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Churchill Fellows

Christmas Picnic

Sunday 28 November

With Sharyn & Rob Hall

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Read on for further details

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From the President

Greetings All

It was great to see so many Churchill Fellows and their family and friends at the Churchill Dinner on 30 July. This year was an all time record of 202. The Hilton just about had to rebuild the room to fit everyone in. With one week to go we had reached our maximum and they just kept coming.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves – we have had some pretty good feedback so far.

For those who were not able to be there, it was an action packed program, kept on track by our Master of Ceremonies, Rob Graham (03 Maritime Search and Rescue) – a new innovation to let the President eat dinner!! Thank you Rob, it was most enjoyable – the dinner! and watching you exert your authority.

The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Chief Justice of Queensland, our guest speaker for the night gave us a most entertaining speech (included in this newsletter) The Chief Justice was accompanied by his wife Kaye, who was very pleasant company at the official table.

Fourteen new Fellows were welcomed and twenty-two Fellows were presented with Churchill Medallions by Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Patron and Honourary Fellow, Bill Park The Trust CEO Paul Tys gave us the latest info from Canberra.

Dr Brian Wilson – 1966 Glaucoma Accepting a CFAQ Life Membership Certificate from Justice Margaret White



A very special part of the evening was the presentation of Life Membership of the CFAQ to Brian Wilson, by Justice Margaret White, Chairman of the WCMT Queensland Committee. It was meant to be a surprise, but I think Brian had an inkling that something was afoot.

Margaret told us of Brian's long association with the Winston Churchill Trust and CFAQ, starting back in 1965 when he was one of the successful band of fund raisers for the Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal. Brian and many other enthusiastic collectors made possible the setting up of Churchill Fellowships. In the following year 1966 he was awarded one of the first Churchill Fellowships for the study of Glaucoma.

Brian served on the Queensland Selection Committee for a number of years and there have not been too many years in the last nearly 40 when he has not been on the CFAQ Committee in some position or other. The Churchill data base, which we now so take for granted, was set up when the home computer was a rarity rather than common place and being a 'medico', Brian was certainly not used to using one at work. How times change
A well deserved honour Brian.

Visit to Don Powell's Sculpture in Wood studio

On a glorious Saturday morning, 10 August, 50 Churchill Fellows family and friends visited Don Powell's Maleny Studio. Don entertained and inspired us with his magnificent sculptures in his studio and gallery while his wife Maureen entertained and inspired us with her culinary skills in her country kitchen for morning tea. Quite a few of us stayed for the customary 'Churchill Picnic', to eat (again,) chat, admire Maureen's garden and the breathtaking views of the Glasshouse Mountains on one side and the North Coast on the other.

Thank you Don and Maureen for a most enjoyable day.

CFAQ members were sad to hear of the death of **Sir Walter (Wally) Campbell** on 4 September 2004. Sir Walter was chairman of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Queensland selection Committee from 1969 – 1980.

While he was Governor of Queensland he and Lady Georgina Campbell were strong supporters of the Association and enjoyed a Christmas Picnic one year at Coochie Mudlo Island.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Lady Campbell and her family

Churchill Medallion Recipients 2004

Congratulations to the following Churchill Fellows who have completed their reports and have been awarded a Churchill Medallion.

The Medallions were presented by Honorary CFAQ Member, and Patron of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Bill Park at the Churchill Dinner in July.

Roger Broadley – *02/03 Custard Apples*
Kirstin Ferguson – *03 Counseling ADF Dependants*
Robert Graham – *03 Marine Search and Rescue*
Morley Grainger – *02/03 Narrative visual artist*
Garry King – *02/03 Youth Suicide Prevention*
Jill Kinnear – *03 Spanish Architecture and Textiles*
Cameron Kirkpatrick – *02/03 Heavy Vehicle*

