fellowship reports published
7 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys
The Trust welcomed new sponsor, the WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC)
Board Director Tracey McNaughton appointed IARC Chair

October

Onboarding event for 2025 Churchill Fellowship recipients held in Canberra
2025 National Convention for Churchill Fellows event hosted by CFA VIC in Melbourne with The Hon. Jeremy Soames as keynote speaker
2025 Partnering for Impact round recipients announced
12 Churchill Fellowship reports published
7 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys
Parliament House medallion ceremony and CFA event held in Sydney



Marcus Crook travelled to Bangladesh, Denmark, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, UK, and the US on The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to investigate global best practice in circular economy solutions for textile waste in fashion.



Henry Tan travelled to Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands, and Sweden to investigate Campylobacter risk controls and surveillance in chicken meat production and processing.

November

22 Churchill Fellowship reports published
6 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys
Government House medallion ceremony and new Fellowship recipients CFA event held in Hobart
Government House medallion ceremony and new Fellowship recipients CFA event held in Adelaide
Government House medallion ceremony and new Fellowship recipients CFA event held in Perth
Medallion ceremony and new Fellowship recipients CFA event held in Darwin

December

18 Churchill Fellowship reports published
2 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys
Government House ceremony and new Fellowship recipients CFA event held in Melbourne

January

13 Churchill Fellowship reports published
3 recipients depart on their Fellowship journeys
7 Churchill Fellows recognised on the 2026 Australia Day Honours List
2 Churchill Fellows recognised as State Senior Australians of the Year
The Trust welcomed new sponsor, Seedlab Australia
Anne O'Donnell and Alex Sloan step down from Board of Directors

Churchill Fellowship reports published

Katie Acheson (2023)

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to examine how involving young people in decision-making can help address rising mental ill-health

Jessie Adams (2024)

To investigate the approaches adopted internationally to address the safety of children on farms

Michelle Ainsworth (2023)

To investigate declining trust in democracy and how the news media can slow this trend

Lorena Allam (2023)

The Barbara Dunstan Churchill Fellowship to investigate the relationship between Indigenous truth-telling initiatives and the media

Cal Andrews (2020)

To learn from specialised LGBTIQ+ homelessness services in North America and the United Kingdom

Cameron Appleton-Seymour (2024)

To research bagpipe education in overseas institutions to re-build and sustain youth bagpiping locally

Liesel Badorrek (2023)

To investigate the processes of creating opera with and for marginalised audiences

Kasun Baduge (2022)

To design and construct next generation hydrogen storage infrastructure

Trischa Baff (2019)

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

Richard Baranski (2017)

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to identify the most beneficial implementation of EV3 robotics into STEM educational programs

Stuart Barr (2017)

To examine leading dispute resolution practices upon cross-cultural family breakdown

Nicole Bart (2022)

To uncover the prevalence of cardiac amyloid in patients with left ventricular hypertrophy

Sherrie Beaver (2024)

To investigate accessible fundraising approaches for deaf and hard of hearing people

Kristin Berardi (2020)

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to study with composers, singer songwriters and musicians to advance my skills

Jacob Birch (2022)

To connect with First Nations people of North America to learn from their experiences with Manoomin

Sarah Booth (2024)

To find five creative solutions to commercial vacancy – and thereby re-imagine life in our CBD

Avalon Bourne (2024)

To investigate initiatives effectively supporting young people to manage climate anxiety

Antoinette Braybrook (2023)

To study organisations to inform the establishment of a business model for Djirra's expansion

Deborah Brittain (2023)

To investigate best practice museum programs sustaining wellbeing of people with dementia

Liz Brogden (2022)

The AV Jennings Churchill Fellowship to connect global efforts for climate action and literacy across the architecture profession

Madeleine Buchner (2024)

To understand best practice research, policy and practice for young carers

Chris Bush (2024)

To investigate how AI can revolutionise education and address the equity gap in Australian schools

Wenzel Carter (2024)

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to learn how to decrease the incarceration rate of Indigenous men and women prisoners in Victoria

Simone Cassidy (2024)

The Dorothy and Brian Wilson Churchill Fellowship to explore impactful and equitable processes to support the learning of refugee-background students

Kate Cavanough (2024)

To examine best practice approaches to master planning and renewal of social housing estates

Maia Cavendish (2023)

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate the implementation of informal urban art in residual urban spaces

Christopher Celovic (2022)

To research critical metals recovery from end of life batteries used in residential, automotive and industry

Amit Chanan (2013)

To review dam operating procedures during floods with particular reference to the role of "Pre-releasing"

Jennifer Chen (2023)

To investigate trauma informed legal services for people experiencing marginalisation

Laura Chipp (2019)

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to analyse evidence based and best practice approaches to stop recidivism in the youth justice system

Julianne Chong (2023)

To develop a model of anticoagulation stewardship for implementation across Australian hospitals

Christie Cole (2023)

To investigate emerging intensification technologies for wastewater treatment plants

Amber Collins (2023)

To investigate practices to increase accessibility of digital media for people with disability

Bryce Corbett (2023)

To investigate international best practice for teaching media literacy to primary school children

Timothy Crow (2019)

The Ron Badman Family Churchill Fellowship to further develop expertise in the cultivation, manufacturing, science, and policy of hemp

Beau Cubillo (2024)

To investigate how Indigenous Peoples can self-determine their food systems for health

Simon Currant (1991)

To study the management and marketing of tourism in wilderness areas

Sandie Czarka (2024)

To investigate collaborative ungulate (deer) control models and identify success factors

Clare Davies (2012)

To study strategies for effectively resettling unaccompanied humanitarian minors



Indigo Willings travelled to France, Germany, Singapore, and the UK to research gender-equity programs and safe spaces for women and non-traditional skateboarders

Norman Daymirringu (2023)

To study best practice for Defence collaboration with First Nations Rangers on crossborder crime
(Joint Fellowship with Michael Jones)

Trent Delaney (2024)

To research and implement proven youth crime prevention strategies from leading police jurisdictions

Andrew Denman (2023)

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to research skills preservation, technology, and sustainable resource use in wooden boatbuilding

Mark Dexter (2019)

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

Andrew Dickson (2024)

The Richard Rischbieth Churchill Fellowship to research global best practice zero-carbon shipping technologies and business models

Erin Dolan (2024)

To investigate international housing funds to increase affordable housing in Australia

Niall Doran (2017)

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

Jack Dowden (2024)

To explore innovative ways of integrating social and education outcomes into skateboard programs

Rachel Downie (2023)

To develop an anti-bullying program for schools that supports and empowers students to effect change

Joseph Doyle (2023)

To investigate public health systems to link people with newly diagnosed hepatitis C with treatment

Máiréad Doyle (2024)

To investigate the impact of AI technology in the spread of misinformation and disinformation during elections

Alle Drew (2024)

To investigate diabetes-specific wellbeing supports available to individuals with type 1 diabetes

Nina Earl (2023)

To investigate how museums can engage audiences with contemporary issues and increase STEM literacy

Jay Emmanuel (2023)

Directing futures: Learning from international practices in collaborative theatre, leadership, and change-making

Natano Faanana (2020)

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to investigate approaches to integrating First Nations culture into circus and theatre

Colin Fardon (2024)

To learn traditional furniture restoration and conservation techniques

Neal Finch (2024)

To explore, review and document wild game harvesting in Europe

Sheree Ford (2024)

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to learn the process of woodblock printing on textiles to teach in remote Indigenous communities

Anni Fordham (2023)

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to investigate the provision of highly accessible information to people impacted by emergencies

Mace Francis (2023)

To investigate the organisational structures and presentation methods of international jazz organisations

Lauren French (2023)

To study Indigenous Elder-guided relationship and community repair after youth sexual violence

Anthony Galante (2024)

To examine global redress models by resource companies for impacts against First Nations peoples

Gemma Galbraith (2024)

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to investigate new methods in marine robotics to further knowledge of Australia's deep coral reefs

Lyndon Galea (2023)

To learn from the most impactful school lunch programs, to support Australia's highest needs kids

Craig Gillard (2014)

To study emerging and innovative crime prevention practices related to rural crime

Dean Gilligan (2024)

To apply world's best practice to conservation of Australia's unique freshwater springs ecosystems

Janinne Gliddon (2018)

To undertake consultation with Aboriginal/Indigenous communities on the implementation of a Doula training program for Aboriginal women to provide cultural support to Aboriginal women who are birthing away off country/traditional lands

Dylan Gower (2015)

To explore the designing of local initiatives within regional communities

Laura Greaves (2023)

To evaluate dog-assisted therapy programs for children in foster care and determine best practice

Jody Gunn (2022)

The Caroline Welsh Churchill Fellowship to further advance the capacity and impact of private land conservation in Australia

Chandni Gupta (2023)

To research the impact of deceptive online design practices on wellbeing and strategies to mitigate harm

Katie Hagebols (2023)

To investigate First Nations communities maintaining sustainable staff retention and continuity (*Joint Fellowship with Rosemary Nabulwad*)

Mike Hammond (2024)

The Auto Skills Australia Churchill Fellowship to investigate how marine rescue services in Australia must adapt to new boating technologies

Scott Hardie (2023)

To investigate approaches to monitoring, disentangling and managing impacts on inland waterways

Christopher Hayes (2023)

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to improve road user safety by assessing alternatives to enforcement on high-speed roads

Madeleine Healy (2023)

To develop best practice in the diagnosis, management and support of Alzheimer's disease for people with Down syndrome

Andrew Hill (2024)

To investigate methods of high-caseload management for the treatment of native wildlife

Gail Hilton (2024)

To investigate comprehensive models of care for children with dementia and their families

Zeyad Ibrahim (2022)

To study worldwide systems that have successfully implemented pharmacogenomics in clinical practice

Sarah Jefford (2024)

