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**Churchill Fellows Association of Qld.
Inc**

**Annual General Meeting
and Social Evening**

Monday 2 April 2007 6.00pm

***State Library of Queensland
Stanley Place, Southbank***

Guest Speaker

Bruce Tully

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President's Message

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Here we are in 2007 and applications for the 2007 Fellowships have closed. It is timely to thank the Selection Committee for the task they undertake on a yearly basis.

I am sure we all recall our interview. To assist applicants prior to their interview we have a Minders Program in place. If you have some time on Saturday 21st or Sunday 22nd April and would like to help put the applicants at ease, please notify

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Robyn Potter on 3023 6704 Mobile 0409 055 858
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2006 finished with a wonderful Christmas get-together in Maleny. Fifty of us, including family and friends descended on the Powell's residence on the Saturday. We were met by hosts Don and Maureen Powell and Don showed us his completed sculptures as well as a demonstration in the workshop.

This was followed by the best morning tea you could imagine, as Maureen again excelled herself.

We then ambled on to Jill Morris's Book Farm. Jill and Richard live in a beautiful part of the world on 56 acres of rolling hills and rainforest on Obi Obi Creek. Lunch from the communal table was had in the gardens and each Fellow received a small gift from 'Santa Jim'.

After lunch Richard took the more energetic members of the group on an hour's walk in the rainforest whilst Jill took another group on an easier walk, whilst the remainder were happy to relax with a wine or two.

From there we travelled to Shannon Garson's ceramic studio. where she and Trevor showed us her beautiful works and gave an interesting talk that was enjoyed by all. Little Daphne was pleased to have so many visitors at her house. The latest news from the Garson family is the arrival of Pearl on Friday 2nd March. All are doing well and grandfather, Barry (1990 Education Primary Science) and all the family are delighted with Pearl's arrival. Our congratulations to the Garson family on the birth of their second daughter.

Those who were staying overnight, ventured back to the Morningstar Motel where a very welcome rest was had whilst experiencing the excellent views from our rooms.

Dinner was at the Terrace Restaurant, which is next door to the Motel, where we had a magnificent evening meal, completing a very enjoyable and eventful day. None of us took much rocking that night.

Next morning saw a group of us visit Johanna De Maine's Pottery Gallery at Landsborough on the way home. Johanna is one of Australia's foremost clay artists and master potters. Her work is represented in public collections throughout Australia and she has also exhibited in major galleries throughout USA, Europe and Asia.

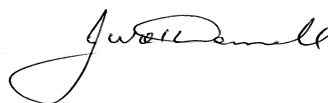
Johanna and husband Ted made us most welcome with nice steaming hot coffee and "more food". She then gave us a very informative talk on her work and her various display items.

All in all it was a very enjoyable couple of days and many new friendships were forged amongst the Fellows. We wish to thank our hosts, Don & Maureen, Jill and Richard, Shannon and Trevor and Johanna & Ted for their hospitality.

The Association's 36th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 2nd April 2007 at the State Library of Queensland commencing at 6:15 pm with nibbles and drinks on the Riverdeck with the meeting commencing at 7:30 pm. Bruce Tully (2003 Australian Jewellery) will deliver a presentation. Have you considered nominating for a position on the Churchill Fellows' Association of Queensland Inc.? It is a chance to contribute and to give back to the Association. It is not an onerous task. Nomination Forms are included with this Newsletter.

We have two possible dates for the Annual Dinner when we will welcome the 2007 Fellows – Friday 27th July or Friday 3rd August, if you would like to jot them down in your diary.

Looking forward to another great Churchill year



Editors Bits & Pieces

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Finally the first 2007 newsletter; I seemed to be a reluctant starter this year.

Some of the news from Fellows may be old but never ceases to be interesting, makes one feel a bit ordinary sometimes.

Thanks everyone, keep the news coming.

I have just heard the good news from Bill Prior, CFA South Australia that they will be hosting the National Convention/Gathering in 2008.

Some of us were hoping that they would do it as the SA delegates at our convention were very enthusiastic and SA is a great place for a holiday!!

