

ACT CHURCHILL FELLOWS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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***From our
President***

It's that time again 9 new fellowships have been announced and it's time to celebrate. The Churchill presentation dinner will be held Monday 6th August 2012.

This is a chance to catch up with others and reflect on our own continuing Churchill journey. During the dinner, returning fellows who have completed reports, will be acknowledged. As there will not be enough time to hear about their individual fellowship, they will be invited to share what they have learnt and any adventures or insights they gained on the way at a Churchill Chat later in the year.

I would like to thank the current ACT CFA committee members who have ensured that all our functions run smoothly. I encourage others to join this small but enthusiastic group by nominating to join the 2012-13 Committee.

Helen Walker

DATE CLAIMER

- **Annual Presentation Dinner**
6th August 2012
Commonwealth Club Yarralumla
- **6th National Churchill Fellows Association Convention**
19-21 October 2012
Perth
- **Churchill Chat**
Date: Friday 21st September
Venue: TBA
Come along and hear the experiences of our newly returned Fellows.
- **Drinks on the House**
Churchill House
30th November 2012

ACT Churchill Fellows Association Dinner and Annual General Meeting

Monday 6th August

6.00 pm Drinks

7.00 pm Dinner

Commonwealth Club Yarralumla

\$80 per person including drinks.

Invitations and CFA Nominations have been mailed to all Fellows. If you have not received your invitation please contact courtneypageallen@gmail.com

RSVP 23rd July

HELP!

Are you aware of a Fellow who may need assistance to attend the Annual Dinner? The ACT CFA committee is able to assist with transport or dinner costs to enable all fellows to attend this special occasion. Please contact Helen Walker and special arrangements can be made.

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2012 Churchill Fellows

Congratulation to the 2012 Churchill Fellows:

- **Dr Alex Bahar Fuchs**

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate cognitive interventions for older people at risk of dementia - UK, USA, Israel

- **Mr Terence Eveston**

The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to examine cycling and road awareness school curriculum development - Denmark, Netherlands

- **Mr Bruce Ferrington**

To study the teaching of inquiry mathematics in primary classrooms - USA, Japan, Singapore

- **Mr David Finnigan**

To investigate the fusion of science with the performing arts - USA, Canada, Japan, UK, Sweden

- **Ms Robyn Forester**

To investigate support networks for Indigenous law enforcement officers - New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK

- **Miss Laura Jellins**

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate the emerging use of technology to enhance the delivery of psychological services in schools – USA

- **Mr Dax Liniere**

To enrich Australian music by bringing new, culturally diverse techniques and perspectives to Australia - France, Germany, UK

- **Miss Dianna Nixon**

To undertake an intensive study of approaches designed to encourage and support young developing voices - UK, Czech Republic

- **Mr Paul Thorpe**

The ACT Government David Balfour Churchill Fellowship to study innovative decontamination of public facilities and spaces exposed to hazardous materials - Singapore, UK, USA, Canada

Raffle Prizes Wanted

One of the highlights of our Annual Dinner is the ACTCFA raffle. Past fellows have always been very generous in providing interesting, creative and unique prizes for our raffle. If you are able to assist with this year's raffle prizes, please contact

petehalsey@grapevine.com.au

Positions Vacant: Committee Members

With recent departures and resignations, we are seeking some new committee members. The committee usually meets briefly on a monthly basis and work together to coordinate our 4-5 functions each year. Please consider joining our small but dedicated group. A nomination form has been included with your dinner invitation. To learn more about being an ACTCFA Committee member contact helen.walker@carersact.org.au or any of the current committee members.

If you know of someone who may be interested in applying for a Churchill Fellowship, download a copy of the [brochure](#) and give it to them.

2011 Travelling Fellow News

Megan Nutt is the recipient of the 2011 Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship. She is currently travelling to examine advanced practice nursing roles in survivorship care planning for head and neck cancer patients. Megan writes.....

Greetings from a very hot Houston, Texas. I commenced my Fellowship travels a week ago and have spent the last 2 days with staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center. The Texas Medical Center is a city within a city, with 4 hospitals, 3 hotels, 1 Hospice and its own Police Force. People have been welcoming and I have observed patient reviews, have examples of pathways and guidelines to take home, and have had enlightening discussions around altered body image support for head and neck cancer patients. My suitcase is already a degree heavier from resource material I have been given. People have been keen to "reach out" (network) and I am accumulating a healthy supply of business cards. Next stop is New York for the MASCC/ISOO Conference (Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer) – I understand there will be over 1,000 delegates attending! I have been fortunate to have my husband and 3 children along for the ride and we have had some time out to visit the Houston Museum of Natural Science, NASA Space Complex and some very large shopping malls. It is true to say everything in Texas is big! Once again, a very big thank you to the Winston Churchill Trust and Mr. and Mrs. New for providing me with such a fantastic opportunity.



