



**September 2010**

## **ACT Churchill Fellows 2010 presentation dinner**

ACT Churchill Fellows Association recently hosted this year's dinner. The dinner follows the presentation by the Governor-General Quentin Bryce at Government House. More than ninety Fellows, sponsors, ACT committee members, Winston Churchill Memorial Trust staff and their guests gathered at University House to celebrate with the 2010 new Fellows and those 2009 Fellows receiving their medallions.

As is traditional, Executive Director Paul Tys toasted Sir Winston Churchill and then invited the new Fellows to introduce their projects. We were honored to have amongst us Celia Balfour, sponsor of the inaugural David Balfour Churchill Fellowship awarded to firefighters.

The ACT 2010 Churchill Fellows (and sponsors) are:

- Dr Amber Beavis – the Biological Resource Study Churchill Fellowship
- Mr William Caddy
- Mr John Helgensen – David Balfour Fellowship
- Ms Elizabeth Kelly
- Dr Kelly Richards – Audrey Fagin Churchill Fellowship
- Mrs Jane Shelling.

The 2009 Churchill Fellows who received their medallions from Winston Churchill Memorial Trust chairperson Sir David Smith were:

- Peter Batten
- Eric Chalmers
- Will Fargher
- Peter Halsey
- Courtney Page-Allen
- Marluce Silva Peters
- Itzell Tazzyman and
- Michael Stephens (QLD Fellow).

As usual one lucky diner won a fabulous Peter Minson teapot and we all left full of wonderful food and conversation. See you next year.



The AGM was held at the conclusion of the dinner is under 5 minutes, in order to elect the ACT CFA committee members for 2010-2011. These are Helen Walker (President), Jo Slattery (Vice President); Chris Clarke (Treasurer); Helen Palethorpe Secretary, Peter Minson, Wilma Davidson and Juanita Caddy. We particularly welcome new committee members Kelly Richards, Courtney Page-Allen, Peter Halsey and Will Fargher.

*Don't forget that we can always use more help on the committee so don't be shy to contact us if you would like to contribute to our events and gatherings!*



## Churchill Chat

The next Churchill chat is scheduled for **Thursday 21 October at 7 for 7.30pm**. We've been fortunate to find a new central venue at the Australian National University (ANU).

Come and share the experiences of two ACT Fellows

- **Lin Hatfield Dodds** – Her 2003 project was ‘**To examine the design and implementation of holistic poverty reduction strategies that address the underlying causes of social disadvantage**’.
- **Siwan Lovett** – Her 2006 project was ‘**To investigate the feasibility of establishing an Australian Centre for River Restoration based on overseas models and apply to the A.C.T. as a pilot project**’.

**Thursday 21 October at 7 for 7.30pm**  
John XXIII College, ANU, Daley Rd.

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

Family and friends very welcome!

**RSVP – Friday 15 October**  
to Helen Palethorpe, CFA Secretary, [hpalethorpe@grapevine.net.au](mailto:hpalethorpe@grapevine.net.au) ph 02 62488030 (h)

### **Reminder:**

## **2010 Churchill Fellows - 5th National Convention**

22nd – 24th October, 2010  
Melbourne, Victoria

### **For further information please contact:**

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## **Invitation from a UK Churchill Fellow**

Neil Morris a UK Churchill Fellow of 2008 and on the committee of the **UK East Pennine Association of Churchill Fellows** in the UK invites Australian fellows travelling to the United Kingdom in November to attend their autumn meeting. They are holding their 2010 Autumn Meeting in Sheffield, South Yorkshire on Saturday 6th November.

Neil enjoyed Australian and New Zealand hospitality and the Adelaide convention when he visited in 2008 as part of his fellowship.

He can be contacted on:

- 0044 7736449976; 0044 1226 740779; email [astonmm@aol.com](mailto:astonmm@aol.com)
- 8 Cortworth Place, Elsecar, Barnsley, S74 8HX.

He is offering Fellows to be a guest at their event, with the possibility of accommodation with Churchill Fellows in the South Yorkshire region.

