

ACT CHURCHILL FELLOWS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



March 2012

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Churchill Chat

The next Churchill Chat is scheduled for **Friday 13th April at 7 for 7.30pm.**
Venue is John XXIII College, Daley Rd ANU .

Come and share the experiences of two ACT Fellows:

Jane Shelling – Her 2010 project was ‘**To assess methods for providing professional information to community based alcohol and other drug workers**’.

Bill Caddey – His 2010 project was ‘**To investigate how communities promote and support walking as a viable option for health, transport and recreation.**’

Wine, tea, coffee and light refreshments provided, cost \$5 to cover costs.

Family and friends very welcome!

RSVP – Wednesday 11th April

to Courtney Page Allen, CFA Secretary actcfa@hotmail.com

Churchill Fellowship 2012 Applications close

The applications for 2012 have recently closed. Meg informs me there are 1 047 applications Australia wide with 53 applications from ACT. The next phase is short listing and interviews. Good luck to all candidates.

Churchill Fellows Convention,

This year’s Churchill Fellows Convention will be held in Perth on 19- 21 October.

If you are interested in attending you can find out more at

<http://www.churchillfellowswa.org.au/news.html> .

The 2014 Convention will be hosted here in Sydney with the 2016 Convention being offered to Canberra. It may be “all hands on deck” to make the Canberra Convention a memorable gathering.

Website Snippets and Updates

To help keep members informed of other fellows in the ACT, we have introduced 2 new sections to our website; Fellow in Focus and Recent Fellows Update.

Fellows in Focus outlines briefly, some highlights and advice as well as current activities of past fellows. Each month we will update this section with a new Fellow in Focus. To assist in updating this section, could you check the following link and if you are able, complete the brief survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3RWSGDM>

Recent Fellows Update will update you on the whereabouts of our current 2011 Fellows. Some have returned, some are about to leave. To find out more visit <http://www.churchillfellowsact.org.au/members.php>

Reapplying for a Churchill Fellowship

Many Fellows are fortunate to receive their Churchill Fellowship on their first application, however, in some cases, perseverance pays off. If you know of anyone who was unsuccessful on their first application, please encourage them to reapply... the following year or more, as some of our members have discovered.

Vale Jim Stynes –Churchill Fellow – 2006

Many of us are saddened by the recent death of Jim Stynes at the young age of 45. Jim was an amazing AFL footballer with the Melbourne Club, Brownlow Medalist and Club President. He was Victorian of the Year in 2003 and founder of REACH, a program to assist young Australians. Jim was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2006 to study evidence based youth programs and models that support the building of self-esteem and resilience in young people. To read his passionate and committed fellowship report visit http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/site_media/fellows/STYNES_Jim_2006.pdf

Wojciech Pietranik : Coin and Medal Sculptor (1992)

In 1992, Wojciech Pietranik was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to travel to Italy to improve his personal skills in bas-relief sculpture for coins and medals design. Over the past 22 years Pietranik has worked as an engraver and sculptor at the Royal Australian Mint. He has created a collection of striking art which will leave a lasting impression in the history of coin and medal design in Australia. The attached article relates to one of many medals that Wojciech designed to celebrate the 2012 Year of the Farmer. It was also one of his final designs before retiring last November.

A golden way to mark ag's big dollar value

THE Royal Australian Mint is celebrating the Australian Year of the Farmer with a \$1 commemorative collectors' coin – a lasting memento of the huge contribution farmers make to sustain our way of life and our economy.

Each year, farming and related industries inject more than \$405 billion into the economy – about 27 percent of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP).

Royal Australian Mint chief executive Ross MacDiarmid said the AYOF coin would be a constant reminder of the vital role farmers have played in Australia's past and how they would contribute to its future.

"This coin and the campaign it represents also ties in nicely with other agricultural themes that the Royal Australian Mint has selected during the past few years, commemorating contributions that certain industries have made to the growth of Australia," Mr MacDiarmid said.

