



# CFAQ NEWS

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## **Urgent - Urgent- Urgent Registrations for Churchill Fellows National Convention**

**Close on Monday 8 May**

**Only a few days away**

**Support your Association and  
register now**

***City Hall requires names for  
invitations to the Lord Mayor's Civic  
Reception by Monday 8 May.***

***If you are not able to attend all  
Convention Events, you may register  
for individual events (see next page)***

**2006/7 CFAQ Membership Subscription  
\$25 Now Due**

**Churchill Fellows National Convention 9-12 June 2006**

**Convention Registrations close 8 May**

Other deadlines dictate this closing date, for example, the formal invitations for the Lord Mayor's Civic Reception

Fellows who have other commitments may wish to register for some individual events such as the Civic Reception, Workplace visits, Convention Dinner, Churchill Fellows Festival at Roma Street Parkland, the Farewell Breakfast or some of the post Convention tours.

**Friday 9 June Lord Mayor's Civic Reception**

**Must register and pay by 8 May**

This will be held in the City Hall, Brisbane from 5.30 to 7.00pm.

Drinks and nibbles will be served as the Lord Mayor welcomes the delegates to Brisbane.

**Churchill Story Boards will be displayed**

**Saturday 10 June Workplace Visits**

**Register and pay by 25 May**

Workplace visits have been arranged for both Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon.

**Morning** - Airservices Australia, Queensland Museum, Queensland Performing Arts Centre Museum, Tour of Stained Glass Windows, Queensland Police Museum and Police Communications Room.

**Afternoon** - Queensland Performing Arts Centre Museum, Queensland Museum, Queensland Police Museum and Police Communications Room.

**Refreshments** - The Members Lounge at Queensland Art Gallery will be the venue for refreshments and for guided tours of selected section of the Gallery.

*Please note the PM Visit to Airservices is now fully booked*

**Saturday 10 June Convention Dinner**

**Must register and pay by 25 May**

The dinner will be held at Tattersalls Club 215 Queen Street Brisbane and will commence with pre-dinner drinks and canapés at 6.30pm.

Entertainment will be by some of our talented Fellows. Beer, wine and soft drink are included

**Sunday 11 June Churchill Fellows Festival Roma Street Parkland**

**Register and pay by 25 May**

10.00am to 4.00pm

Bring along family and friends to enjoy this day. There'll be guided sculpture walks, guided garden walks, static display of works of our diverse Fellows and entertainment and all day presentations on the Amphitheatre Stage, including the Queensland Youth Choir and Tim Mullooly from Kite Theatre.

**Churchill Story Boards will be displayed.**

A catered gourmet lunch, including drinks, will be served in the marquee from Noon to 2.00pm with

children at half price or you may wish to bring your own picnic lunch and rug and find a spot under one of the magnificent trees.

**Monday 12 June – Buffet Breakfast**

**Register and pay by 25 May**

River Canteen Restaurant, South Bank. One of our Fellows will do a presentation for us.

After breakfast, some may wish to take advantage of an organized stroll across the Goodwill Bridge to the City Botanic Gardens where we will learn about the historic features of Brisbane's original botanic gardens. The gardens' plant collections include the first Queensland native plants to be formally planted.

**Post Conference Visits**

The following Fellows will welcome your visit. However it is important to contact them before hand with as much notice as possible. If you want more details contact Convention Coordinator Jane Virtue.

**Tuesday 13 June - Milpera State High School**

Phone 07 3379 5588 Email: [arice6@eq.edu.au](mailto:arice6@eq.edu.au)

Visit Milpera - the only state school in Queensland which provides English language, upper primary and high school preparation and settlement services to newly arrived immigrant and refugee students for participation in mainstream schools.

**The following Fellows will arrange a time convenient to both them and you.**

**Kelvin Grove Urban Village**

Phone: 3017 5757 [www.kgurbanvillage.com.au](http://www.kgurbanvillage.com.au)

Andrew Hammonds (2001 Sustainable Public Housing)

**Book Farm Maleny**

Phone: 07 5494 3000

Jill Morris (1972 Children's Stories)

**Shannon Garson Fine Porcelain, Maleny**

Shannon Garson (2004 Ceramic Decoration)

Phone: 07 54999 291 [www.shannongarson.com.au](http://www.shannongarson.com.au)

**Cobb + Co Museum**

Deborah Tranter (1993 Horse Drawn Vehicle Restoration)

Phone 07 4639 1971 Email

[www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au](http://www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au)

*If you have already registered or offered your apologies, please pass this on to another Fellow.*

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**President's Message**

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By now most of you would be aware that I have just undergone open-heart surgery in the form of a 5-bypass operation. I am happy to say the operation was successful; however it will be a slow recovery period for a number of months. To those of you who have kindly sent messages – Thank you.

Because of my ill health I was unable to attend the recent AGM however; I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts in ensuring the AGM was a success. I would particularly like to thank Mr Noel Busch who chaired the AGM until after the election of office bearers, when this duty was taken over by newly appointed Vice-President Sharyn Hall. A special thankyou to Christopher Pipe-Martin (05 Water Treatment) who spoke on a very topical subject which I believe had an enthusiastic response from the audience.