To research best practice surrogacy law frameworks to inform law reform in Australia

Nikki Jeffries (2024)

To investigate the potential of circus as an educational mechanism for Indigenous youth

Michael Jones (2023)

To study best practice for Defence collaboration with First Nations Rangers on cross-border crime
(Joint Fellowship with Norman Daymirringu)

Nev Jones (2024)

To investigate the mental health benefits of green woodworking in therapeutic settings for veterans

Kathy Karatasas (2023)

To investigate practice tools to achieve better outcomes for multicultural children in foster care

Mark Keech (1991)

The A.V. Jennings Churchill Fellowship to investigate industrial relations practices in building and construction industries with particular reference to systems for wage fixation

Daile Kelleher (2023)

To investigate abortion advocacy models for government policy change to increase public access

Luke Kerridge (2024)

The Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to learn how to create extraordinary immersive and interactive theatre for children

Cara Kirkwood (2020)

To explore how other colonised cultural institutions embed First Nations representations and values, and what impact this has on national identity for First Nations art/cultural belongings

Annie Knox (2023)

To study innovative pathways toward improved welfare for Australia's off-the-track racehorses

Kelly Lees (2024)

The Saskia Beer Churchill Fellowship to investigate ways of managing parasitic mites of honey bees, including Varroa and Tropilaelaps

Lauren Levin (2020)

To identify what legislative, regulatory and banking methods work in reducing online gambling harm

Emma-Louise Lupin (2022)

To research educational programs that support the transfer of traditional plant knowledge with a focus on tropical plant dyes

Christina Ly (2023)

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to explore accessible and sustainable models of eye care delivery for refugees

Warren Lysaght (2024)

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to learn how Australia as a community can collaborate to reduce the threat of synthetic opioids

Bec Mac (2024)

To research nighttime economy governance of cities and its impact on safety and accessibility for women

Emma Marco (2017)

To progress contemporary Australian music by exploring performer-composer relationships globally

Ingrid Marshall (2023)

The James Love Churchill Fellowship to investigate international house-like residential aged care models and their Australian viability

Sophie Mathisen (2017)

To conduct a global investigation into affirmative action gender equity programs in the film industry

Drew Mayhills (2023)

To investigate the potential for Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve teacher effectiveness

Andrew McCullough (2023)

The Churchill Fellowship Association of NSW Churchill Fellowship to learn new approaches for mobilising communities during disasters

Jennifer McGinley (2014)

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

Laura McManus (2023)

To examine best practices in responsible recruitment to reduce forced labour among migrant workers

Fergus McTaggart (2016)

To evaluate initiatives to maintain family and cultural connections in Indigenous child protection cases

Matthew Mihaly (2017)

To investigate non-clinical factors associated with high pre-hospital cardiac arrest survival rates

Gina Milgate (2023)

To learn how First Nations women change the Public Service to be inclusive of their leadership

Jacob Miller (2024)

The Elvie Munday Churchill Fellowship to reimagine Op shop best practice, engaging Australia in celebrating the sector's 100th year

Eamonn Moore (2023)

The Blakeney Millar Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate best practice in delivering innovative Stage 6 curriculum through virtual learning

Freya Mulvey (2023)

To implement best practice soil and landscape regulation into Australia's legal and policy frameworks

Robert Murphy (2015)

The Lamington National Park Churchill Fellowship to assess the role of private organisations in the delivery of National Park conservation management

Rosemary Nabalwad (2023)

To investigate First Nations communities maintaining sustainable staff retention and continuity (*Joint Fellowship with Katherine Hagebols*)

Michael Newman (2023)

To investigate police agencies cybercrime responses worldwide and the networks supporting them

Belinda O'Connor (2022)

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to identify success factors and barriers for low vision and telescopic glasses driving

Selina Parry (2020)

To implement a rehabilitation pathway for Australians who have survived an intensive care admission

Alix Pearce (2024)

To explore how Australian insurers can de-risk and scale new climate and resilience solutions

Sarah Penicka-Smith (2024)

To research socially-engaged orchestral and operatic models to run projects in Australia

Melissa Perry (2023)

The WA Department of Communities Churchill Fellowship to investigate best practice models to residential domestic violence men's behaviour change programs

Gigi Pinwill (2024)

To explore multi-disciplinary innovative practices of organizations who promote endangered wildlife

Andrew Polkinghorne (2023)

The Caroline Welsh Churchill Fellowship to investigate how farmers use fluid fertilizers on calcareous soils in their farming systems

Jennifer Pontré (2019)

To gain experience in the management of endometriosis worldwide through observerships and courses

Susan Quinn (2018)

To explore how to protect and empower financially marginalised people in big data laws and practices

Eamon Raith (2024)

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to investigate bio-optical methods of cerebral monitoring and applications in critical brain injury

Shwathy Ramesan (2024)

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to learn to fabricate customised electrodes to measure electrical activity in multiple sclerosis models

Kelly Rattigan (2020)

To improve psychiatric care and normalise the mental health care environment through design

Jacqueline Reid (2018)

To investigate how therapeutic intervention for mental health and well-being can be integrated in schools

Anna Reynolds (2019)

To investigate art textile hubs, focusing on sustainable manufacturing and global markets

Asriana Rio (2024)

To study police community engagement strategies that strengthen relationships with CALD communities

Travis Saunders (2023)

To investigate models of support that enable autistic people to access and enjoy bushwalking

Gary Savage (2020)

To gain practical experience from overseas foundries to add to our sovereign capability in casting for defence and export opportunities

Luke Schneider (2024)

To investigate autism awareness training in school children to promote inclusion and reduce stigma

Leah Shelton (2024)

To investigate cutting edge practices of activism within art and live performance

Lucy Shepherd (2023)

To investigate positive behavioural architecture to eliminate environmental restraints in schools

Dev Singh (2024)

To pioneer bacteriophage therapy, safeguarding Australia against superbugs' deadly grip

Shampa Sinha (2023)

The MPST Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovative palliative and aged care models potentially applicable to Tasmania

Melissa Smith (2023)

The Hort Innovation Churchill Fellowship to investigate approaches for reduction of on-farm food waste in horticulture

Wade Stedman (2024)

The Paul Tys Churchill Fellowship to learn best practice for organ donation after voluntary assisted dying

Tim Stone (2023)

To research the Cyprus Brig pirates in archives across the Pacific, Japan and the UK

Tracy Sullivan (2024)

To explore systems and structures that support sustainable Indigenous beef production

Jon Swain (2024)

To investigate strategies to support people experiencing homelessness during extreme heat events

Zainab Syed (2020)

To investigate models for creating collaborative, inclusive and intercultural performing arts ecosystems

Kim Syrus (2023)

The Hort Innovation Churchill Fellowship to research the propagation and growing of cutting grown roses versus traditional budded types

Meg Tait (2024)

The Gallaugher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to investigate community support models preventing the care criminalisation of children

Henry Tan (2024)

To investigate Campylobacter risk controls and surveillance in chicken meat production and processing

Anna Thetford (2024)

The WA Department of Health Churchill Fellowship to explore family support programs (FSP) for children and families living with a rare disease

Samantha Turner (2018)

To determine tangible initiatives and strategies to improve Culturally Diverse Leadership in Australia

Edward Washington (2023)

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to investigate how museums address contested or challenging history and perspectives with younger learners

Julie Westaway (2024)

To investigate and enable the advanced practice of urogynaecology continence nurses

Jaclyn White (2019)

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

Indigo Willing (2024)

To research gender-equity programs and safe spaces for women and non-traditional skateboarders

Wee-Sian Woon (2022)

To explore models of care to increase accessibility for diagnosis and management of ADHD in adults

Nicole Zehntner (2024)

To learn animal skeletal articulation, degreasing of osteology and repair of historic articulations



Holly Thompson travelled to Canada, Germany, Madagascar, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and the US on The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to learn from zoo and conservation agencies on climate change emergency response and preparation plans

2025 Churchill Fellowship recipients

Rebecca Allen

The Frank and Helen Zobec Churchill Fellowship to investigate wrap-around support models that help at-risk students complete vocational training

Jack Anderson

The WA Department of Communities Churchill Fellowship To investigate the effectiveness of holistic curriculums in enhancing student outcomes and well-being

Julie Ballangarry

To examine how reconciliation is pursued by marginalised peoples despite political barriers (*Joint Fellowship with Erin Lang*)

Greg Barnes

To build global connections through a cross-cultural exchange for First Nations skateboarding (*Joint Fellowship with Nick Hayes*)

Selene Bateman

To investigate capacity building and skill development programs for independent artists and arts workers

Katie Bates

To explore alternatives to restraining orders for children, focusing on restorative justice

Miranda Batten

To investigate international approaches to Voluntary Assisted Dying for people who have lost decision making capacity

Jody Bell

To explore practices that prepare social workers to lead in diverse, virtual and remote settings

Paul Besant

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to explore international approaches to child safety strategies at children's crossings

Ashley Bigaran

To study European holistic cancer care funding models to inform Australian cancer policy reform

George Brown

To explore shared stewardship: Indigenous land management and self-determination in co-managed national parks

Alice Campbell-Jones

To explore strategies to strengthen remote Aboriginal communities' responses to suicidal distress

Christopher Carroll

The Gilbert Spottiswood and Margaret Bland Churchill Fellowship to expand vocal technique in the methodology of Roy Hart, and build sector capacity

Jade Cartwright

The MPST Foundation Churchill Fellowship to learn novel and effective ways of supporting communication and connection in people with dementia

David Couri

To explore integrated legal-therapeutic responses for First Nations women experiencing violence

Oliver Cronin

The Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Dawes Churchill Fellowship to learn novel, minimally invasive techniques for the endoscopic resection of GI cancers

Monique Dam

To investigate initiatives to improve the safety of people and animals experiencing family violence