Sorry I do not have any more details at the moment.

Piers Lane Concert

Friday 4 May 2007

QPAC Concert Hall

World renowned pianist and Churchill Fellow, Piers Lane will be playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5, Emperor

CFAQ has a group booking, could you please advise if you are interested in attending

Tickets \$61 per person are limited.
Hurry and book

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News from Fellows

From Kirsty Wright (03 DNA Profiling)

This has been another really busy year for me in relation to the follow on from the tsunami. There has been a lot of positive feedback towards the running of the DNA operation in Thailand. There is international interest into making some of the strategies that we used, the standard. I have been asked by the AFP and Interpol to generate a number of reports, as they would like to rewrite some of their manuals based on our experience. At the beginning of the year I was invited to Finland to speak about the tsunami. On the

way home I stopped into Thailand to provide an 8 day workshop to their police and forensic DNA scientists on missing persons and DVI.

I have only just come back from a quick trip to China, where I was asked to speak at an international DNA evidence conference about DVI. There is also interest from the Coroners about how things with the DNA work for mass disasters, so I will present some info in a couple of weeks to the Australasian Coroners Conference in PNG (I know, strange place for a conference).

Next year I hope to write some more of this work up in conjunction with other scientists in Thailand, Finland, China, and Sweden. I really have to attribute a lot of this success to my Churchill Fellowship. It was only 4 months after I returned from my 2 month Fellowship investigating DVI in the US and UK that the tsunami occurred. I applied all I learnt during my Fellowship towards the management of that operation. I am really enjoying being able to pass this knowledge on to local and international scientists, which the tsunami experience has allowed me to do.

I look forward to catching up with you again some time soon. Please forgive me for not attending the recent Churchill functions. Things have not slowed down since Thailand. In fact I am writing this now in the middle of working on the plane crash that recently occurred near Gladstone.

Kirsty Wright, Senior Scientist,
Forensic Biology, Queensland Health

Extract from Gerry Cummins (02 Stained Glass Restoration) and Jill Stehn

Again, we have had a wonderful year. The first half and last third of the year was very busy with work. Our projects for new windows included:

A fully painted St Luke window with a local Australian landscape and flora and fauna for an Anglican church in Clermont, Queensland;
Fully painted Baptism and Communion windows for a Catholic Church in Brisbane;
Three fully painted baptismal windows (also local landscape and flora and fauna), and one circular window for an Anglican Church in Biggenden in Queensland;
Five leadlight windows with Swarovski crystals for a Catholic church in Queanbeyan in New South Wales; and
A fully painted local flora and fauna window for a church in Tully;

Our largest projects were restoration work, including restoration of almost all of the leadlight windows in Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral in Townsville, the 1860's John Hardman Studio (UK) "Life of Joseph" stained glass windows from St Joseph's Catholic Church in Hobart, restoration of two 1880's F.X. Zettler Studio (Germany) windows totally ruined by a previous restoration, in which we repainted heads, halos, hands and feet, for St Ignatius' Catholic church at Toowong, and other small restoration.

Most interestingly, we have three windows in our studio from The Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology at Caboolture. They have, in our opinion, by far the best collection of medieval, Renaissance and Victorian stained glass in Australia. They have some fragment windows from Winchester Cathedral which have only recently been positively identified by a visitor from there. It's been called the most important discovery of medieval glass anywhere in the world in the last fifty years by England's leading medieval glass authority. These windows are on our schedule for conservation and restoration in the future.

For the present we have on our light boxes an early C16 Flemish window thought to have been in St Barbara's Charterhouse in Cologne in 1812 when Napoleon's troops marched towards Moscow and ransacked the place on their way to Moscow. Over its 500 years of existence it suffered many numerous breaks and some repairs and we are thrilled that, using conservation grade edge gluing, we will be able to dispense with many of the mending leads and reinstate the fragments into their original pieces as they were 500 years ago.