## **For you diary:**

### **Drinks on the House**

Christmas drinks on the house

**Friday 3 December 5pm to 7pm**

Churchill House ANU

## **Some words from Paul Tys CEO,**

### **The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (Aug 2010)**

Each year The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust awards more than one hundred Churchill Fellowships. Many of these Fellowships are awarded to Australians who are already high achievers and who have impressive academic and professional qualifications. Given the prestigious nature of a Churchill Fellowship, awards to Australians who fit this mould are hardly surprising. These Fellowships are readily identifiable, studying topics that range from regenerating heart cells and chronic disease prevention/treatment through to programs for asylum seekers, Indigenous youth programs, eye bank retrieval systems, orchestral conducting, sexual abuse and the environment.

Fellowships are also awarded to individuals who might better fit the mould of the archetypal Churchill Fellow that I suspect Sir Winston Churchill may have had in mind when he agreed to the formation of a Trust to honour and commemorate his memory. These Fellows are just as passionate about their fields of excellence and are also high achievers. Certainly, there is room for both in the Fellowship awards and this is a real strength of the Trust.

At the time of the formation of the Churchill Trust in 1965, research into the thinking shows that the objective for the award of Fellowships must be to ensure that the Fellowships are available to any Australian of general promise or ability, in his or her calling or occupation, without discrimination, and that the awards be spread as far as is possible, fairly and reasonably, across all walks of life. This follows on from the then Prime Minister Menzies' characterisation of the Trust, which was to describe it as 'a system of Churchill Fellowships, not necessarily confined to people in the academic world, but extending to people in industry, to tradesmen, to Trade Union officials, to musicians, to artists of all kinds – a great variety of people, who by proceeding overseas and improving their knowledge of some particular matter can improve their own capacity for being a citizen in their own land'.

A Churchill Fellow who I believe fits very well the archetypal Churchill Fellow that Sir Winston Churchill had in mind is Paul Smith, a 2008 Fellow from Victoria who is a stonemason. Paul was awarded a Fellowship to study ecclesiastical stone sculpture, restoration and conservation and visited Spain, France and the United Kingdom. In London, Paul attended the City and Guilds of London Art School, which is the only school of its kind in England that teaches stone carving from a traditional background. In his Fellowship Report Paul mentions that he could not have learned what he did by remaining in Australia and during his process of learning overseas he discovered many new fields of inter-related study such as iconography (the language of symbols) and the origins of man's creativity as evidenced by history and archeology, to name just a few.

Other Fellows who also fit this mould include:

- Mark Nugent, a 2007 Fellow from NSW who is a coach builder and who studied the techniques used by traditional coach building firms to design and fabricate the bodywork on vintage and classic cars and visited the United Kingdom, Italy, France and Germany;
- Gerry Cummins, a 2002 Fellow from Queensland who is a self-employed stained glass artist and who studied the methods of repairing shattered heritage stained glass and visited the United States and France;
- Alfred Standen, a 1982 Fellow from Western Australia who is a foundryman and who studied developments in foundry supervision and computing and who

attended the American Foundrymen's Society Casting Congresses and visited the United Kingdom and the United States;

- Tony Thorogood, a 2007 Fellow from South Australia who is a cider maker and who studied cider making culture and traditions and visited Germany, France, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States;
- Philip Smith, a 2009 Fellow from Tasmania who is a bow maker and who studied traditional French bow making techniques from Master craftsmen in France;
- Greg Peters, a 2000 Fellow from the ACT who is an antique conservator and restorer and who studied antique furniture conservation and restoration in the United Kingdom, Germany and France; and
- Natalie Jenkins, a 2007 Fellow from the Northern Territory who is an artist and who studied the design and technical aspects of recycled glass in art in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Churchill himself spans many of the professions, trades and the enormous range of skills, occupations and talents for which many of the Trust's 3,485 Churchill Fellowships have been awarded. Many of us would be aware that during his rich and full life, Churchill was a journalist, editor, war correspondent, soldier, Member of Parliament, Minister who held many different portfolios including that of Prime Minister, social reformer, great orator in the classic style, master of English prose and a fine historian. He was also a bricklayer, a painter of significant merit and a gardener.

It is, therefore, very pleasing to conclude that the Churchill Trust is very much achieving the purpose for which it was established. Fellowships are being made available to any Australian of general promise or ability in his or her calling or occupation without discrimination, and the awards are being spread as far as is possible, fairly and reasonably across all walks of life. I am sure that Sir Winston Churchill would be delighted with his legacy in Australia and the manner in which his name is being remembered and commemorated.

Paul

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## **News from Churchill House**

50th Anniversary of the Trust on 12 April 2015 – stay tuned for more details.