Andrea Davidson

To investigate successful community-driven interventions to address high-harm youth offending

Bernardo Dewey

To investigate Indigenous-specific models for culturally safe bereavement care (*Joint Fellowship with Carolyn Lewis*)

Daniella Divissi

To explore innovative and sustainable food practices to strengthen work-integrated social enterprises

Regina Featherstone

To investigate solutions to retaliatory legal claims which silence women who have experienced abuse

Jess Gannaway

To research truth-telling in classrooms and co-develop guiding principles for Australian teachers
(*Joint Fellowship with Justin Wilkey*)

Jon Grant

The Gallaugher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to identify the most effective business strategy for the Tasmanian Heritage Craft Foundation

Joselle Griffin

To research innovative, indigenous lead justice diversion programs with a place-based focus (*Joint Fellowship with Kylie Murphy*)

Cassandra Hadson

To explore how sport develops civic identity and democratic engagement

Jamie Hampton

To investigate models of repatriation that promote improved engagement with Aboriginal communities

Melinda Hashimoto

To investigate Japan's biosecurity approach to H5 Avian Influenza to support Australia's egg industry

Nick Hayes

To build global connections through a cross-cultural exchange for First Nations skateboarding
(*Joint Fellowship with Greg Barnes*)

Rick Heath

To investigate impactful, regenerative arts advocacy models

Sam Hellams

To explore the design and delivery of models of support for siblings of people with disability

Erin Hoare

To investigate international best practice for neuroinclusion in elite sport

Shonae Hobson

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to research global Indigenous fashion collections and presentations in museums and galleries

Oliver Holmgren

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to study bioenergy and biochar systems to power ethical and sustainable forest management

Eugene Hooks

To investigate the enabling conditions to successfully embed circular economies in Australia

Glenn Howard

To investigate successful approaches in education systems to assist school refusing young people

Kevin Jang

The Leslie (Les) J Fleming Churchill Fellowship to develop novel imaging biomarkers of brain cancer using radiomics and machine learning

Sam Kane

The Rodney Warmington Estate Churchill Fellowship to explore the transformation of public swimming pools into innovative, inclusive community spaces

Cassandra Keogh

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to explore and implement best practice child life therapy in Australian paediatric palliative care

Paula Kinnane

To explore global sonographer reporting roles to enhance rural healthcare delivery and patient outcomes

Sara Kirby

To learn from prison art programs providing positive outcomes for individuals and the community

Shaun Kwak

To investigate development and sustainment of intercountry adoptee communities

Erin Lang

To examine how reconciliation is pursued by marginalised peoples despite political barriers (*Joint Fellowship with Julie Ballangarry*)

Ruth Langmead

To identify mental health policy and programs that optimise high quality community-based supports

La Vergne Lehmann

To investigate how to adapt circular economy principles and actions to rural and regional locations

Danica Lennox-Bulow

To improve the translation of compounds from Australian marine animal toxins to marketable products

Carolyn Lewis

To investigate Indigenous-specific models for culturally safe bereavement care (*Joint Fellowship with Bernardo Dewey*)

Tania Lieman

The Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to research models of inclusive, diverse, all-abilities, sensory theatre to regional and remote Australia

Denise Lofts

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to research reflective partnerships for principals through co-agency in thinking, leading and flourishing

Karla Lopez

To investigate best practice prevention and response strategies to child sexual exploitation

Marial Machar

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to investigate root cause and global responses to antisocial behaviour and gang issues in East African youth

Claire Madden

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to advance skills and knowledge in the veterinary field of marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation

Damon Martin

To learn how other countries prioritise international kinship placements for children in care

Musonga Mbogo

To develop more community pathways for multicultural visual artists to find success in Australia

Isabelle McGowan

To work with artisan bookbinders in Europe to enhance my professional ability in this field

Molly McKenna

To investigate established sustainable live music communities to foster resilient local music scenes

Ramas McRae

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to investigate global best practice Deaf mental health service provision in Europe, USA and Asia

Dan Meijer

To research the integration of Lessons Management into emergency services' organisational culture

Sam Monaghan

To investigate Mental Skill Training (MST) to improve the performance and resilience of firefighters

Adrian Moulds

To enhance the application of Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy by Australian law enforcement

Kylie Murphy

To research innovative, Indigenous lead justice diversion programs with a place-based focus (*Joint Fellowship with Joselle Griffin*)

Matthew Nolan

The Saskia Beer Churchill Fellowship to investigate how halophytes can secure Australia's farming future in a changing climate

Jordan O'Reilly OAM

The auDA Churchill Fellowship to modernise disability support using artificial intelligence

Jenna Palumbo

To explore innovative models for scaling outcomes-based finance to improve outcomes in Australia

Tracey Panozzo

The Paul Tys Churchill Fellowship

to identify scalable virtual healthcare models to improve access and equity to home-based healthcare

Simon Paroz

To investigate international historic timber boatbuilding practices for small boat construction

James Pengelley

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship

to investigate the power of enhancing teacher professional identity to attract and retain teachers

Cara Penton

The auDA Churchill Fellowship to research community-led approaches to AI in conservation

Kirsten Phillips

To research volunteer onboarding and engagement to boost participation and retain surf lifesavers

Amanda Philp

To investigate fibropapillomatosis in green sea turtles and explore ways to effectively rehabilitate

Jenny Pike

The Julie Stone Churchill Fellowship

to explore perinatal mental health services with particular focus on the Occupational Therapy role

Chuol G Puot

To explore how African restorative justice practices can inform a diversionary approach in Australia

Michael Queale

To investigate heritage for housing – barriers and solutions to repurpose heritage buildings for housing

Rachana Rajan

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship

to explore how healthcare services can support community-based responses for children in prison

Amir

Rezapourmoghaddammiyandabi

To learn and apply specialised methods for appraising and conserving Islamic manuscripts

Portia Rooney

The Auto Skills Australia Churchill Fellowship

to accelerate Vehicle-to-Grid deployment in Australia by learning from leading global initiatives

Sarah Rosenberg

To investigate models of independent legal representation for victims of sexual violence

Stacey Rusic

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship

to study the historic and dying art of side saddle riding as a modern day equestrian discipline

Harris Ryan

To understand how Doughnut economics can enhance social procurement framework in Australia

Mitchell Saddler

To investigate best practices in textile sorting and recycling to reduce landfill waste

Emma Schimke

To examine effective communication support models for youth defendants in court and legal settings

Carla Scuderi

To investigate the role of pharmacists in improving patient outcomes in chronic kidney disease

Marie-Claire Seeley

The Department of Health Churchill Fellowship

to investigate and acquire advanced skills in autonomic testing to improve diagnosis in Australia

Kala Senathirajah

To investigate effective means to monitor, regulate and respond to microplastic in the water supply cycle

Julie Shaw

To research and investigate artisanal design and craftsmanship techniques in Italy

Amanda Silla

The WA Department of Health Churchill Fellowship to examine best practice for patient decision-making on assisted dying methods and administration

Deb Simpson

To investigate using Lego Therapy Programs in schools to build social emotional skills and connections

Bridget Smyth

To investigate new models of truth telling in the public realm and the stories told in our cities

Rodney Spinks

The Churchill Fellows Association (CFA) of TAS Churchill Fellowship to identify international best practice in addressing food security through social supermarkets

Trudy Surman

To explore and investigate the benefits of contemporary dance for male students

Rowena Tate

To investigate best-practice stalking responses which empower victims and enhance community safety

Nham Tran

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to learn how to cultivate parasitic worms to understand their impact on farming animals

Alan Turner

To investigate advances in simulation and scenario-based military medicine training

Sarah U'Brien

To investigate best practice support for families of First Responders with workplace injury

Alicia Veasey

To study how Indigenous Knowledges can inform and transform Australia's acute care health system

Darcy Watchorn

To investigate how translocations and high-effort conservation help prevent wildlife extinction

Rachael Watson

To investigate coaching methods and support requirements for swimmers with High Support Needs

Martin Westgate

To investigate global-scale solutions in biodiversity informatics

Justin Wilkey

To research truth-telling in classrooms and co-develop guiding principles for Australian teachers
(Joint Fellowship with Jess Gannaway)

Rachel Williams

To investigate traditional craft seafood canning methods to develop and adapt in Australia

Farinaz Zamani

To research global models of human rights education that build public sector rights capability



Jemina Stuart-Smith travelled to Japan, Nepal, Panama, and the US to investigate rewilding strategies for species facing extinction.

Board of Directors

The Trust is a not-for-profit organisation governed by a Board of Directors who give their time voluntarily. The Directors are responsible for the financial administration of the funds initially raised by the Australian public in the appeal of 1965 and the administration of the Churchill Fellowship award scheme.



Dr Richard Roylance CF

*(Appointed Director of the Trust 1 February 2020 |
Appointed National Chair commencing
1 February 2025)*

B Med Sc, MBBS, FRACP

Dr Roylance is a retired Specialist Paediatrician with extensive experience in the area of vulnerable children and families. He had a clinical sub-speciality interest in the field of child protection/child abuse prevention – being active in this area at the state, national and international level.

He has previously served on the executive of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians – Child Protection SIG; as President of Protect All Children Today (PACT) for 10 years; and as an Executive Board member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) for 14 years.

He had an appointment as Associate Professor with the School of Medicine, Griffith University, in the area of Paediatric Medicine.

Prior to retirement, Dr Roylance had an appointment as a Sessional Member of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) since its inception. He was a long-standing member of QCAT's previous iterations: the Children's Services Tribunal and the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal.

Dr Roylance was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1995 – in the area of Child Abuse and Neglect prevention.



Adj. Prof Fiona Hawthorne CF

(Appointed Director of the Trust 7 February 2025)

BNursing, GradDip AdVocEd, MSc (Genetic Counselling), PhD, GAICD

Adj. Prof Fiona Hawthorne started her career as a Registered Nurse, working through various clinical specialties before moving into nursing and medical education. Since then, she has worked in Healthcare Ethics, Patient Safety and Clinical Governance.