We also have an exquisitely beautiful small "Coronation of the Virgin" upon which is written the date of 1526, which we will also be able to restore, and also a rather touching French "espousal" window dated 1727 crying out for the same conservation and restoration techniques.

We are also currently working on the restoration of the cyclone "Larry" ravaged windows from Mother of Good Counsel church in Innisfail. We are able to recover 2/3rds of the original glass – the rest is gone. We have done some designs for the remaining 1/3rd of the windows, and the parish is at this time deciding on what they would like. There is an option of evolving from the leadlight design into fully painted windows with a theme. We would love to do this as it would exercise our highest design and painting skills!

Cheers, Gerry and Jilly.

Couldn't fit in all your travels this time – ed

From Morley Granger (02/03 Narrative Visual Artist)

I have two exhibitions at the Texas Regional Art Gallery 6 - 31 March 2007.

They are: Aprons and Well Preserved!

Aprons - presents a very personal, intimate look at women's lives. Five installations consist of original dresses, aprons and associated objects presented in large Perspex boxes. Closer inspection provides a sub-text to the 'secret' thoughts of women stitched delicately into the fabric.

Well Preserved!—Challenges your eyes and senses with meticulously stitched, photo realistic still-lives of an Australian institution: preserving fruit and vegetables with Fowlers Vacola jars. Generations of Australian women used the Fowler Vacola method to provide for their families.

The centrepiece of this exhibition is displayed in a simple pine cupboard poised on a square of old linoleum its doors open, lined with brilliantly coloured jars of 'faux' fruit and vegetables. It dares you to see things 'domestic' in a different light. Morley

From Elvie Munday (Mother Elvie) Churchill Trust 1970 - 2001

Congratulations to the CFAQ for the wonderful year you have had. I have been told of the great success of the National Gathering and am so sorry that my health prevented me from attending. However, I have now graduated from the walker to a quad walking stick and before you know it I intend to be completely mobile and independent. It has been a very long nearly 3 years and I am pleased that I did not know how long the road would be. If you ever hear of anyone being diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome give them as much understanding as you can. I sometimes feel a little down but remember that one of the doctors who looked after me in hospital (a young man in his late 20s) who has Guillain-Barre Syndrome, is in a wheelchair for life and can only now be a Radiologist (or Psychiatrist). He is beginning his career whereas I have had the most wonderful career anyone could possibly imagine and I have 2468 Churchill Fellows to show for it!! I love receiving my newsletters as it makes me feel as if I am still a part of the CFAQ where I have many wonderful Fellows.

God bless you, love as always, Elvie

Coming events

**MALENY & MONTVILLE
AUTUMN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2007**

Friday March 30 to Sunday April 1

Two Fellows, Gwyn Roberts and Robert Harris, are performing in events at this festival. Robert founded Montville Concerts way back in 1984.

BACH, BEETHOVEN & BIRTHDAYS

in 4 concerts & a festival dinner in the scenic setting of the Blackall Ranges & Glasshouse Mountains,

Friday 30 March 6pm Maleny Manor:

Festival Dinner: Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, jazz & latin interludes for strings & guitar; \$50pp

Saturday 31 March 2.30pm Montville Hall:

Piano Festival led by pianist Brachi Tilles with Jenni Flemming: Beethoven, Schubert & birthdays music with strings by Elgar, Grainger, Ravel, Sibelius & a Mozart Piano Concerto

31 March 6pm Maleny Mountain Wines:

Baroque & Brazil: Bach & Villa Lobos with Gwyn Roberts, cello & Anthony Garcia, guitar

Sunday 1 April 10am Malcolm's Restaurant Maleny:

Kaffee Konzert: Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss & birthday Grainger for strings

1 April 2.30pm Braeside B&B Maleny:

Guitar Festival: Music of Spain, Mexico, Paganini & Piazzola with Anthony Garcia & friends

Artistic Director: Robert Harris

Each Concert: \$28 QAC; \$32; \$30 conc (inc 4MBS)

3-Concert package \$78; 4-concert package \$104

Bookings: Joan Benson: 5494 2708

Top Notch 5494 3677 (Bkg fee)

