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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the previous ACT Churchill Fellows committee headed by Helen Walker for their enthusiasm and dedication during 2012.

At our recent Annual Dinner in July, we welcomed 8 new Churchill Fellows. I'm sure that each time new fellows are announced, we reflect on the excitement and pride we felt when we received our own fellowship.

I feel the purpose of the ACT Churchill Fellows Association is to:

1. Provide support for new fellows
2. Provide networking opportunities for returned fellows
3. Promote Churchill Fellowships to the ACT community

I look forward to working with you to actively achieve this.

Bill Caddey

EVENTS DIARY

- **Churchill Chat and Information Session**

Date: Thursday 17th October, 2013

Time: 7 – 9pm

Venue: ACT Legislative Assembly, Civic

RSVP by Tuesday 15th October to pangmail@me.com

- **Drinks on the House**

Date: Friday 6th December, 2013

Time: 6 – 8pm

Venue: Churchill House, Acton

RSVP by Monday 25th November to actcfa@hotmail.com

Invitation



ACT Churchill Fellows' Association Inc.

invites you and your guests to attend a

Churchill Fellowship Information Session



What is a Churchill Fellowship?

Who can apply?

How do I apply?

An information evening for potential applicants and an opportunity to hear three ACT Fellows reflect on their fascinating projects –

- Ante Dabro – Esteemed Canberra Sculptor
To study both the traditional and ceramic shell methods of casting of sculpture (USA, UK, Germany – 1982)
- Laura Jellins – School Psychologist Working in the Digital Age
Investigating the emerging use of technology to enhance the delivery of psychological services in schools (USA – 2012)

Introduced by Mr Paul Tys, CEO of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

Thursday 17th October 2013 at 7pm

ACT Legislative Assembly Building Civic Square
(Parking available either side of the Canberra Theatre complex)

Contribution \$5 at the door – wine, tea, coffee & light refreshments provided

ALL WELCOME!

RSVP by 15th October to David Pang (CFA Secretary) pangmail@me.com

ACT CFA 'Fulfill the Dream' Scheme

Returned Fellows may 'have a dream' of how to realise the benefits of their Fellowship for the good of the community, but not quite have the support to see it fulfilled.

In the 2013 Centenary of Canberra year, the ACT CFA is offering support to members who may need some help to bring their Fellowship to fruition.

The range of Fellowships leaves us open regarding the kinds of request that may emerge. Some may wish to be linked to Fellows in similar fields for advice, or assisted with promotional activities or broader networks.

There is funding available up to \$5000, which may be divided between projects. Financial needs may for instance be to purchase equipment or materials to practise skills learnt on the Fellowship, some seed funding for an organisation, assistance to attend a key event, etc.

Requests are welcome from any financial ACT CFA member wherever they reside, or whomever their project results will benefit.

The application form is included in the next two pages of this newsletter and will be posted on the ACT CFA website, and be available from the Secretary. The closing date will be 15 November 2013. Offers of support and the anticipated benefits will be celebrated at the CFA 'Drinks on the House' event on 6 December 2013.

Application forms for membership of the ACT CFA are also available from the Secretary of the ACT CFA. Membership is \$15 per year.

Please email this form to the Secretary of the ACT Churchill Fellows Association actcfa@hotmail.com or post it to: PO Box 545 Curtin ACT 2605
The closing date is 15 November 2013.

Application - ACT CFA 'Fulfill the Dream' Scheme

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Home phone # _____

Work phone # _____

Mobile # _____

Fellowship year _____

What do you wish to do to fulfill your Fellowship project? (100 words)

If you are seeking funding, how much and for what? (100 words)

If you are seeking other assistance, how can we help? (100 words)

CONGRATULATIONS

2011 Churchill Fellow Catriona (Katie) Tonacia, has been nominated as an ACT Australian of the Year finalist in the Local Hero category – congratulations Katie!



Katie's Churchill Fellowship enabled her to study methods for eradicating the stigma and misconceptions surrounding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the UK, USA and Canada. She shared many of her lessons learnt and highlights with us last year at a Churchill Chat.

The Australian of the Year Awards 2014 released the following description of Katie's outstanding contribution –
"In Catriona Tonacia's own words, the husband she farewelled to serve as a peacekeeper in the Solomon Islands was not the same man who returned. With her background in nursing, Katie knew something was wrong, but it took nine months for David to be formally diagnosed as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Since then, Katie has worked tirelessly to break down the stigma attached to mental illness and PTSD. In 2007 she founded the support group, Picking up the Peaces, to raise national awareness and funds to help people suffering from the disorder. She's been the driving force behind a program to educate frontline first responders on the signs, symptoms and strategies to recognise PTSD in themselves and others. In 2012, Katie was awarded a prestigious Churchill Fellowship to undertake international research into methods of combating the stigma that exists in frontline emergency service cultures, and this work, together with her advocacy and fundraising, is supporting hundreds of first responders and their families."

