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2009 Presentation Dinner

Welcome to 2009 Fellows

Parliamentary Annexe

Brisbane

Friday 7 August 2009, 6.30 pm

RSVP Friday 17 July

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Presidents Letter - Richard Roylance

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Dear Fellows

The 2009-10 Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland (CFAQ) annual cycle has re-started, and is now well underway!

Over 200 Queensland applications were received from aspirant Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (WCMT) Fellows in 2009. The WCMT Regional Selection Committee has completed the mammoth task of assessment and short-listing. More than thirty applicants were interviewed over the ANZAC Day weekend (April 2009) and a final 'recommendation list' has been forwarded to Canberra. We await the final deliberations with interest!

The CFAQ Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the State Library of Queensland on Wednesday 29 April 2009. There was a big turn out - to socialise by the river in the twilight, to manage the business of the CFAQ, and most especially to watch an inspiring documentary of Rhyl Hinwood's life and work as an eminent sculptor.

The AGM business was quickly over (a copy of the Officer Reports is attached), with a review of the past year's activities (2008-09) and the election of a new Committee. We have been fortunate enough to recruit extra members this year - with the intention of spreading the work-load and fostering succession planning. The Management Committee for the 2009-10 period consists of:

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| • President | Richard Roylance |
| • Vice-President | Elissa Morriss |
| • Secretary | Areti Gavrilidis |
| • Treasurer | Matthew Shepherd |
| • Newsletter Editor / Committee Member | Jane Virtue |
| • Committee Member | Robyn Potter |
| • Committee Member | Katie Walker |
| • Committee Member | Fiona Bossgosian |
| • Committee Member | John Beirne |

The Governor Ms Penelope Wensley AO will present the awards to the New Fellows at Government House on the afternoon of Friday 7 August 2009. The CFAQ Annual Dinner will be held on that evening at the Parliamentary Annexe, commencing at 6.30 pm.

Many thanks to all CFAQ members who have given of their time and expertise over the past year, and to will give again in the year to come. Our goal this year to recontact with potential CFAQ members who have fallen from our email list – so if you know of any such person, please encourage him or her to re-ignite their membership. Jim O'Donnell has graciously offered to co-ordinate this on our behalf.

As always, thanks to Jane Virtue for her boundless energy in driving the production of this CFAQ Newsletter – she is a wonderful Editor!

Very Best wishes



Richard Roylance
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Editors Bits & Pieces

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Most Churchill Fellows will receive this newsletter and Subscription Due notice in the mail as well as by email. We do a major mail out about once a year, for a couple of reasons –

1. We hope you will put your subs invoice on your desk with all your other bills and think about paying it and remaining a CFAQ member. You will notice that there are several ways that we can extract the \$25 from you and all are listed.

Important!!

- Whatever method you use make sure we know who you are. For instance if you are using a company or your spouse/partner's cheque, make sure you write your full name on the back.
- If you are paying by electronic banking make sure your full name is included in the details which will be shown on the CFAQ bank statement. Each year we have quite a few payments on the CFAQ bank statement with no name and therefore we have no idea who transferred the money. Consequently we have members who may be incorrectly listed as unfinancial.

2. Every time we do a mail out we get quite few "address unknown" returns. Although we then have a chance to try to find out where you are, a more simple answer would be for you all to fill in the form requesting your current details.

I shall get off my soap box now!! and say welcome to our impressive new 2009/10 committee.

It is interesting to see that we have a second generation Churchill Fellow on the committee as Treasurer. Mathew Shepherd is the son of Rhyl Hinwood (86 Sculpture), a very active member of CFAQ for the 23 years since receiving her Churchill Fellowship.

Thinking about Rhyl prompted to make a list of some of our other particularly long term Fellows.

At each Annual FGAQ dinner in the past we have honoured the 25 year Fellows which was an important mile stone for the first time in 1991 for the first Fellows. However we are now looking way beyond to 40 year Fellows.