Adj. Prof Hawthorne was the founding General Manager for Queensland's only Children's Hospice, Hummingbird House, a service directly informed by her Churchill Fellowship. She is the Head of College/CEO of The University of Queensland Union College. Awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2007 and a place in the Global Leadership Practices program in 2018, she is an Adjunct Professor with the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Queensland.

Adj. Prof Hawthorne is Director of MS Queensland, and Board Sub-Committee Chair – Customer, Services People & Research Committee.



Mr Warwick Hemsley AO

(Appointed Director of the Trust 19 June 2013 | Retired 1 April 2026)

B.Com, Assoc. Dip Val., CPA, FAPI, FAICD

Mr Hemsley served as Managing Director of Peet Limited for 17 years and was a Director of the company from 1985 to 2011. He is Chairman of Hemsley Paterson Valuers and Property Consultants. After graduating from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce, he commenced his professional career with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) and subsequently moved into the property development industry and gained his formal property qualifications.

Mr Hemsley is a past Councillor of the National Gallery of Australia and a past Chairman of the Art Gallery of WA Foundation, a past President of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA Division), and a past President of the Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr Hemsley's commitment to community continues as a member of the Board of Rock Art Australia, and Co-Chairman of the Anglicare Winter Appeal Committee.

In 2021, Mr Hemsley was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to residential development and the arts.



Mr Andrew Leake

(Appointed Director of the Trust 1 November 2015 | Chair, Remunerations and Nominations Committee since 1 June 2020)

BEc, FGIA, FCG, GAICD, CA

Mr Leake is a senior business leader with extensive governance and management experience in education, philanthropy, publishing, business consulting and corporate finance. His experience includes NFP Directorship, and service as President/Chairman of Governance Institute of Australia.



Ms Tracey McNaughton

(Appointed Director of the Trust 1 February 2022 | Chair, Investment, Audit and Risk Committee since 11 September 2025)

BEC (Hons), MCom (Hns), GAICD, CFA

Ms McNaughton is a senior executive with extensive investment, funds management and financial markets experience. Ms McNaughton's executive role is Chief Investment Officer at Escala Partners, a leading wealth management business for ultra-high net worth individuals and not-for-profit institutions. She is Chair of the Escala Partners Investment Committee and has a non-executive director role with CFA Society Australia.

Ms McNaughton was a former Research Associate at the Centre for Pensions and Superannuation at the University of NSW and a former Board committee member with the Investment and Financial Services Association (IFSA) in Sydney.

Ms McNaughton's commitment to community is demonstrated through her participation in various mentor programs including a previous role as Business Mentor for the Sydney University Rugby Club.



Chief Judge Elizabeth Morris AM

(Appointed Director of the Trust 4 May 2023)

BA (Hons), LLB, GCert PSM

Mrs Morris is the Chief Judge of the Local Court of the Northern Territory. Judge Morris' legal career includes work with the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission and the Office of the Coroner. She held various executive positions within the Northern Territory, including Executive Director of Racing, Gaming and Licensing, and Deputy CEO of the Department of Justice. Judge Morris was appointed as a Magistrate to the Northern Territory Magistrates Court in 2010, now the Local Court, and was appointed as Chief Judge of the Local Court in 2019.

Judge Morris currently serves on the Governing Councils of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration, the Australian Judicial Officers Association, the Cultural Diversity Justice Network and the Australian Association of Women Judges. She also serves on the Northern Territory Law Reform Committee. Her past appointments include Chair of the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, Chair of the Northern Territory Community Benefit Fund, Vice President of the Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory and as a Councillor for the Law Society.

Judge Morris' community work has included leadership of various organisations such as NT Scouts, the Darwin Community Legal Centre and the Forster Foundation for Drug Rehabilitation. She was appointed Second Dormant Commissioner Holder as Acting Administrator of the Northern Territory in 2022.

In January 2024, Judge Morris was made a Member of the Order of Australia for her significant service to the law in the Northern Territory, and to the community.



Prof Jane Munro CF

*(Appointed Director of the Trust
17 June 2015)*

MBBS, FRACP, MPH, MHSM

Prof Munro is a Paediatric Rheumatologist at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) and leads Arthritis and Rheumatology research and is a Senior Research Fellow at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

Prof Munro is the Co-chair of the Global Taskforce for Paediatric Musculoskeletal Health. Prof Munro was previously the Head of Rheumatology at RCH (2011–20), the national Chair of the Australian Rheumatology Group (2010–15), past Chair of the Victorian Paediatric State Committee and the Senior Medical Adviser COVID-19 Response Division at the Victorian Department of Health.

Prof Munro was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2003.



Mr Colin Murphy PSM

*(Appointed Director of the Trust
1 February 2019)*

B.Com, FCPA, FCA, GAICD, FIPAA

Mr Murphy was the 18th Auditor General for Western Australia for a period of 12 years until 2018.

His career has included senior executive finance and leadership roles across a range of state and Commonwealth government departments in Perth and Washington DC. Mr Murphy serves on a number of boards including the South Metropolitan Health Service Board WA, ChemCentre WA, and the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

Mr Murphy served as a Commissioner with the Perth Casino Royal Commission. He was awarded a Public Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours in 2010.



Ms Anne O'Donnell

*(Appointed Director of the Trust
1 October 2012 | Chair, Investment,
Audit and Risk Committee from
10 November 2016 to 10 September
2025 | Retired 31 January 2026)*

BA (Bkg & Fin), MBA, FAICD, SFFinsia

Ms O'Donnell is an experienced non-executive director with extensive knowledge of the investment, superannuation and finance sectors. She is the Chair of the ACT Long Service Leave Authority, an Independent Member on the Audit Committees of the NCA and the Department of Education and an External Member Compliance Committee UBS Global Asset Management (Australia) Ltd.

Ms O'Donnell's former positions include Managing Director and CEO of Australian Ethical Investment Ltd, non-executive directorships of Equity Trustees Ltd, Motor Trades Association of Australia Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd, Beyond Bank, Grain Growers Ltd, Financial Services Council, and the Centre for Australian Ethical Research. She was also the Industry Representative on the Banking Code of Conduct Committee.



Ms Shona Reid

(Appointed Director of the Trust 1 February 2022)

BBehavSc(Psych)

Ms Reid is the SA Guardian for Children and Young People.

Ms Reid is a proud Eastern Arrernte Woman, who has lived and worked across South Australia for most of her life.

Ms Reid worked across the child protection, young offending and the out-of-home care sector in predominantly regional and remote areas. In recognition of her work across different sectors, Ms Reid received a 2020 Flinders University Distinguished Alumni Award for services to Aboriginal children, young people and families. Prior to taking up the SA Guardian role, Ms Reid was the CEO for Reconciliation South Australia and is currently a director on Aboriginal Hostels Limited.

Until recently, Ms Reid held board positions including the SA Youth Centre Review Board, the South Australian Housing Trust Board (Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the SAHT Board), Co-Chair of the Justice Reinvestment of South Australia Board, and Flinders University – Indigenous Advisory Council and the Rio Tinto Australian Advisory Group.



Ms Alex Sloan AM

(Appointed Director of the Trust 3 August 2017 |

Retired – 31 January 2026)

BA Curtin University WA

Ms Sloan has been a journalist for 30 years, 27 of them as a broadcaster with ABC Radio. She formally retired from the ABC in January 2017.

During her career at the ABC, Ms Sloan was awarded a DFAT Travelling Scholarship to travel and report from Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong.

Ms Sloan is Deputy Chair of The Australia Institute and a pro-bono adviser to Uluru Dialogues. Ms Sloan's former roles include member of the ACT Architects Board, the ACT Placenames Committee (1997–2017) and ACT and NT Selection Panel of Australian-American Fulbright Commission (2007–2010).

In 2012 Ms Sloan was awarded the Clem Cummins Medal, which recognises contributions by non-architects and architects to architecture and the public interest. In 2017, Ms Sloan was named Canberra Citizen of the Year, in recognition of her selfless services to the Community of the ACT and through her support of a range of community organisations and charitable events. Ms Sloan is also a well-known MC and facilitator in Canberra.

In 2019, Ms Sloan was made a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the community of Canberra, and to the broadcast media as a radio presenter.



Dr Robert Walters

(Appointed Director of the Trust 1 February 2018)

BMedSc, MBBS

Dr Walters is a practising GP in Hobart, Tasmania. From 2002 to 2005 Dr Walters was the National Chair of the Australian Divisions of General Practice, the Australia-wide organisation that represented local Divisions of General Practice, to which over 90 per cent of practising GPs belonged. Between 1994 and 2015 he was on the Board of his local Division of General Practice, including six years as Chair.

Professionally, Dr Walters has a special interest in occupational medicine and workers compensation and is a long-term director of the WorkCover Board of Tasmania. He also sat as a part-time member on the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) from 2006 to 2024.

He has served and continues to serve on a number of national and state Boards and councils representing general practice, including the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council, the Headspace Board, and previously the Beyondblue Clinical Reference Council, National Advisory Council on Mental Health and National Advisory Council on Suicide Prevention. He was also a National Men's Health Ambassador, advising the Australian Government on policy relating to male health matters, and Cancer Council of Tasmania, chairing it from 2001 to 2004. He has also served on a number of committees for both the RACGP and the AMA, organisations of which he remains a member.

Dr Walters served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) from 1972 to 2017, latterly as the Senior Medical Officer for the ADF, Tasmania Region, in an Army Reserve capacity. He holds the rank of Colonel. From 1985 to 2013 he provided military compensation advice to the ADF in Tasmania and from 1996 to 2013 he was general practice consultant to the Surgeon General of the Australian Defence Force.



