

ACT CHURCHILL FELLOWS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



June 2011

Churchill Chat (Friday 18 March 2011)

The ACT Churchill Fellows Association recently held another successful Churchill Chat with over 30 current Fellows, past Fellows, family members and guests in attendance. ACT Churchill Fellows President Helen Walker welcomed all attending and invited Fellows to promote and encourage the wider community to apply for future Churchill Fellowships.

The purpose of Churchill Chat is to promote Churchill Fellowships and to share the individual experiences with the wider community. Fellowship presentations were given by Courtney Page-Allen (2009 Fellow) and Kelly Richards (2010 Fellow).



Courtney Page-Allen – To identify lost portraits of Australians killed in the First World War – UK

With Anzac Day just past, one of our recent Churchill Chat talks was a timely reminder of the debt all of us owe to those who are willing to put themselves into the firing line.

Courtney Page-Allen, a 2009 Churchill Fellow, travelled to London in 2010 to examine a collection of photographic portraits at the Imperial War Museum, known as the Bond of Sacrifice. These portraits were all donated to or purchased by the museum at the time of the First World War and are only now being catalogued and digitised. Some 1535 portraits in the collection depict Australian servicemen, of which 504 are unique to the collection. As a result of Courtney's Fellowship project, these portraits are now being digitised using funds provided by the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs, and will soon be made available to the public.

Having brought us up to date with the progress of her project, Courtney then addressed the broader question of how and why we should commemorate those lost in war, by drawing on a large range of photographic images tracing the history of commemoration over the past century.



Kelly Richards – awarded the A.C.T. Government Audrey Fagan Churchill Fellowship to investigate the potential of Circles of Support and Accountability to prevent child sexual abuse in Australia - Canada, USA, UK

Thank you to both Courtney and Kelly for sharing their fellowship and experiences with other Fellows at our 3rd Churchill Chat.

2011 ACT Churchill Fellowship round

Applications for the ACT this year numbered 48 of which 15 candidates have been interviewed. Across Australia national applications have remained high with 1,081 applications received.

ACT Churchill Fellows Association will again host the ACT Churchill Fellows 2011 presentation dinner. This year awards will be presented by the Governor General, Quentin Bryce at University House with the dinner held following the ceremony at the same venue. The date is scheduled for **30th August** but this is still to be confirmed by Government House.

Have you noticed the clock in the National Churchill office?

Why is the clock stopped at 5pm? Have you seen the clock in the National Office board room which shows 5pm? Ever wondered why the clock does not work?

Well this clock does work but it is left at 5pm. It is a replica of the clock in Churchill's War Cabinet Room. There are two in the Cabinet Room, one each side of a map and these can be viewed on the virtual tour found on the War Cabinet Room website:

<http://www.pan3sixty.co.uk/tours/cwr/choose.html>

On 15 October 1940, the day after bombs severely damaged Number 10 Downing Street, Churchill held his first Cabinet meeting at 5pm in the underground bunker. The bombing convinced Churchill to meet in the Cabinet War Rooms on a regular basis. If you were a member of the Cabinet and arrived by 5pm, you were just in time for the start.

If you are lucky enough to visit the War Cabinet Museum today you can see many of these clocks on the walls of the underground bunker and nowadays as they are old and worn, it is simpler and more convenient to set all at 5pm and leave them to play their part in history. A visit to this place is a must for anyone travelling to London and make sure to give it a whole day. It is located just around the corner from the UK Office of the Churchill Memorial Trust where the staff are thrilled to welcome Australian Fellows. In the photo below you can see a clock to the right of the map. Another clock resides on the opposite wall giving Churchill a view of the time from his seat in front of the red box.

The clock was presented to the Trust's national office by Peter Halsey (2009 Fellow)

News snippets from Fellows

Alice Giles

NSW Fellow who teaches at the Canberra School of Music has just returned from Antarctica with her harps. She is involved in a conference at the Canberra School of Music in June on music and Antarctica.

Genevieve Lacey

Victorian Fellow recently graced the Great Hall at University House with a beautiful recorder concert and for a later at Llewellyn Hall.

Pat Jones

ACT 1995 fellow and a senior member of the ACT Fire Brigade spent time in Christchurch with the rescue and recovery process.

Churchill fellowship leading to bigger things

Paul Tys CEO Winston Churchill Memorial Trust together with John Hargreaves MLA recently officiated at the opening of a new office complex. Peter Halsey was awarded the 2009 Churchill Fellowship where he travelled to the UK and Switzerland bringing ideas back to Australia that he has now put into practice in design of a technology room and introduction of the Hearing Aiders Program.

The equipment in the Listening & Communication Technology Room enables people with a hearing impairment to be assessed & borrow for free home/work trial equipment that may help them communicate better. The layout for the technology room was as a direct result of information acquired during Peter's fellowship. He has also instigated a Hearing Aiders program where volunteers service and clean hearing aids for residents of aged care villages. Called hearing aiders these volunteers provided a critical support program to the elderly, enabling many to maintain all-important social interaction. This program received funding support from the ACT government through Disability ACT and training support from Australian Hearing.

For further information contact Peter at pete.halsey@actdrc.org.au or mob 0438 203 110 or website www.actdrc.org.au



Anthony Hogan, Paul Tys, Pete Halsey and John Hargreaves

Polly Templeton on CART, Paul Tys, Margaret Hackett Auslan Interpreter & Pete at the opening

Professor Noel Dunbar

It was with much sadness that we noted the passing of Emeritus Professor Noel Dunbar on 6th May. Noel was the first chairman of the ACT Churchill Fellows selection committee and served the Trust with distinction for many years in that capacity. .

For your diaries.....

***CFA Annual Dinner 30th August 7pm for 7.30pm
at University House
(details to be confirmed)**

***October – Churchill Chat. Speakers will be
Pat Jones and Peter Halsey – stay tuned for more
details**

*** Drinks on the House – Friday 2nd December at
Churchill House 5.30pm to 7pm**

**50th Anniversary of the Winston Churchill Trust
12th April 2015
*(now that's advanced notice!)***