We honoured the 1966 Fellows during the 40th Anniversary of the National Trust celebration at our 2005 CFAQ dinner, but since then a few more have reached that milestone.

I have listed all who have received a Fellowship up to 1969. Unfortunately 5 are no longer with us and 3 are Lost (we do not have contact details)

40 year Churchill Fellows

Blumson	Colin	1966	Woodcarving
Burke	Michael	1966	Face Prosthetics
Moon	Milton	1966	Pottery
Purss	Gordon	1966	Wheat Diseases
Smith	Kerry	1966	Music-Violin
Wilson	Brian	1966	Glaucoma
Banff	Helen	1967	Nursing Admin.
Gallagher	Jackie	1967	Ed. S/N Adults & Chn.
Lavery	Hugh	1967	Conservation
Poulsen	Ken	1967	Small seed prodn
Prickett	Bob	1967	Water supply (N.T.)
Robinson	Lionel	1967	Haematology
Slattery	R.T.	1967	Science Training
Vickers Rolevink	Rhonda	1967	Music-Piano Accomp.
Davis	Neville	1968	Melanoma
Dowsett	Pamela	1968	Music-Violin(Bryce)
Lewis	Terrence	1968	Juvenile Aid
Midgley	Hamar	1968	Nile Perch
Mizzi	Joe	1968	Cane Harvesters
Swan	Geoffrey	1968	Ed.Special (C.P.)
Thornber	George	1968	Graphic Arts
Warry	Merle	1968	Curriculum Devlt.(Vic)
Whiley	Peg	1968	Social Welfare Ad.
Bishop	Roley	1969	Cardio-elec. Equip.
Brady	Donald	1969	Minority groups
Durrans	Nan	1969	Physical Education
McDonald	Ian	1969	Ed. Handicapped Children
Morris	Monty	1969	Educational Media
Simpson	Bev	1969	Clay Research

News from Fellows

Jacqui Conn (87 Music - Children with Disability)

I was awarded the top teacher award for Music Teacher in Australia. The following is the email sent by my principal, Peter Blatch. It includes the citation from the internet. I have also attached a photo of myself and Professor John O'Toole now of Melbourne University, but previously a lecturer in Drama at QUT. I was thrilled to receive it. I have also been nominated for a Pride of Australia medal.

Cheers, Jacqui

'Just a note to advise that our own wonderful Ms Jacqui



Jacqui Conn and Professor John O'Toole

Conn received the - Special Commendation Teacher Award - as part of the 2008 National Awards for Excellence in School Music Education. The Award was funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme. It was presented last Friday evening at the Melbourne University by Dr Jennifer Rosevear, National President of the Australian Society for Music Education. Professor John O'Toole, from University of Melbourne delivered the Opening Address. It was very special as he had previously worked with Jacqui developing special education workshops in Brisbane in the early 1980's. Ten other teachers were also recognised from Australia however Jacqui received the top teacher Award.'

From the Web.....

Special Commendation, Teacher Award Ms Jacquelyn Conn

Statewide Braille Music Consultant and Music Teacher Geebung Special School, Geebung, QLD

Jacqui Conn has specialised in teaching music to students with disabilities for more than thirty years. She works in some of the most challenging special schools which cater for students, aged three to eighteen who require significant adjustments to access a music program.

She has been instrumental in adapting music activities to ensure that for children with severe intellectual and multiple impairments music is an exciting and successful part of their lives. Jacqui develops new understandings in students and extends their school curriculum offerings considerably. Her pedagogical approach has influenced many other teachers and therapists as well as strongly impacting curriculum and policy makers in the schools and state authorities.

Jacqui has been a trail blazer in music education making this available to all students regardless of their abilities. There is no doubt that Jacqui's influence in music education, especially in the special education arena has been significant

From Paul Stumkat, (02 Dinosaur Reconstructions)

Unfortunately I shall miss the AGM as I am working for Kronosaurus Korner in Richmond NQ. We are undertaking more palaeontologic digs from June this year so I will keep you in touch for the newsletter.