"I am fond of pigs.
Dogs look up to us.
Cats look down on us.
Pigs treat us as equals."

[Winston Churchill](#)



2011 Returned Fellow News

Larry Brandy recently returned from his Fellowship tour to investigate strategies for increasing the number of Indigenous students at universities in USA, Canada and New Zealand. Here is a snippet of Larry's experiences....

After 3 countries, 11 universities, 4 schools, 20 blog posts, 2 Pow Wows, 6 bears, several moose, a couple of museums and cultural centres, lots of wonderful food, and wonderful hospitality we headed home. I had many highlights on my journey one of which was the generosity of everyone I met in sharing their strategies and ideas with me. Many included making university a welcoming place for First Nations students, who face many of the same issues that Australian Aboriginal students face.

A highlight was sharing my culture at a Pow Wow on the Kitigan Zibi Reservation north of Ottawa. I was there as a guest of the Indigenous Culture Media Innovations team which offers a different pathway to university for First Nations students, based on multimedia. People admired the kangaroo and possum skins I had on display while I admired the wolf, turtle and porcupine on their outfits. Later on I saw one of the Tjabal bandanas I had been handing out on a small participant in the Pow Wow. A great experience thanks to the Churchill Trust. I blogged about my experiences at <http://wiradjuridreaming.wordpress.com/>.



Trust and Adventure

A UK Fellow in the ACT

Hi, I'm Chris Clarke, an ACT CFA member who is a UK Fellow, from 1973 when they had an 'Adventure' category. I'll tell the (too long) story of my actual Fellowship another time, but I thought I might first talk about the UK WCMT and my 'young applicant' perspective on the Fellowship selection process of that still pioneering era.

You may be aware that there are three Winston Churchill Memorial Trusts, independent but related, the others in the UK and New Zealand. There was almost one in Canada too. They had a similar origin and operate in much the same way.

'Adventures' that started prior to my Fellowship had taken me to the Sultanate of Oman, and the discovery of rock art, but with no means to return for further exploration. Sydney Paulden, a colleague of my father and an enterprising journalist, had been a very early UK Churchill Fellow in the 1960s. He told me about it, and suggested I apply. I did so with the usual hope, but lack of expectation. The process was a remarkable encounter with two extraordinary people.

The UK Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was then run apparently on a shoe-string by a Major General H.A. (Tony) Lascelles, and a Miss Anne Seagrim. I never saw anyone else there, apart from Lord O'Neill of the Maine (former Prime Minister of Northern Ireland) who joined them to interview me.

Maj Gen Lascelles was a charming and very likeable character who put you at your ease so disarmingly, though with the hint of a keen underlying perceptiveness, that I wondered whether he came from an Intelligence background, and was playing the 'good cop' in a very professional double act. He was in fact a top athlete who had later led major chunks of the fight up Italy in WWII.

His sole apparent 'assistant', Miss Anne Seagrim was probably taken by the unwary applicant to be the receptionist/secretary, but was more accurately referred to in her eventual obituary (at 97) as having 'run' the UK Trust for nearly 20 years. She certainly appeared to be the organising force behind the machinery that operated the selection and Fellowship support processes with remarkable efficiency, and was a great help and friend to Fellows.

But Miss Seagrim did not conceal her searching scrutiny of your first few steps from the door to her desk, in which she seemed to have noted every detail of your bearing, dress, manner, expression, nerves etc for instant profiling of background, character, attitude and authenticity. It was not surprising to discover later that she had been private secretary to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor in their exiled life in Paris, at times a fiercely protective role. An obituary quote on accounts of her role in that era was "They reveal an acute observer of everything that went on around her".

As selectors, they appeared to have no formal system for checking any biographical or other claims of the applicants or projects across the already vast range of fields.

They seemed to rely on their skill in reading people – 'trust' indeed! For applicants, there was little in the way of formal criteria to meet. On reflection afterwards, and meeting other Fellows, it seemed they were perhaps looking for the people who were:

Genuine

Real people from real and preferably fairly ordinary, even disadvantaged backgrounds, who were not con-artists, dreamers, mild loonies, self-promoters, shady operators or secretly affluent.

Enthusiastic

Motivated by interest in their topic, not the opportunity to travel, gain kudos or connections etc. Also people who stood out in some other way, even through notoriety, had proven their ability to 'do something' - track record, innovation, volunteering, survival, overcoming odds, making a stand etc.

Not Centre-Stage

Hard to describe this one, but the Churchill Fellows I met just seemed to be people who in most company would be engaged but not the centre of attention.

Altruistic

People who would use, spread and pass on what they learned, not just use it for self-advancement. There is a fundamental service ethic there.

Engaging

People who engage easily with and are engaging to others, and will therefore be ambassadors for their interest, nation and the Trust. They are not looking for backroom boffins or introverted loners, however productive.