Ms Kerrie Williams

(Appointed Director of the Trust 5 July 2023)

BSc, MBA, FFin, GAICD

Ms Williams is a professional non-executive director who has extensive experience in the financial services and retail sectors, including 20 years as an adviser to institutional investors on investments, risk and governance-related issues. Ms Williams is currently a non-executive director at U Ethical Investors, a social enterprise and funds management business with an ethical investing approach, where she is also Chair of the Investment Committee. She is also an independent Board member at MAV Insurance, a member of the ACT Treasury Investment Advisory Board and a member of the Sisters of St John of God Finance Advisory Committee.

Prior to her non-executive career, Ms Williams held a number of senior leadership positions, including as Director of Strategy and People at Frontier Advisors. In 2017, Ms Williams was named the Superannuation Executive of the Year in the Women in Financial Services Awards.

Churchill Trust Team

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Christine Dacey
Chief Executive Officer

Sally Campbell
Chief Operating Officer

Emma Brill
Marketing and
Communications (maternity
leave from May 2025)

Dianne Cotter
Marketing, media
and communications
(from March 2025)

Liz Francis
Events (finished
October 2025)

Madeleine Garrett
Fellowship liaison

Peter Horvat
Impact and Alumni
Relations (from April 2025)

Fiona Matz
Sponsorships and
partnerships

Neha Mehta
Events

Lenka Peterkova
Finance and operations

Nicola Raymond
Reports and projects

Fran Tapia
Application and selection

Emma Velzeboer
Application and selection

Regional Staff

To support operational excellence, we are proud to have a team of regional staff located in each state and territory. They are tasked with overseeing and supporting the Churchill Fellowship application selection process. We are grateful for their expertise and their significant contribution to our continued growth and success.

Jo Dasborough WA

Louisa Filius QLD

Alison Power VIC

Cheryle Poultney WA

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Emma Velzeboer ACT

Grant Wargren AFSM CF NSW

Gemma Webberley CF TAS

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Tom Calma AO

Co-Patron

Linda Dessau AC CF

Trust Life Members

The Trust's Life Members are individuals who have made significant contributions to our organisation over an extended period. Through their commitment and exceptional service, they have become pillars of our community. We are thankful for their continued involvement as they remain involved on our journey towards excellence and impact.

Donald Appleton OAM CF

JH Byth

Jane Brazier

Jenny Blokland AO

Alexandrea Cannon OAM

Tracey Cain CF

Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd)

Suzan Cox OAM KC

William Cox AC RFD ED

Linda Dessau AC CF

Gordon Dickinson

Adam Davey

Sally Gordon Thomas AC

Lloyd Guthrey

Robert Harvey

Norma Leslie

Robyn Layton QC

Clay O'Brien

Leigh Park

Damien Thomson

Alan Trethewey

David Trebeck CF

RWL (Bill) Turner

Paul Tys CSC

Robert Vickery AM

Margaret White AO

Jane Wilson AO



Chief Executive Officer of the Trust Christine Dacey, Her Excellency the Hon. Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, and Board Chair of the Trust Richard Roylance at Government House.

Fellowship Assessors

The 2025 Churchill Fellowship applications were assessed by experts from a diverse range of disciplines who sit on advisory panels and selection committees in each state and territory. These dedicated individuals generously lent their time, expertise and invaluable insights to meticulously evaluate each application, ensuring a thorough selection process. We extend our deepest gratitude to these esteemed experts for their invaluable role in shaping the future of our Fellowship program.

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Marco Duretto

Raymond Golzar

Tom Grosskopf

Julie Ravallion

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Alison Macdonald

Tracey McNaughton

Joanne Philipson CF

Public Service

Sarah Froh

Mark Hayes

Ian Krimmer AFSM CF

Kelly Quandt AFSM

The Arts

Scott Otto Anderson

Liesel Badorrek CF

Alison Black CF

Felicity Fenner

Alex Kershaw

Nadine Manion CF

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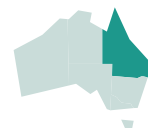
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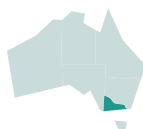
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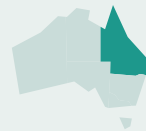
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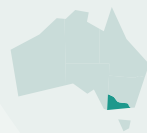
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Future Focus and Connection

The Churchill Fellows Associations (CFAs) play a vital role in supporting the Trust's purpose and strengthening the Fellowship alumni community. Through connection, care, and mutual support, they help Fellows remain in touch with the Trust, share knowledge, and support one another long after their Fellowship travel and report are completed.

Throughout the year, CFAs supported the delivery of Fellowship information sessions across Australia and hosted a range of events and activities, including medallion presentations, alumni gatherings and the National Churchill Fellows Convention.

The Trust and CFAs continued to work together over the course of the year, with Chair Richard Roylance and CEO Christine Dacey meeting regularly with CFA representatives both online and in person. The Trust also has a dedicated staff liaison who works with the CFAs to support two-way information sharing and enhanced coordination of efforts.

The local knowledge and networks of CFA volunteers continue to play an important role in ensuring the good work of the Trust and the opportunities it offers to reach communities and encourages potential applicants to apply.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships play an important role in the work of the Trust. We value all donations and bequests from organisations and individuals wanting to support and inspire someone's Churchill Fellowship journey.

Sponsors can create lasting relationships and networks, and guide research topics on issues that are important to them, by sponsoring a Fellowship or championing the lifelong Fellowship journey that follows.

We welcome potential sponsors and work with them to consider how they might become part of Australia's Churchill Fellowship journey by sponsoring a Fellowship and identifying opportunities to collaborate or promote the work of the Trust and our Fellows.

Leaving a gift in your will

Sponsoring a Churchill Fellowship by leaving a gift to the Trust in your will, gives you the opportunity to:

- create an ongoing legacy to encourage innovation and learning in topics that are important to you;
- be reflected in the name of successful projects.

For more information about sponsoring a Fellowship—either in an upcoming application round, or in the future by leaving a gift in your will—please contact the Trust.

New sponsorships established in 2025

We are delighted to announce three new sponsored Fellowships to the Trust.

Gilbert Spottiswood and Margaret Bland

The Gilbert Hugh Spottiswood and Margaret Mary Spottiswood Bland Churchill Fellowship honours the Spottiswood-Bland family's long connection with the Churchill Trust.

Gilbert Spottiswood was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1987 to study theatrical interpretation at the Andreas Voutsinas School in Paris and investigate ways to improve the quality of cultural projects in Queensland. Gilbert died in 1990 at the age of 51. Through a generous bequest to the Trust, a sponsorship was established for projects related to theatre. By 2024, the Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship had been awarded 27 times.



Gilbert Spottiswood and Margaret Bland

Gilbert's sister, Margaret, was also an active member of the arts community from an early age, studying ballet, tap and Scottish dancing. In 1980, Margaret married John Ware Bland, a commercial airline pilot, and settled in Melbourne. In 2025, as a result of Margaret's love for her family and her life-long passion for the arts, the community, and philanthropy, Margaret generously donated funds to continue the legacy her brother had started.

Now known as The Gilbert Hugh Spottiswood and Margaret Mary Spottiswood Bland Churchill Fellowship, this sponsorship will continue to acknowledge the valuable work done by Churchill Fellows in theatre.

WA Agricultural Research Collaboration

The WA Agricultural Research Collaboration (WAARC) Churchill Fellowship will be offered for the first time in 2026. This Fellowship will support a mid-career researcher or agricultural professional from Western Australia to travel internationally, investigate innovative approaches and return with insights that strengthen the State's agricultural resilience and productivity.

WAARC was founded in 2022 following a \$25 million State Government investment and unites government, industry and universities to tackle Western Australia's major agricultural challenges, from climate resilience and sustainability to biosecurity and workforce development. The sponsorship aligns with WAARC's commitment to build research capability and foster collaboration, and complements its existing postgraduate and honours scholarship programs.

This new Fellowship represents an important opportunity for Western Australian professionals to broaden their perspectives, build global connections, and contribute to positive change within WA's agricultural industries.

Seedlab Australia

The Seedlab Australia Churchill Fellowship will also be offered for the first time in the 2026 application round. Seedlab Australia is a unique and proven business program supporting small business founders across Australia and New Zealand to develop consumer products and supply local, state and national retailers.

Seedlab's co founder and CEO, Churchill Fellow Dr Hazel MacTavish West, brings specialist knowledge in food and beverage innovation, science and entrepreneurship. Hazel's 2017 Churchill Fellowship, which explored global approaches to food innovation across five countries, helped shape her vision for Seedlab and reinforced her commitment to giving back to emerging founders.

The Seedlab Australia Churchill Fellowship will support projects advancing innovation in food and beverages, including novel product development, enhanced nutrition, circular economy initiatives, sustainable systems, advanced processing and distribution, and projects that empower women in agriculture and related fields.



*Seedlab Australia Chief Executive Officer Hazel MacTavish West CF
and Seedlab Chief Operating Officer Kenna MacTavish*

Sponsorships that have concluded

We acknowledge the conclusion of several valued sponsorships. We have greatly appreciated the generosity of these sponsors and the opportunity to work alongside them. Their support has enabled Fellows across a wide range of fields to undertake impactful projects, and we remain proud of all that these Fellows continue to achieve. We extend our sincere thanks to each sponsor for their contribution to the Trust and look forward to following the ongoing work of their Fellows.