We found the most complete specimen of pachyrhizoides marathonesis last August and hope to beat that with more new discoveries, such as an Ichthyosaurus soon to be excavated.

From the web

www.kronosauruskorner.com.au

Kronosaurus Korner was established in 1995 and was then known as The Richmond Marine Fossil Museum. It was situated in the old Strand Picture Theatre and was run by a dedicated team of volunteers for many years. In 1999 a grant was received from the State Government and Stage 1 of what we now know as Kronosaurus Korner was opened. A further grant from the Heritage Trails Network in 2001 saw the opening of Stage 2.

Kronosaurus Korner is now an award-winning centre and is the major tourist attraction in Richmond.

Churchill Fellows Feature

My New Career in Film Making

Jill Morris, 1972 Fellow (Children's Books)

My Churchill Fellowship of 1972 encompassed creative activities across all media for children, because of my background as an ABC producer of radio and television.

In 2007, as a member of the rather grandly named Maleny Film Commission, I helped put in an application for a Screenwriter-in-Residence to assist writers in our region to get started in scriptwriting and film-making.

As the month-long screenwriting program approached, mid-January to mid-February 2008, I thought, 'I'm a writer – why can't I go?'

So I embarked on four exciting weeks back in my favourite world of scriptwriting, at the same time crawling up the steep learning curve of the technical side of film-making. I emerged as one of five (all female) film-makers, each committed to completing a local history production for screening on Australia Day 2009, to celebrate Q150.

I chose a documentary approach, and tackled what turned out to be a bottomless mystery: investigating the secrets of an 80-year-old building in the centre of Maleny which began as a motor garage and is now a gallery where my books have been sold for the past 14 years.

I wanted to make a poetic, musical, artistic, yet historically accurate piece, while not offending anyone in the special Maleny community. I spent a lot of time at the local cemetery, wanting to question 130-year old people, as I discovered people don't really notice buildings until after the age of 50.



Jill Morris



**Painting of Old Garage, Maleny
by Larian Sloan for my film -
"A Peace of Green - Cornerstone of a Community"**

To meet some of the huge costs involved in a 38-minute production, I achieved two grants: one from Q150, and the other from the Regional Arts Development Fund to commission a local artist to complete nine paintings for visual aspects that could not be covered through photographs. I also commissioned two musicians and put on concerts with yummy High Teas to attract potential elderly informers to my film-set.

Over almost a year I nearly gave up many times. But you can't half-make a film, and towards the end I was editing while still drowning in research. My husband Richard's explorations of the (quite dangerous) ceiling of the building revealed crumbling documents older than the building itself: still a mystery. Out of the woodwork came local residents who had wedding receptions in one of the café-eras, who roller-skated or played table tennis there, or lived in the back while experiencing the presence of ghosts. I was also able to explore how the building has inspired

creativity in the current tenants, our arts collective called Peace of Green. I found out that the other side of the Maleny's main street had burned down twice over the years, but the 'Old Garage' had always survived. I was really making a potted history of Maleny! *Cont next page*

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In May 2008 we filmed an (inconclusive) auction of the building; then, the day after I finished editing, the complex sold itself - to new owners - who were forced to promise the audience at the Australia Day 2009 screening that they were not contemplating immediate demolition. Otherwise they might have been lynched!

We five film-makers proved that people are desperate to see their own community history on screen: the festival was so over-booked we had to run a repeat on the following weekend. Later, my film was used as a fund-raiser by the RSL for flood and fire relief – a huge honour.

A Peace of Green – Cornerstone of a Community is available on DVD from Peace of Green Gallery 36 Maple Street Maleny, or via 07 5494 3000 (\$25 plus postage).

I am now well bitten by the film-making bug, and have started a new project based at my Book Farm home, entitled: *Some of My Best Friends are Trees*.

Treasurers Report AGM 2009

It is with pleasure that I present for your consideration the audited accounts for the year ending 27 February, 2009.