Un-resourced

People with limited access to the means to pursue their interest through normal channels such as academic or professional grants. There were of course people in professions, such as police, firemen, even garbage collectors, as well as health professionals of various kinds, but whose prospects of financial support for their project from those channels were slim.

Topics Non-Mainstream

Their topics are usually not mainstream (and therefore not a good bet for conventional funding sources), eg one was working on the reconstruction of injured hands. They are often perceptive and imaginative topics, such as the affect on traffic of the large cycling populations in Holland and China, or the reconstruction of medieval stone-masonry for restoring cathedrals. Usual reaction is 'that's interesting, and there probably aren't many people looking at it.'

On return I became automatically a member of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Fellows, a regional UK 'CFA', who met regularly and were a really interesting bunch of people. However, I should add that I felt completely humbled as an 'Adventurer' in the company of those who had used their Fellowships to do something useful or creative! I have been trying to make up for it ever since, in useful and creative fields, and encouraging applications from, and supporting this wonderful opportunity for others.

6th National Churchill Fellows' Convention

The Churchill Fellows' Association of Western Australia invites you to the 6th National Churchill Fellows' Convention Perth and Fremantle, Western Australia Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October 2012 Partners and friends welcome

We hope you will join us as we highlight the work of our Churchill Fellows, whilst celebrating the beauty and diversity of Western Australia.

We'll have you discovering historic Fremantle, delving into some "fishy business", finding your inner botanist and drumming up a storm!

Why not plan a pre- or post-convention stay? Perth's Swan Valley and the Margaret River vineyards await you. Rottnest Island is just a ferry ride away. Explore our South West coastline and forests. For those interested in venturing a little further afield, Esperance, Shark Bay, Ningaloo or Broome are worth the journey.

The Convention Committee and I look forward to warmly welcoming you to WA and making your stay as enjoyable and memorable as possible.

Lyn Williamson
President
CFAWA

www.churchillfellowswa.org.au

**Closing date for registrations is
Monday 8th October 2012**

Please ensure you post or email a copy of your registration form to CFAWA, PO Box 1066, Subiaco, WA 6904

Payments made through the CFAWA Website www.churchillfellowswa.org.au can only be made through PAY PAL.

PROGRAMME

Friday 19th October

- 10.45am Pre-Convention tour, ABC Centre East Perth
- 4.30pm Convention Registration
- 5.30pm Welcome Reception by WA Governor
Government House Ballroom, Perth

Saturday 20th October

- 9am Ship Wreck Galleries, Fremantle
- 10.30am St John's Church Fremantle - Concert
- 11.40am Fremantle Prison Gates
- 1.10pm Naturaliste Marine Discovery Centre
Hillarys
- 6pm Optional Private viewing of
"Picasso to Warhol" from New York at
the Art Gallery of WA
- 6.30pm Drinks and canapés in the Art Gallery
- 7pm Convention dinner at the Art Gallery of
Western Australia

Sunday 21 October

Kings Park Old Tea Pavilion

- 10am Drumming workshop
- 10.30am Morning Tea
- 11am Kings Park and Botanic Garden

REGISTRATION FORM

One form per Participant

Please Print

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Ph: (____) _____

Work Ph: (____) _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Any special Meal or Access Requirements?

Fellowship year and subject:

To enable us to link you with your partner and friends, please provide their name/s

Payment for the convention is through PAY PAL at

www.churchillfellowswa.org.au

or

By cheque to CFAWA, PO Box 1066, Subiaco WA 6904

General Convention Enquiries:

Lyn Williamson – Home: (08) 9319 9470,

Mob: 0439 955 487,

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Registrations (Post or Email) to:

Keren McCullagh - Home: (08) 9381 7881

Mob: 0438 9966 49,

Email: kerenmac@inet.net.au

Post: CFAWA, PO Box 1066, SUBIACO WA 6904

PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Please tick appropriate box

One form per Participant

FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE \$250

BUILD YOUR OWN CONVENTION PACKAGE

Friday:

Government Housing Reception \$50

Saturday:

All day event (Fremantle and Hillarys) \$85

Dinner at Art Galley \$120

Sunday:

Kings Park Old Tea Pavilion \$20

Total

Optional Tours

Friday

Pre-Convention tour, ABC Centre East Perth (Free)

Saturday

Optional Private viewing of "Picasso to Warhol" from New York at the Art Gallery of WA
\$16 to be paid at the Art Gallery

Important Facts:

Registration: Please ensure you either email to Keren or post your registration form to CFAWA, PO Box 1066, Subiaco, WA 6094

Receipt: A receipt will be sent to you once you have paid your payment. If you do not receive please contact Keren or Lyn.

Meals: Meals are only included with full and part registrations as indicated.

Digital Image Approval: By attending this convention, Participants and speakers are hereby notified that their images or likeness in the form of video, recorded video and still photography may be captured.

Cancellation: A \$20 administration fee applies to all cancellations up to 1 October 2012. No refund will be given after that date.