- AV Jennings — to investigate domestic architecture, building and planning
- Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal — to combat and reduce the impact of bushfire
- Jack Green — the dairy industry
- James Love — in any field (QLD only)
- Ron Badman Family — an aspect of agriculture with a focus on seed production, pasture development and irrigation
- Samuel and Eileen Gluyas — tropical pastoral industry (QLD only)
- Lamington National Park — national parks, nature conservation and the environment

Sponsorships for award nationally

auDA	for research or development in the digital and internet landscape (2 per year)
Auto Skills Australia	to increase industry expertise and knowledge for the benefit of the Australian automotive sector (3-4 per year)
Saskia Beer	to support innovation in food production or farming
Department of Health	for a project that benefits the health of Australians
Dr Leslie (Les) J Fleming	for advancements in oncology and cancer research
Donald Mackay	to counter organised crime
Dr Lena Elizabeth McEwan and Dame Joyce Daws	a project in the field of surgery, including surgical nursing
Dr Iain C Medgett	study of classical strings or classical voice
Dame Roma Mitchell	for excellence in the performing arts
Peter Mitchell	in any field, for female applicants aged under 30, and males aged under 21
ACT Road Safety Trust NRMA	for contributions to research or policies leading to a reduction in deaths and suffering caused by road crashes
Park Family	to study an aspect of education or vocational training
Bob and June Prickett	for excellence in visual arts
Bob and June Prickett	an issue related to the health of Australians
Bob and June Prickett	to examine methods which mitigate the impact of natural disasters such as fire, flood and cyclones on the Australian community
Dr Dorothea Sandars	medical or 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	excellence in the field of ophthalmology
Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee	to investigate an issue in the field of marine science

Gilbert Spottiswood and Margaret Bland	for subjects related to the theatre
Julie Stone	to investigate infant mental health
Paul Tys	in any field
Rodney Warmington Estate	for a topic that improves mobility, accessibility or liveability in Australian environments or communities
Dr John Yeo and Mrs Joy Yeo	for research into the early stages of spinal cord injury
Frank and Helen Zobec	for projects that create equitable education opportunities for women
Caroline Welsh	to support the agriculture industry's response to climate change
Dorothy and Brian Wilson (biennial)	to investigate strategies that make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children through education and training.

Sponsorships for award regionally

Blakeney Millar Foundation	for the benefit of Tumut and surrounds (applicants in Tumut NSW and surrounds)
Churchill Fellows Association (CFA) of TAS	in any field
Gallaughier Bequest	for projects in education or with a Tasmanian focus (TAS applicants)
Samuel and Eileen Gluyas	tropical pastoral industry (QLD applicants)
Sir William Kilpatrick	for projects related to health or social welfare (VIC applicants)
Stuart and Norma Leslie	for performance excellence in the arts (VIC applicants)
MPST Foundation	to advance education in medicine and to advance health in Tasmania (TAS applicants)
Northern Districts Education Centre	school or preschool education (NSW applicants)
Richard Rischbieth	to study the natural environment (SA applicants)
WA Department of Communities	to enable individual, family and community wellbeing (WA applicants)
WA Department of Health	to improve the sustainability of health care in Western Australia (WA applicants)

National Onboarding of 2025 Churchill Fellowship recipients

The Churchill Trust welcomed the 2025 cohort of Churchill Fellowship recipients at the National Onboarding event held in Canberra. The multi-day program brought together successful applicants from across Australia, providing an opportunity to connect, collaborate and prepare for their ongoing Fellowship experience.

The event introduced them to the values and responsibilities of The Trust while supporting professional development, peer networking and knowledge-sharing across a diverse range of sectors and project areas. A key focus of the program was upskilling them in preparation for their travels, equipping them with practical tools, guidance, and support to maximise the impact of their Fellowship both abroad and on their return to Australia.

The program opened with a welcome dinner featuring remarks from Trust Board Chair Richard Roylance, who reflected on the enduring legacy of the program and its continued relevance in addressing contemporary challenges through global learning. Guests were also welcomed by Aunty Caroline Hughes, who spoke about the significance of the Trust and acknowledged the 14 Indigenous recipients of a Churchill Fellowship in 2025.

A highlight of the evening was a keynote address from the Trust's Patron-in-Chief, Her Excellency the Hon. Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, who spoke about the power of Churchill Fellows to create meaningful change within Australian communities and the importance of continuing Sir Winston Churchill's legacy through learning, leadership and international exchange.

The evening concluded with a Fellows' Point of View panel moderated by Nicola Raymond (Reports and Projects), featuring Churchill Fellows Máiréad Doyle, Stephen Robinson and Melissa Smith. The panel provided recipients with valuable insight into the Fellowship experience, with panellists openly sharing reflections on the opportunities, challenges and lasting impact of their journeys.

Throughout the Onboarding program, recipients participated in a range of workshops, presentations and discussions designed to strengthen their communication, stakeholder engagement and wellbeing skills ahead of their travels. Fellows also heard from Churchill Trust staff on Fellowship planning, logistics, reporting requirements and the support available throughout the Fellowship experience.

Overall, the 2025 National Onboarding provided recipients with a strong foundation as they prepare to undertake their international research and contribute new ideas, knowledge and solutions for the benefit of communities across Australia.



Jordan O'Reilly OAM and Cara Penton, auDA sponsored Churchill Fellows



2025 cohort with Her Excellency the Hon. Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, Christine Dacey and Richard Roylance



Jon Grant, Sara Kirby and Sam Hellams



Eugene Hooks, Her Excellency the Hon. Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia and James Pengelley



David Couri and Ramas McRae



Melissa Smith, Stephen Robinson and Máiréad Doyle

National Churchill Fellows Convention

Held in Melbourne and hosted by the Churchill Fellows Association of Victoria, the 2025 National Convention brought Fellows together for three days of connection, reflection and celebration.

The Convention highlighted the breadth of Fellowship impact across Australia. On Saturday, Dr Susan Carland opened with a thought-provoking address on moral alchemy, inviting Fellows to reflect on complexity, legacy and the courage needed to drive social change. Morning speakers extended those themes: Bernie Shakeshaft spoke about trust and persistence in supporting vulnerable young people; Polly Britten examined ways to strengthen pathways for women in the trades; and Chris Bush explored how AI can be used strategically to make classrooms more equitable, engaging and future-ready.

Panel discussions deepened the conversation. Shona Reid led a yarning circle with First Nations leaders Gina Milgate and Lauren French, who spoke about culturally responsive leadership, deep listening and challenging deficit narratives.

In the Giving Back panel, moderated by Board Director Alex Sloan AM with Simone Carson AM and Marcus Crook, speakers reflected on the responsibility Fellows carry to contribute beyond the outcomes of their individual projects.

Afternoon speakers Tim Day, Kate Fitz-Gibbon, David Symons and Professor Margie Danchin added perspectives spanning homicide investigation, justice reform, humour in health care and vaccine confidence, again reflecting the remarkable diversity of Churchill Fellows' expertise.



Board Director of the UK Trust the Hon. Jeremy Soames and Board Chair of the AUS Trust Richard Roylance at the National Convention



Markiyan Melnychenko reading the 60th Anniversary broadsheet



The Churchill Fellows Association Victoria Convention Committee

The National Convention Dinner was a standout occasion. Keynote speaker the Hon. Jeremy Soames, grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, spoke warmly about the impact Australian Fellows have made over six decades, linking his grandfather's legacy with the Fellowship community's continuing sense of purpose. A violin performance by Markiyan Melnychenko added to the occasion's celebratory atmosphere.

Dinner speakers Nick Wyman and Jacob Miller shared reflections on leadership, resilience and community. It was a night that honoured both the history of the Churchill Fellowships and the work of today's Fellows.

Sunday offered a final chance to connect and explore Melbourne. Fellows joined one of five curated tours highlighting Victorian culture, innovation and landscape, while continuing conversations sparked during the convention.

Tours included visiting heritage gardens and the Supreme Court to glass artistry workshops, frontline trauma care at Essendon Airport and a regional food producer extravaganza, together reflecting the same diversity that defines the Fellowship community.

The tours provided a fitting end to a thoughtful and energising weekend, and a reminder that the Churchill Fellowship is not a single moment but an ongoing movement shaped by curiosity, courage and public impact.

Celebrating 60 years of The Trust

A Living Legacy

In 2025, the Churchill Trust marked a significant milestone: 60 years since Australians came together in one of the most remarkable acts of collective generosity in the nation's history.

On 28 February 1965, more than 10 million Australians participated in a nationwide doorknock appeal, raising £2,312,749—more than double the original target. What made this moment extraordinary was not only the scale, but its purpose. Rather than building monuments, Australians chose to invest in people, establishing a “living memorial” through the creation of the Churchill Fellowships.

The vision was both simple and enduring: to support individuals from all walks of life to travel overseas, learn from global best practice, and return to apply that knowledge for the benefit of their communities. That vision continues to define the Trust today.

The success of the appeal was no accident. It was underpinned by meticulous national planning, bipartisan leadership, and an unprecedented mobilisation of volunteers. More than 200,000 Australians volunteered, supported by coordinated efforts across every state and territory. In just two hours on a single evening, communities across the country contributed to a shared national goal.

The campaign also reflected something deeper about Australia at that time: a strong sense of civic duty and belief in collective action. Volunteers from all walks of life contributed their time and effort, united by a common purpose. Many of those who participated are still alive today, forming a living link to this defining moment in the Trust's history.

The impact of that day continues to resonate. Since 1965, the Trust has awarded 4,976 Fellowships, supporting Australians across all fields and disciplines to bring new knowledge back to the country. Each Fellowship represents a continuation of the original intent—practical learning, shared widely for public benefit.

As the Trust looks to the future, the legacy of the Doorknock Appeal remains central. It is a reminder that the strength of the Fellowship lies not only in the opportunities it provides, but in the spirit in which it was created: one of generosity, curiosity, and a belief in the power of individuals to create meaningful change.

As part of the 60th anniversary, the Trust also sought to bring this history to life for a contemporary audience. Through stories, interviews and digital content, we captured the spirit of the original appeal and connected it to today's Fellowship community. Personal reflections from those involved, including participants in the 1965 doorknock, highlighted the sense of optimism, civic pride and shared purpose that defined the time—and continues to underpin the Trust.