The Association remains in a sound financial position with an operating surplus of **\$16,623.77** for the year.

There was slightly decreased income for 2009 from 2008 due to membership fees. Memberships stayed constant at approx 165.

Bank interest also increased.

Bank Charges and photocopying costs were low as there was no Convention this year and CFAQ Insurance remained low in comparison with previous years.

The current sound financial position is reflected in the Association having \$11,806.28 in a Term Deposit Account and \$5,169.56 in the operating cheque account.

I would like to thank the President Dr Richard Roylance, and the CFAQ committee for their support over the last year.

In conclusion I should like to express our thanks to our Auditor Ms Lyn Papa for auditing our accounts and I should like to move that she be appointed as the Association's Auditor for this financial year.

I now formally present the Accounts for your approval and ask that a motion be moved for their acceptance.

Katie Walker

CFAQ Hon Treasurer

Presidents Report AGM 2009

It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as President of the Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland (CFAQ) for the period 2009-08.

The CFAQ commenced the 2008 year with an Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 1 April 2008. The AGM was held here (State Library of Queensland), preceded by a very pleasant catered, informal gathering of the Fellows and their partners. We concluded that AGM with a presentation by Sean Leahy (2000 Cartooning) who not only spoke of his experiences as a professional political cartoonist, but who all demonstrated his artistic skills as a caricaturist and humorist - a virtuoso performance with the pen!

I have been asked to convey apologies tonight from Committee members Katie Walker, Elissa Morriss and Angela Gardiner, who are presently away from Brisbane and unable to attend the AGM. Their commitments to their day jobs and to their families in no way diminishes their dedication and efforts on your behalf as active officers of the CFAQ Committee.

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Sadly, Peter Berkeley elected as CFAQ Vice-President for the 2008-09 period had many professional and family demands upon his time this year, and these overwhelming commitments led to his resignation for the Committee towards the end of 2008. Elissa Morriss has acted in this role as need arose.

As you know, Jim O'Donnell (1993 Police Corruption) stood-down from the position of CFAQ President last year. This Committee acknowledges his legacy, and notes that his 'CFAQ Management Committee Handbook' continues to be an invaluable tool in keeping the CFAQ functioning smoothly. To our delight, Jim has volunteered to take up the role of CFAQ Date-base Manager from May 2009.

We have actively recruited for this year's Committee, and have strong expectations!

The selections interviews for Queensland Churchill Fellows were undertaken in May 2008, and subsequently in April 2009. As always, the CFAQ membership provided previous Fellows to act as 'mentors' for the aspiring interviewees whilst they waited for their turn on the interview griller – a process many of us remember only too well! On our behalf I would like to publicly acknowledge those mentors Fellows who volunteered in this manner.

I am pleased to record that in 2008 there were twenty-two successful Fellows from Queensland. Their topics were as diverse as equine dentistry, medical service models in rural and remote areas, mass transit systems, the homeless, tissue and organ donation, allied health, and children's theatre.

The Selection Interviews were undertaken again during the recent ANZAC Day weekend, with over 200 applications for Churchill Fellowships short-listed to 35 interviews over two days. The list of recommendations for Fellows has been forwarded to the National Office of the Winston Churchill memorial Trust (WCMT). The results of these deliberations will be made public in July 2009. You will all get to meet with them at the CFAQ Presentation Dinner planned for the evening of Friday 7 August 2009.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Justice Margaret White (as Chair) and fellow members of the WCMT Regional (Queensland) Selection Committee for the time, enthusiasm and expertise they devote to the difficult task of ranking these hundreds of disparate but deserving applicants and projects. I would especially like to bring to your attention the tireless work of Barry Muche – who provides the Secretariat for this entire process: liaising between the Queensland Selection Committee, the CFAQ, the candidates and the National Office.