I would like to welcome two new members to our Committee – Robyn Potter as Treasurer and Secretary John Stafford. These positions had become vacant due to the transfer of Rob Graham to Cairns and the relocation of David Miller to Adelaide. I thank the retiring officers and welcome the incoming Committee.

**On a very important note, our National Convention is almost upon us and I thank those of you who have registered and urge those of you who have not, to try to at least get to some of the events listed in this newsletter**

Jim O'Donnell

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***CFAQ Casualties***

As you have read our President Jim has “been in the wars” and is convalescing at home. But that is not all!! Noela is also laid up with a broken leg. Things have not been easy in the O'Donnell household to say the least.

To add to these disasters, the week before the AGM, just when Jim found out he had to have surgery, our 2005 Treasurer got called to work with the Recovery Task Force in Innisfail

However thanks to Jim's planning prior to going to hospital, and Noela's diligence in manning the commuter, we managed to get through the AGM with no obvious (I hope) dramas.

***Churchill Story Boards***

Thankyou to the fifty + Fellows who have sent in material for the Story Boards, which will be displayed at the Lord Mayor's Civic Reception on Friday 9 June

and at the Roma St Parkland Churchill Festival on Sunday 11 June.. It has been really interesting to read all about the great things you are all doing or have done.

***Minders for the Churchill Selection Interviews***

Thankyou to Sharyn Hall for organising the roster for the minders, who look after and help soothe the nerves of the candidates for the 2006 Churchill Fellowships. This service, provided by our “old Fellows”, is very much appreciated.

Ruth Stoneley took on the marathon task of coordinating the volunteers all weekend. She was assisted by Norm Jagger, Trevor Standfast, Jeff Shaw, Margaret Toohey, Hugh Lavery, John Stafford, Ian Hunter, Leslie Jenkins, Robyn Potter and Julie Clark.

Thankyou all.

**Save this date**

**Churchill Fellows Annual Dinner  
2006**

**Welcome to 2006 Fellows**

***Parliament House Brisbane***

**Friday 28 July 2006, 6.30 pm**

***Further details next newsletter***

***News from Fellows***

***From Robin King Cullen (1998, Community Consultation)***

Hello from Al Ain in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where I am currently working in the Town Planning Department. Al Ain is the second largest city in the Abu Dhabi Emirate and is located on the border of the UAE and Oman, about 1.5 hours drive inland from Dubai.

My job relates to the delivery of town planning services and the government's wish to outsource many of the services. Community consultation (the subject of my Fellowship) is an unknown concept in this system of government, but the lessons I learned on my study tour about communication, problem solving and working in different cultures, are nevertheless proving to be very useful.

The environment, culture, language, and way of doing business here are vastly different to Australia. Even the working week is different, with the “weekend” being Thursday and Friday and the working day being 7.30am to 2.30pm for government offices.

Among the many positives of this assignment are the people I work with (who are very helpful, friendly and hospitable) the landscape (which is harsh but beautiful) and the fact that expatriate skills and experience are valued and appreciated. The challenges of working here include little in the way of documented systems and processes and a somewhat chaotic decision-making environment compared to Australia.

All in all – a great opportunity and learning experience.

### **From Rob Graham (03 Marine Search & Rescue)**

Can you please pass on my warmest wishes to everyone at the AGM. Please let them know that I am currently working in the General Cosgrove's Operation Recovery Task Force in Innisfail. A pretty lame excuse for not turning up to the AGM I know, but its not a bad one!!

## **Treasurers Report AGM 2006**

I am pleased to present for your consideration the audited accounts for the year ending 28 February 2006

The Association continues to be in a sound financial position and this year.

The member's email database continues to keep postage and printing costs to a minimum.

I am pleased to advise that the paid up membership increased this year to 265

I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Lyn Papa for undertaking our audit this year.

There is no need to raise the membership fees as they were only raised in 2003 to \$25.00 and this was the reason we were able to arrive at a surplus plus our savings on emailing the Churchill newsletter.

I am endeavoring to encourage the payment of annual subscriptions by direct debit into our CFAQ Bank account. This will alleviate the necessity of writing a cheque each year for \$25 or sending a money order. It will also result in members being automatically financial each year and help the association to remain viable.

I now formally present the accounts for your approval and ask that someone move a motion that they be accepted.

**Rob Graham, Honorary Treasurer 2005**

## **COMMENT FROM CHURCHILL HOUSE**

**Paul Tys**

The Director General of the UK Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and I often exchange emails on items of interest to each other. We have recently been comparing application numbers as both of us are

concerned that the application numbers for the Churchill Fellowships are not increasing.

In the case of the UK, their application numbers have been steadily declining from over 1100 about five years ago, to an all time low of 750 applications for 2006 which was also their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

In Australia's case, the application numbers have varied from state to state and from year to year but nationally, they are static at about 850, a figure that has remained almost constant over the last five years. For the 2006 Fellowship round, we managed a significant increase of around 100 to achieve over 950 applications. We will of course, analyse closely this year's figures in an effort to determine whether the increase for 2006 was simply the result of an increased marketing effort for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, an increased emphasis on marketing over a number of years, or a combination of both. The reality is we won't know until we have a few subsequent years' statistics to analyse – there are so many intangibles involved! One truism with marketing is that you probably waste 50% of every dollar spent - but you don't know which 50%!