Alongside these stories, a range of creative content was developed to engage broader audiences and celebrate the era:

- Video and written stories sharing personal reflections and Fellowship impact.
- Social media campaigns marking moments from 1965, from culture to community life.
- A special 60th Anniversary edition Churchill Trust Broadsheet was created for the National Convention.
- A 60th Anniversary timeline highlighting all the significant achievements of Churchill Fellows alongside milestones for the Australian community.

Together, these elements brought a sense of personality and accessibility to the anniversary, reinforcing that the Churchill Fellowship is not only a legacy of the past, but a living, evolving part of Australia's story.

Churchill Times

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Learn globally, inspire locally.

60th Anniversary of the Winston Churchill Trust

28 February
Sunday 1965

REWARD FOR LONG WAIT



Sydney's Biggest March Since World War II

As the Services' Churchill Week tribute reaches its climax today, more than 2,600 Servicemen will parade through city streets in the biggest march through Sydney since the end of World War II.

The Duke of Edinburgh, 52-year-old Navy unit, will take the salute at the parade's debut in a public Town Hall. The head of the parade is expected to reach there at 12.50 p.m. Last night police were preparing for big crowds and heavy traffic. Transporting of the march went on last night members of the unit were at home polishing their black shoes and silver buttons for their first public appearance together. Their branch was formed in 1913 of experienced naval men to guard security at shore establishments, but they have never marched as a group before, except at Service funerals.



Little-known Uniforms

Their khaki uniforms with black ties, black caps and anchor insignia are little known to people other than Navy men and civilians who visit the property they guard on open days.

Led by Inspector D. Hall, worth, the N.D.P. men will march between serving Navy men and Navy women. Twenty-one mounted troopers of the N.S.W. Police Force will lead the march, which will start from the junction of Macquarie Street and Queen's Square at 12.55 p.m.

They will be followed by the R.A.N. group of 500 marching personnel including 50 Wrens and the R.A.N. band.

More than 1,100 marching and mounted Army personnel will follow the R.A.N.

The R.A.A.F. group of more than 400 will include

V Signs Urged for Churchill Week

MELBOURNE could pay tribute to Sir Winston Churchill by lighting city buildings with his wartime V for Victory sign, the Lord Mayor (Dr. Curtis) said yesterday.

"It would be a great tribute if the city lit up in a mass V for Victory sign throughout Churchill Memorial week next week," he said.

Churchill's famous sign had helped to restore the lights of Europe during the last war, added Dr. Curtis. "I would like to see V signs on every building possible until Sunday week when the R.A.N. will conduct its national dove-knock aimed at raising £1 million for the Winston Churchill Trust."

The sign, hanging in St. Kilda Road had led the way to a magnificent V sign, he said.

Many Offer Help For Fellowships

Offers of help and donations to the Winston Churchill Memorial Drive flowed into the N.S.W. campaign headquarters in Sydney yesterday.

The headquarters are at 205 Salisbury Road, Camperdown.

A spokesman for the campaign in N.S.W. said there were offers of donations totalling thousands of pounds yesterday.

Several companies promised five-figure sums.

The spokesman said that R.S.L. sub-branches will spearhead the memorial drive on February 28.

Members of other community organisations and Churches will co-operate.

A campaign depot will be established tomorrow in the old Morley Johnson building in George Street, opposite the Town Hall.

People who expect to be away on February 28 could lodge their donations in advance at the depot or at campaign headquarters.

The campaign headquarters at Camperdown is 51-0455.

"Collins Street Farmer"

The chairman of the national committee of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is Mr. W. J. Kilpatrick.

Mr. Kilpatrick, a 59-year-old Victorian businessman and pastoralist, said yesterday he was known as a "Collins Street farmer."

He is a former member of Melbourne City Council and has been chairman of charitable appeals, including the National Heart Foundation Appeal, which have raised more than £4m.

He returned on Monday from London, where he discussed the Winston Churchill Memorial drive with Sir Robert Menzies and with representatives of Britain

FUND APPEAL



The Australian Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, makes a speech during the Press conference to launch the Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal in London on Monday. A house-to-house appeal will be held throughout many countries of the world during Churchill Month, from February 28 to March 28 this year.

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Churchill "V" sketch up for sale

WILL AID FUND

The original Churchill "V" for victory sketch drawn by William Dobell for the £1m trust appeal is to be auctioned this week.

Sir James Kirby, deputy chairman of the national appeal, announced the auction at the Art Gallery of N.S.W., where the sketch will be hung until Friday.

The 4in by 3in sketch, mounted on silk in a frame inlaid with gold leaf, is to be auctioned by post.

It will go to the person who makes the highest bid received by midday on Friday. The money raised will go to the trust.

"Bids must be in writing and contain the bidder's



The Art Gallery director, Mr Hal Missingham, with the Dobell drawing.

What am I bid?

Call For 50,000



Across the decades at The Trust

Over the years, Churchill Fellowships have not only evolved with the times, but stood as a powerful reflection of society's hopes, challenges and values. They tell a story of progress shaped by those determined for a better Australia.

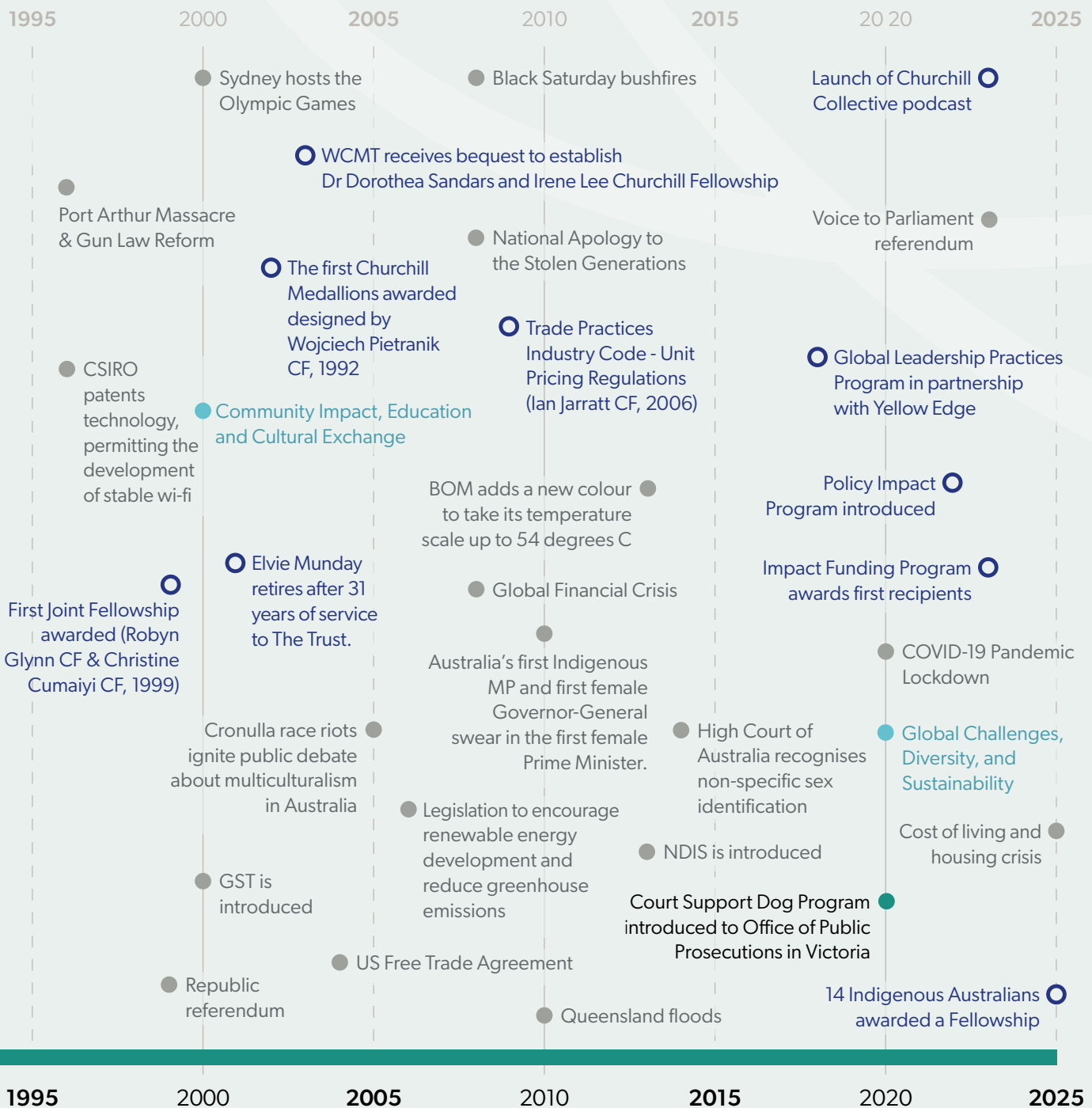


WCMT key events ○

Impact milestone ●

Fellowship trends ●

Social history events ●



Partnering for Impact

The Churchill Trust's Impact Funding program has supported Fellows to translate their research into practical outcomes that benefit Australian communities. Backed by a philanthropic partner, the program provides targeted grants to Fellows who have completed their reports and are ready to implement their recommendations, fostering collaboration and measurable change across a wide range of sectors.

Demand for Impact Funding has grown steadily. Between 2022 and 2025, 202 applications were received, with 33 projects funded, representing an overall success rate of 16%. Interest has increased significantly, with 75 applications received in 2024 alone, highlighting both the strength of the Fellowship community and the growing appetite for structured post-Fellowship support.