<http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/>

CONDOLENCES

The ACT Churchill Fellows Association sends condolences to the family and friends of Jane Crick.

Jane was a much loved and respected member of the Canberra Potters' Society and served as President of the Society. She made significant contributions to the teaching team and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2008 to investigate models of presentation for non-institutional educational ceramic workshops.



On behalf of the ACT CFA members, a donation has been made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation.

FELLOW IN FOCUS

2012 Churchill Fellow DAX LINIERE

“Everything I do is related to music”

PROJECT: Enriching Australian music by bringing new, culturally diverse techniques and perspectives to Australia – France, Germany, Netherlands, the UK

DESCRIPTION: My fellowship project aimed to enrich Australian music by bringing new, culturally diverse techniques and perspectives in music production to Australia with a view to bridging the gap in production quality currently available within Australia. I aimed to achieve this by gathering knowledge from some of the world’s top engineers and producers in Europe and the UK and to implement it in my own workflow and disseminate it to the Australian arts-tech community via a series of workshops.



WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR FELLOWSHIP?

I had an amazing two-week internship with Alan Moulder, a British record producer and engineer who has worked with artists such as The Smashing Pumpkins and Moby. I learnt incredible techniques and made great contacts – there is no doubt in my mind that Churchill Fellowships open doors!

WHAT WERE THE BEST PLACES YOU VISITED?

Definitely Studios La Fabrique – it is an old early 19th century mansion in Saint-Remy de Provence near Avignon in the south of France that hosts mixing workshops. Here I attended a series of seminars called “Mix with the Masters”.

FELLOW IN FOCUS – Dax Liniere continued...

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?

When I came back from my fellowship last year, I had an album to mix for a Sydney band called Solkyri. The album is extremely diverse and the music ranges from ambient and folk through to indie rock and metal. Since being released earlier this year, the album instantly gained lots of positive feedback from reviewers and listeners alike, and has been nominated for awards including “Best album for Australian act”.

I am now writing as a feature columnist for Australia’s top magazine for sound engineers and recording musicians called AudioTechnology. Through this platform, I have been able to share my newly acquired mixing knowledge and experience with a broader audience. I am also co-building a large studio complex in Hume, ACT which will house a world-class mixing room. I’m also sponsoring a prize for the Canberra Centenary’s youth band competition event “Smells Like Centenary Spirit”.



WHAT IS YOUR BEST TIP FOR A NEW FELLOW?

Three statements –

- Don’t give up.
- Stay dedicated to what you love doing.
- Remember to give back.

CELEBRATING THE 2013 CHURCHILL FELLOWS AT THE CEREMONY AND DINNER –
Julie McKay, Peter Downs, Meriel Owen, Tony Schumacher Jones, the Honorable Margaret White AO, Lisa Grant, Darcy Henderson, Jennifer Elton, Tim Clarke,



AND THE MEDALLION RECIPIENTS –
Bruce Ferrington, Larry Brandy, Catriona Tonacia, Laura Jellins, Paul Thorpe, Dax Liniere and Megan Nutt



Thanks to Sir David Smith KCVO AO, the Honorable Margaret White AO and CEO Mr Paul Tys for making the ceremony and dinner a special occasion –



and the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and Churchill Fellows Association for arranging a wonderful evening enjoyed by everyone!



MEMBERSHIP

ACT CHURCHILL FELLOWS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The local ACT Churchill Fellows Association has been established to provide opportunities for returned fellows to meet socially and exchange ideas and learning so from our fellowships.

Each year the ACT CFA coordinates 4 events to bring fellows together:

- Our Annual Dinner
- 2 Churchill Chats
- Drinks on the House

We also produce regular newsletters to keep fellows updated on local Churchill Trust happenings.

Each year we encourage fellows to update their contact details and pay a small membership of \$15 to enable the CFA to keep you informed and active in the Churchill network. This is usually done in conjunction with the annual dinner. If you didn't manage to pay your annual membership at our recent dinner, you can still do so by making a cheque for \$15 to 'ACT Churchill Fellows Association' and sending it along with your updated contact details (including email) to:

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