Churchill Fellowship Selection Interviews

21 - 22 April

Minders wanted-

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Churchill Fellows Annual Dinner 2007

27 July or 3 August 2007

In the News

Extracts from some of the many newspaper articles about our Churchill Fellows. Not all of them get drawn to my attention I am sure, Ed

"The Good life" Courier Mail December 2006

Alison Taafe

They're calling it the training program for chefs by chefs, but it is not going to teach anyone one how to cook. Southbank Institute of Taafe's new Vocational Graduation Certificate and Diploma in Culinary Arts and Kitchen Management is to help qualified professional chefs get to the next level. "This course is not about cooking but about the other skills a chef needs to manage the business of a professional kitchen" says culinary teacher Alison Taafe who helped develop the course following a Churchill Fellowship study tour to the US.

Taafe says chefs will be given further training in matters such as staff management, finance marketing and creative thinking. "The program is designed to address all of those issues as well as encouraging chefs to take the next step in creativity with modules which focus on food design and styling, photography and creative food writing"

Gold Coast Mail Friday January 12 2007

Lesley Jenkins

Gold Coast history will no longer be a victim to rapid development if Lesley Jenkins has her say.

The historian, who specialises in oral history, has been engaged by the Gold Coast City Council to record the history of the past.

Highway Heritage – Oral Histories focuses on the period between 1950 to the 1970s when the Gold Coast grew from a disconnected group of sleepy villages to accommodate a string of beachfront motels and entertainment venues.

"The project is recognition of the importance of the highway and the buildings along it, to the Gold Coast's development", Ms Jenkins said
Ms Jenkins said it was important to record the past before it disappeared

Editor – Lesley went on to say that she was interested in capturing stories from the Gold Coast past, before the opportunity was lost.

If you have a story to tell; contact Lesley on 55828659 (Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email l.jenkins@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

The Churchill Centre

"Keep Up To Date With The Current Relevance Of The Life And Times Of Sir Winston S. Churchill (1874-1965) . by Neil Kenworthy (Vic)

There are two Churchill organizations in Australia. The major one is The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in Canberra. It was founded in 1965 to commemorate the memory of Sir Winston.

Complementing The Churchill Trust, is the Australian Chapter of The Churchill Centre, which has its headquarters in Washington D.C. The Churchill Centre was established in 1994, as the umbrella organization for various pre-existing national societies, which were themselves mainly established around 1968. The Mission of The Churchill Centre is *"to foster leadership, statesmanship, vision, courage and boldness among democratic and freedom-loving peoples worldwide, through the thoughts, words, works and deeds of Winston Spencer Churchill"*. The Churchill Centre is a vast and obviously influential organization. It is the international focus for the study of Sir Winston Churchill and his life and times. Today there are 17 affiliated Chapters across the United States – from Alaska to Florida. There are other Churchill Societies in Canada, the United Kingdom and Portugal. The ICS in the UK has The Hon. Celia Sandys (Sir Winston's granddaughter) as the Chairman of Trustees and other Trustees include The Duke of Marlborough and the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Jellicoe. The Churchill Centre is strongly supported by the broad Churchill family and Lady Mary Soames LG, DBE, Sir Winston's youngest daughter and only surviving child, is the Patron of both The Churchill Centre and its allied organizations.

Roy Morant, a former CEO of the Churchill Memorial Trust, was a "Founding Member" of The Churchill Centre in Australia. In 1991 the Fifth Churchill Tour visited Australia and was entertained by the Churchill Fellows' Associations and the Churchill Memorial Trust in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. There have been members of The Churchill Centre in Australia for over 20 years. The current membership is not large and it is spread across all States. In 2005 and 2006, following discussions I had with the senior executives of The Churchill Centre in Washington D.C. and at several other locations, it was decided to re-energize the Australian Chapter of The Churchill Centre and initiate moves to increase our local membership. Alfred James OAM, of Sydney, was appointed President and I was appointed the Vice-President of the Australian Chapter. Alf has a strong family link to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill, because his father flew a Spitfire for the RAF during The Battle of Britain. Alf and I had an initial meeting in October 2005 with Paul Tys, the CEO of The Memorial Trust in Canberra, to ensure that our membership drive did not create any confusion in the minds of potential applicants for Churchill Fellowships, as to which organization they should be applying to. Since then there has been an exchange of correspondence between Paul Tys and William C. Ives, President of The Churchill Centre. This exchange of letters has resulted in an understanding to work together to each enhance the memory of Sir Winston Churchill – *"the most influential individual of the 20th Century"*. This cooperation will closely mirror the long-standing excellent working relationship in Britain between their Churchill Memorial Trust, the International Churchill Society and the Churchill family - a relationship that extends back over decades.