The presentation of Certificates of Award and Badges by Her Excellency Ms Quintin Byrce (AC) occurred at Government House on Wednesday 9 July 2008. Sadly, due to her transition in roles, the Governor herself was unable to attend the Annual CFAQ Presentation Dinner held on Friday 11 July 2008 at Tattersall's Club in Brisbane. As fellow Queenslanders, we take this opportunity to congratulate the Queensland Governor on her elevation to the position of Australian Governor General. We look forward to our ongoing relationship with the new Queensland Governor - Ms Penelope Wensley (AO).

The 2008 CFAQ Annual Dinner was a great success, with just over 150 attendees. In addition to introducing the new Fellows to the Association, we celebrated and reminisced as Jim O'Donnell presented Medallions to returning Fellows who had successfully completed their Fellowships. Our after-dinner speaker was Brian Castles-Onion (1994 Music, Opera Conducting) - who regaled the audience with previously untold stories from the world of local, national and international opera.

As the Association was in a very sound financial position in previous years, the Committee approved that the cost of last year's dinner be subsidised. It is likely that in the more restrictive financial environment of 2009, the capacity to subsidize will be reduced. Such issues will be a matter for deliberations by the new CFAQ Committee (2009-10). My expectation is that the Dinner may be a little more frugal this year!

In May 2008, Hilda Maclean (2007 Visitor Education in Historic Cemeteries) was kind enough to host a group of CFAQ Fellows on a visit of the historical Toowong Cemetery – a fascinating afternoon. As a person who spends much effort (personally and professionally) in keeping myself and others away from the graveside, I was very pleasantly surprised at the unexpected historical references, and the scenic and architectural beauty of cemeteries.

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In August 2008, I spoke on behalf of the CFAQ at a Museum & Gallery Service Seminar for aspiring Queensland artists, and arts & museum managers. In a joint presentation, I extolled of the benefits of the Churchill Fellowship along with speakers showcasing the Queensland-Smithsonian Fellowship Scheme and University of Queensland Field Trip & Master-class Program.

Our other formal event for 2008 was the annual CFAQ Christmas get-together. My wife Julie and I had the pleasure of hosting the event this year, which saw thirty Fellows, partners and children spend a very pleasant evening. The plan was potentially compromised by the passage of a tornado through our Brisbane neighbour the weekend before, but all went well – as power, water and sanity were restored just in time. Our guest speaker was Ann-Maree Willett (Millinery 2008), who recently returned from her study trip to Italy, France and the UK. Ann-Maree shared her European adventures and some tasty fashion tips. She brought along a selection of her stunning creations – a wonderful introduction to the mysterious art of millinery!

Our local Fellows continue to be influential at all levels of the Community, across many disciplines. Queensland Fellows have appeared in numerous newspaper, radio, television and internet articles in 2008, and will undoubtedly continue to be effective agents for community enhancement and change for many years to come.

Our CFAQ newsletters (which outlines many of these stories) continue to be crafted by the careful hand, and under the watchful eye of Jane Virtue (1987 Sailing Teaching), and are distributed several times a year to our loyal and enthusiastic CFAQ membership.

As always, the CFAQ Committee acknowledges all contributing Fellows and the support of the WCMT throughout this 2008-09 period.

In conclusion, I thank you all for the privilege of representing you as CFAQ President. I cannot praise the efforts of the Officers and Committee member of the 2008-09 CFAQ Committee highly enough - their work in the context of their busy work and family lives has been outstanding! I ask you to demonstrate your appreciation of their efforts on your behalf in the traditional manner!

Angela Gardner is away from Brisbane for most of the 2009 period due to work opportunities, and I have encouraged her to re-nominate next year. So it is *au revoir* rather than goodbye from the Committee to Angela! The other members of the present Committee have agreed to stand for re-election; and furthermore we have garnered the support of a number of new Committee aspirants.

I ask you all to continue to give your support and understanding to the New CFAQ Committee 2009-10. These words of Churchill capture some of the spirit of the Committee:

“Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joys and glory of the climb.”

Finally, please note that we have the privilege of Rhyl Hinwood's presentation of her life and working as an internationally renowned sculpture – surely an inspiration to us all.