Early analysis of this year's statistics confirms that one very dominant factor continues to remain consistent and highly important in encouraging suitable Australians to apply for a Churchill Fellowship. This is the prompting and mentoring by a Churchill Fellow. I would also add to this group those who are on the selection panels and committees. Of the 955 applications this year, 302 stated that they applied because of the encouragement by a Churchill Fellow, 254 because of encouragement by a work colleague, and 180 because of a friend. The website encouraged another 245 to apply. The dominant theme here is the part played by word of mouth encouragement in applying! So this year I will again be writing to many Churchill Fellows, panel and committee members, inviting them to take on this promotional, mentoring and ambassadorial role for potential applicants.

It is important that this mentoring task is seen as ongoing throughout the year and not just one to become enthused about during the application window. Applying for a Churchill Fellowship should not be a spur of the moment decision but rather a carefully thought out and well planned process over the 12 months or so leading up to the application window.

I would ask that throughout this year and commencing from now, when you come across someone who you think might make a suitable applicant, please mentor these individuals appropriately, encourage them to think creatively about a suitable Fellowship strategy and then ensure they apply during the application window. This approach I am sure will result in a further increase in our Fellowship numbers for 2007 and beyond!

**Paul Tys, Chief Executive Officer**

**Presidents Report Annual General Meeting 2006**

This is my first President's report having taken over as President from Jane Virtue at last years AGM which was held at this same venue and hosted by Alison Taafe who also did a very interesting and informative presentation on her Churchill Fellowship tour. (2004 Culinary Arts). We were well entertained by Gwyn Roberts and Jenny Fleming.

2005/2006 has been an extremely busy year for the Churchill Fellows Committee and the Planning Sub Committee due mainly to the fact that Queensland is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Churchill Fellows Convention in June this year and it has been necessary to put together activities over the four (4) days of the long weekend and prepare a lengthy prospectus which has been posted to each of you.

Queensland's contribution to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was a Churchill Banner display at the Museum of Brisbane (MoB) in the foyer of the Brisbane City Hall for a period of almost 3 months, from September 1 until November 27, 2005. Trust CEO, Mr Paul Tys and his wife Lori attended the launch of the Banner display by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman at the Brisbane City Hall.

This display depicted eleven (11) Churchill Fellows resident in the Brisbane Metropolitan Area representing ordinary people from all walks of life. It was extremely well presented and was a great promotion for the Churchill Fellowship program, with one Banner encouraging applications. This display will be re-hung during the Convention weekend.

Our new CFAQ Web site, [www.churchillfellows.org.au](http://www.churchillfellows.org.au) has been operational for some 6 months and is being well received. A credit card facility has been established within this web site to make registration and payment for the up-coming Convention much more convenient.

In a further effort to keep pace with modern technology, we are using the email system as a communications tool and also as a cost saving initiative. The annual dinner held on the July 29 to welcome the new 2005 Fellows was an outstanding success. It was held at the Parliamentary Annexe and a record number of 219 Fellows and guests attended. We were honoured to have Her Excellency

Governor Ms Quentin Bryce AC and Mr Michael Bryce attend the dinner and Her Excellency presented medallions to the recipients.

The décor, service and quality of food were excellent however the musical interlude featuring Fellows Piers Lane, Warwick Adeney and Gwyn Roberts was the highlight of the evening.

Five of the original Queensland Fellows - Col Blumson, Michael Burke, Gordon Purss, Kerry Smith and Brian Wilson were able to join us and we had an apology and best wishes from the remaining first fellow, Milton Moon, now living in Adelaide.

Justice Margaret White launched Brian Wilson's oral history "A Shared Vision" and copies are available here tonight.

This year's annual dinner will be held on July 28 at the same venue so mark your diaries now.

A thank you to those Fellows who acted as minders for the Churchill interviews at the Supreme Court in April 2005 and a special thank you to Sharyn Hall who co-ordinated the roster for this activity. Don't forget to put your name down again this year for the weekend of the 22/23 April.

The Christmas party was hosted by Allan Male (1979 Youth Rehabilitation) at his Shaftesbury Campus set on 82 acres on Deception Bay Road. A big thank you to Allan and Kath for being such great hosts.

I was like to thank the CFAQ committee members, Jane Virtue (Convention co-coordinator and Newsletter editor), Rob Graham (Treasurer), David Miller (Secretary), Sharyn Hall and Kate White for their assistance during the year in the Associations general activities and in the planning of the National Convention with great assistance from the Planning sub committee consisting of Noel & Gladys Busch, Robyn Potter, Ruth Stoneley, Margaret Toohey and Noela O'Donnell. I thank all these people for their support and commitment

To all CFAQ members, this is your Association. The Committee is only the current caretakers and we rely on your support and involvement and for that we thank you.

**Jim O'Donnell, President**