I have maintained my personal contact with The Churchill Centre and the Churchill family during 2005 and 2006. On 3-5 March 2006 I was invited to attend the 3-day 60th Anniversary Celebrations commemorating Sir Winston's sensational 1946 "Iron Curtain Speech" at Westminster College, in the charming mid-western town of Fulton, Missouri. He delivered it in the presence of President Truman and his speech was ever thereafter held to signal the beginning of the "Cold War" with Russia. Once again I met up with Lady Soames and I was able to inspect the expanded Churchill Memorial and Library. This Museum is now quite simply the best Museum to the memory of Sir Winston in existence anywhere in the world! It is even better than the new Churchill Museum in London. I attended a 2-day Conference at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville that had 8 leading international speakers address aspects of *"The United States and Great Britain: The Legacy of Churchill's Atlantic Alliance"*. Three of the Keynote Speakers were Dr. Henry Kissinger, Lord Watson and Winston S. Churchill (Sir Winston's grandson). When Winston later made a brief speaking visit to Melbourne, Alf and I had breakfast with him. Local gatherings of members of The Churchill Centre are being organized in Melbourne and Sydney to enable these members to meet each other and discuss matters of mutual interest.

The Churchill Centre is very active world-wide and it regularly arranges various local, national and international conferences and site visits – mainly across North America and Europe. A wide range of authors and experts, such as the famous Churchill family biographer Sir Martin Gilbert, often write for The Centre's excellent and very high-quality quarterly Member's journal *"Finest Hour"* and the regular *"Chartwell Bulletin"*. I strongly recommend that members of the Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland look at the website of The Churchill Centre at www.winstonchurchill.org. It covers a diverse range of topics from news and forthcoming events to expert book reviews and relevant interviews. The International Membership Fee is US\$60-00 (approx. AUD\$80-00) per year – payable by credit card or bank cheque to Washington. This represents excellent value as a means of gaining access to all those world-wide events and articles that are continually reminding the world of the relevance today of the words and deeds of Sir Winston S. Churchill. Please look at the website and contact me if you have any questions about any aspect of the operations of The Churchill Centre. If you would like to see copies of past issues of the *"Finest Hour"* or the *"Chartwell Bulletin"*, please contact me.

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Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting of members will be held

At the **State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place South Brisbane**

2 April 2007 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of giving consideration to the following:

1. Reading and confirmation of Minutes
2. To receive and consider the Committee's report and Financial Statement for the year ended 28 February 2007.
3. The receiving of the Auditor's report for the preceding financial year
4. Election of Management Committee
5. The appointment of an auditor.
6. To transact any other business that may be properly brought before the meeting in accordance with the Constitution.

VOTING

All financial members are entitled to vote at the annual general meeting.
By order of the Committee

J W O'Donnell
President

NOMINATIONS: **May be submitted on this form or will be accepted from the floor at the meeting**

Please Return to President

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I nominate.....(print name of nominee)

for the position of

Name/signature of nominator.....

Name/ signature of seconder.....

I accept the above nomination.....(signature of nominee)



36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007
Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland Inc

The State library of Queensland
Stanley Place, South Brisbane

Monday 2 April 2007 - 6.00 for 6.15pm

Drinks and nibbles on the Riverdeck 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Guest speaker
Bruce Tully (2003 Australian Jewellery)

For catering purposes, please RSVP to

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