In 2025, the Trust trialed a more targeted "Partnering for Impact" round. Open to previous applicants, 44 applications were received, with five projects funded:

- **Susan Palmer** will develop a national education program to help cancer nurses mobilise informal support networks, improving patient wellbeing and recovery.
- **Leanne Mitchell** is establishing a national community of practice for local government to strengthen coordinated, prevention-focused responses to homelessness.
- **Sophie Heywood** will co-design national guidance for aquatic exercise supporting people with both mental and chronic physical health conditions.

- **Anne-Marie Cade** will deliver training and tools to embed parenting coordination and conflict-resolution practices for separated families.

- **Jane Rooney** will develop The Good Knee, a national education platform supporting informed decision-making following ACL injury.

The quality and diversity of submissions demonstrated the breadth of Fellowship work and the strong potential for long-term impact, while reinforcing the highly competitive nature of the program.

Earlier rounds have also delivered tangible outcomes across justice reform, assistive technology, community safety and the arts, demonstrating the value of supporting Fellows beyond their travel.

Looking ahead, Fellows have expressed strong interest in continued engagement and support to implement their work. The Trust will continue to evolve its post-Fellowship programs to maximise long-term impact and deliver lasting benefits to communities across Australia.

Aiming for a carbon-neutral future

Our Commitment

International travel is central to the Churchill Fellowship model, enabling Australians to learn from global best practice and bring those insights home for the benefit of Australia. It is also the Trust's largest source of emissions.

During the reporting period, Churchill Fellows travelled more than 5.4 million kilometres across 22 countries, taking 1,485 flights and spending more than 6,000 days undertaking international research. This generated approximately 689,316 kilograms of CO₂ (equivalent) emissions, with the majority falling within Scope 3 emissions under the Climate Active framework, primarily from flights, accommodation and travel-related activities.

Recognising this impact, the Trust is taking practical steps to better manage its emissions. Carbon offsetting is one way we are working to address the emissions associated with Fellowship travel.

To support this, the Trust partnered with TEM, an Asia-Pacific carbon offsetting solutions provider and Climate Active certified organisation, to purchase and retire high-quality, verified carbon credits to help offset travel emissions generated during Quarter 2 of the 2026 financial year.

These offsets support a mix of renewable energy, rainforest conservation and native forest regeneration projects across Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Asia-Pacific region, delivering both carbon reduction and broader biodiversity and community benefits.

Carbon Offset Retirement Summary

Project	Country	Project Type	Retirement Date	Offsets Retired (Units)
Hebei Chongli Qingsanying 49.3MW Wind Farm Project	China	Wind	3 March 2026	194
April Salumei Rainforest Community Conservation Project	Papua New Guinea	REDD	3 March 2026	23
Kenilworth Regrowth Project	Australia	Regeneration	3 March 2026	11
Total				228

Note: Carbon credit retirement dates reflect the timing of offset purchases and retirement processing, and may not align exactly with the Annual Report reporting period. Offsets are applied to Fellowship travel emissions generated during the relevant financial year.

The Trust will continue to review opportunities to reduce emissions at source while ensuring Fellows can access the international experiences that define the Fellowship program.

Finance report

for the year ended 31 January 2026

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

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

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

For the year ended 31 January 2026 the Trust reported a total comprehensive income of \$5.4 million after a loss for the year of \$1.0 million.

During the financial year, the Trust's investments returned approximately \$5.4 million in dividends, interest, and distribution income which was reinvested or used for Fellowships. The Trust provided \$3.9 million for the award of 100 Fellowships. Following adjustment of previous years' expenses, the total Fellowship expenses were reduced to \$3.7 million.

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

	2026	2025
Contributions and revenue	1,299,611	505,276
Gross profit	1,299,611	505,276
Release of unused provisions	-	-
Administrative expenses	(2,375,392)	(1,856,548)
Personnel expenses	(1,764,883)	(1,611,739)
Fellowship expense	(3,654,500)	(3,688,992)
Expenses	(7,794,775)	(7,157,279)
Operating loss before investment income	(6,495,164)	(6,652,003)
Investment income	5,438,179	5,368,044
Net investment income	5,438,179	5,368,044
Loss for the year	(1,056,985)	(1,283,959)
Other comprehensive income / (loss)		
Net change in fair value of FVOCI – equity	(5,817,393)	(7,556,435)
Net gain on disposal of FVOCI – equity	651,960	19,882,938
Assets revaluation	-	(1,200)
Total other comprehensive income	6,469,353	12,325,303
Total comprehensive income for the year	5,412,368	11,041,344

Statement of Financial Position

	2026	2025
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,448,153	2,814,114
Receivables and other current assets	1,108,443	985,952
Financial assets	-	-
Total current assets	2,556,596	3,800,066
Non-current assets		
Financial assets	158,281,997	151,503,560
Plant and equipment	575,618	591,233
Other non-current assets	479,200	479,200
Total non-current assets	159,336,815	152,573,993
Total assets	161,893,411	156,374,059
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	211,716	215,532
Employee benefits	175,898	135,327
Unearned income	317,500	293,000
Provision for Fellowships	4,141,146	4,165,239
Total current liabilities	4,846,260	4,809,098
Non-current liabilities		
Unearned income	372,400	298,400
Employee benefits	16,691	20,869
Total non-current liabilities	389,091	319,269
Total liabilities	5,235,351	5,128,367
Net assets	156,658,060	151,245,692
EQUITY		
Gains and losses taken to equity	23,218,447	17,401,054
Assets revaluation reserve	443,600	443,600
Retained earnings and corpus funds	132,996,013	133,401,038
Total equity	156,658,060	151,245,692

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Corpus funds	Gains and losses taken to equity	Assets revaluation reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at 1 February 2024	26,223,320	24,957,489	444,800	88,578,739	140,204,348
Adjusted balance at 1 February 2024	26,223,320	24,957,489	444,800	88,578,739	140,204,348
Comprehensive income for the year:					
(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(1,283,959)	(1,283,959)
Capital donations	57,794	-	-	(57,794)	-
Other comprehensive income:					
Net change in fair value of FVOCI – equity	-	12,326,503	-	-	12,326,503
Net gain on disposal of FVOCI – equity	-	(19,882,938)	-	19,882,938	-
Net change in collectibles	-	-	(1,200)	-	(1,200)
Total comprehensive income for the year	57,794	(7,556,435)	(1,200)	18,541,185	11,041,344
Balance at 31 January 2025	26,281,114	17,401,054	443,600	107,119,924	151,245,692
Balance at 1 February 2025	26,281,114	17,401,054	443,600	107,119,924	151,245,692
Adjusted balance at 1 February 2025	26,281,114	17,401,054	443,600	107,119,924	151,245,692
Comprehensive income for the year:					
(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(1,056,985)	(1,056,985)
Capital donations	931,141	-	-	(931,141)	-
Other comprehensive income:					
Net change in fair value of FVOCI – equity	-	6,469,353	-	-	6,469,353
Net gain on disposal of FVOCI – equity	-	(651,960)	-	651,960	-
Net change in collectibles	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in ROU asset	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	931,141	5,817,393	-	(1,336,166)	5,412,368
Balance at 31 January 2026	27,212,255	23,218,447	443,600	105,783,758	156,658,060

Statement of Cash Flows

	2026	2025
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from Fellows, donors and others	944,433	649,521
Payments to Fellows	(3,692,031)	(3,667,811)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(4,105,807)	(3,386,110)
Interest received	203,091	375,768
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(6,650,314)	(6,028,632)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial assets	12,146,561	110,343,140
Cost of purchasing financial assets	(12,455,645)	(118,953,064)
Imputation credits refunded	673,939	65,112
Distributions received	4,956,582	4,641,863
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(37,084)	(28,862)
Net cash provided by / (used-in) investing activities	5,284,353	(3,931,811)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,365,961)	(9,960,443)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 February	2,814,114	12,774,557
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 January	1,448,153	2,814,114

Bequests and Gifts for the Year to 31 January 2026

The following bequests and gifts to the Trust made during the year to 31 January 2026 are gratefully acknowledged:

Mrs Margaret Mary Bland	\$875,000
Seedlab Australia Pty Ltd	\$150,000
auDA – .au Domain Administration Ltd	\$70,000
Horticulture Innovation Australia	\$46,200
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	\$35,000
Park Testamentary Trust	\$35,000
The MPST Foundation Ltd	\$35,000
Western Australia Department of Health	\$35,000
Beer Family Holdings	\$30,000
Department of Communities	\$27,615
Trust Company of Australia / Peter Mitchell Estate	\$26,141
Blakeney Millar Foundation	\$24,355
The Yulgilbar Foundation	\$10,000
Churchill Fellows Association of Tasmania	\$3,000

In memoriam

Vale Fellows

We remember the following Churchill Fellows for their significant contributions to the Trust and Australian society. More information about our Churchill Fellows can be found on the Churchill Trust website.

Remembering

Gladys Busch CF

Alan Cameron CF

Ian Cameron CF

Eric Chalmers CF

Berendina de Ruiter CF

John Freeman CF

Thomas Gleghorn CF

Joyce McGrath CF

Roger McNeice CF

Remembering Mrs Joy Yeo OAM

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Mrs Joy Yeo OAM on 8 July 2025, and we take this opportunity to honour both Joy and her late husband, Dr John Yeo, for their remarkable and enduring contribution to the Churchill Trust. Dr Yeo became part of the Fellowship community in 1966 and remained closely involved with the Trust throughout his life, serving in leadership roles and generously supporting our work.

In 2022, John and Joy established the Dr John and Mrs Joy Yeo Churchill Fellowship to advance research into the early treatment of spinal injuries—an area to which they were both deeply committed. Their generosity reflected a lifetime of service, compassion and belief in the power of knowledge to improve lives.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to their children—Elizabeth, Rosie, Narelle and Jonathan—for their continued connection with the Trust. The legacy of Dr John and Mrs Joy Yeo will always be remembered with gratitude and respect.



Dr John and Mrs Joy Yeo



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