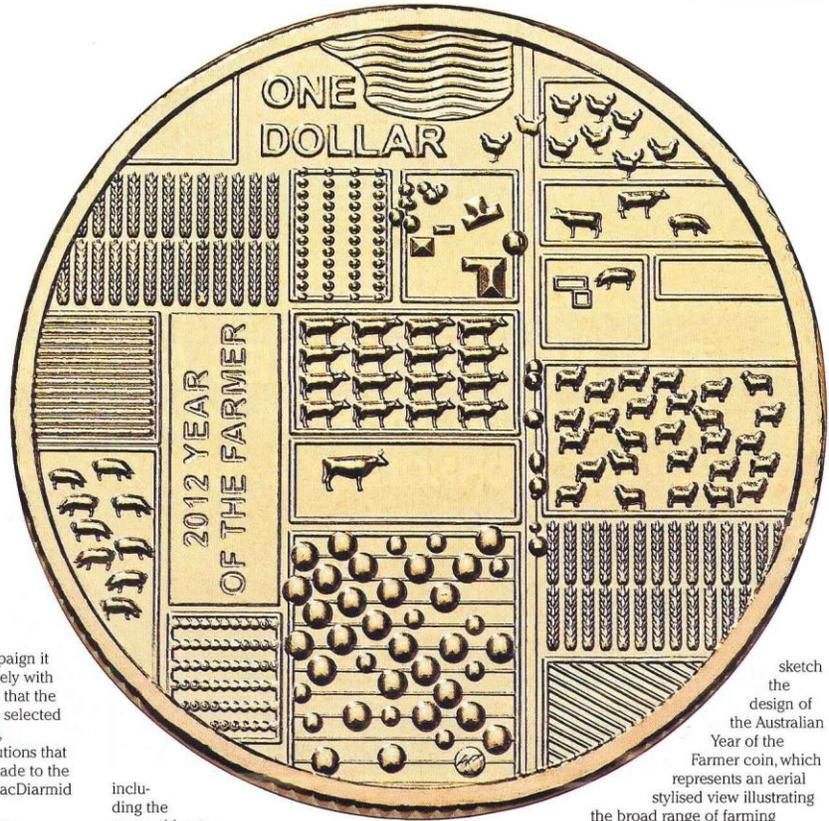
The mint also produces an Australian wheat themed coin set, an Australian wool themed coin set and the ram's head dollar.

The coin was designed by Wojciech Pietranik, a world-renowned coin sculptor who worked for the Royal Australian Mint for more than 22 years and has won numerous awards

including the competition to design the Sydney 2000 Olympic medals.

The Australian Year of the Farmer coin was one of the last coins Mr Pietranik designed for the mint before retiring last November.

He used a computer program to



sketch the design of the Australian Year of the Farmer coin, which represents an aerial stylised view illustrating

the broad range of farming industries and textures in Australia.

The design was then cut directly into steel using a computer-controlled engraving machine.

Coin dies were made from this tooling, which were used to strike an aluminium and bronze blank to create the final coin.

The mint said collectable coins were struck with greater pressure than circulating coins to improve the sharpness of the design, and the Year of the Farmer coin was particularly intricate.

"Whether you are one of the 15 million people living in our cities or the seven million in rural areas – chances are that as money changes hands a product from a farm is being purchased," said Australian Year of the Farmer chairman Philip Bruem.

"The collectable Australian Year of the Farmer coin highlights the importance of these transactions.

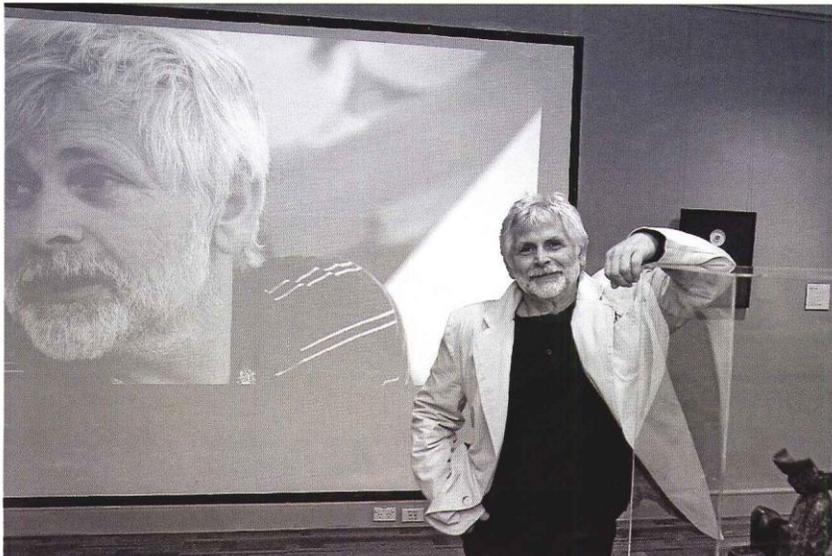
"Not only are you investing in our agribusiness today, you are securing its future for generations to come."

■ The Australian Year of the Farmer coin is on sale now through: the mint's website at www.ramint.gov.au; the Mint's Call Centre on 1300 652 020; Mint accredited dealers on www.ramint.gov.au/designs/dealers/ and the mint's Coin Shop in Deakin, ACT.

It is also available through selected Australia Post outlets.

DID YOU KNOW?

Farming and related industries account for about 27 per cent of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP).



Australian Year of the Farmer coin designer Wojciech Pietranik, Canberra, ACT.