Accidents

Elizabeth Lamont – *03 Costume Fabric in Art*
Greg Mellis – *02/03 Community Action Centers*
David Miller – *03 Magnetic Recognition Program*
Graeme Morton – *03 Choral Direction*
Annette Murphy – *02/03 Child Protection*
Carolyn Pappin – *02/03 Advanced Cartology*
Seamus Parker- *03 Laws Managing Water*
Aladin Rahemtula – *02/03 Legal History*
Elizabeth Shearer – *03 Telephone Legal Advice*
John Stafford – *02/03 Public Art Commissioning*
Paul Stumkat – *02/03 Museum – Dinosaurs*

Reconstruction

Bruce Tully – *03 Australian Jewellery*
Jacqui Upcroft – *02/03 Trichomonas Research*
Stephen Withers – *03 Health Care for Disadvantaged Apologies*
Ian McKay - *02/03 Online Learning*
Anna Yen – *02 Physical Theatre.*
Maggi Sietsma-Smith – *03 Choreographic Process*

Treasurer's Notes & Change

Thank you to all Fellows who have made the change and set up a direct debit system for the payment of annual CFAQ subscriptions. By utilising this modern technology, my workload is reduced, for which I am thankful.

We currently have 215 financial members of CFAQ – it is great to see such support of the Association. If you are unsure if you are financial, please contact me by phone 3846 4418 or email jodnod@bigpond.com and I will check the records for you.

If you wish to set up a direct debit, I would be only too pleased to assist you.

I have also set up a CFAQ email group, of over 200 members, to keep us all informed of activities and functions. If you are not on the email group, please advise me of your current email address.

Over 160 members have agreed to receive their CFAQ newsletter via email. If you are not one of these and would be happy to receive your newsletter by email, please let me know. This initiative will save the Association considerable time and money.

I am trying to make our Association more efficient and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Jim O'Donnell, Secretary/Treasurer CFAQ

CFAQ Webpage www.churchillfellowsqld.org.au

CFAQ will soon be launching a webpage

www.churchillfellowsqld.org.au

It will include what we are all about, coming events, newsletters and a list of Queensland Fellows with the year of Fellowship and Subject.

At this stage it will be a static list but we will be able to include Fellows webpage addresses if requested.

We are starting off fairly simply with plans to add other features as we go along .

The committee would appreciate comments

Please advise ASAP if you would like your web address included.

News from Fellows

From Ian McKay ('02 Online Learning)

I was very much looking forward to attending the Fellows Annual Dinner this year and have had it in my diary for months however I am now going to be overseas at the end of the month and therefore won't be able to attend. I have been fortunate to have been awarded as one of 16 Apple Distinguished Educators in Australia and will be attending a workshop of global ADEs in California in late July
Could you please accept my apologies for the dinner?
Wishing everyone a wonderful night!

Congratulations on your award Ian – Ed

From Gerry Cummins (02 Stained Glass Restoration)

I regret to say we are going to miss out on getting to the dinner by a couple of days due to work commitments in Central and North Queensland.

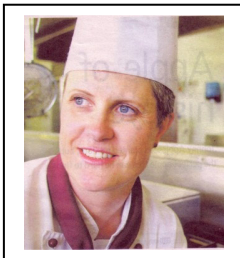
We caught up with **Andy Viduka (2002 Fellow)** while we were in Townsville and he gave us a whirlwind tour of the Conservation Department of the Tropical Museum, including many fascinating remnants and artefacts from the "Pandora". When we get home we have a commission for a brand new 5 square metre "Creation" window which we hope to largely complete before heading to Hobart in October.

Gerry Cummins and Jill Stehn.

From Jillian Grant (94 Community Work ACT)
I received a Churchill Fellow in 1994 for community work when in Canberra
I have now moved to Queensland to work as the CEO for the Whitsunday Women's Service in Cannonvale just outside Proserpine
I would like to become involved in any activities you may have in Q'land, though I assume you are all reasonable spread out – are there any Fellows in this region? ceo@whitsundayws.com.au

In the News

Alison Taafe '(04 Culinary Arts)



Courier Mail August 3 2004
TETE – A – TATE
The Good Life
by Nick Bray

'Alison Taafe has dined with American Presidents, European royalty movie stars and captains of Industry as

part of her cheffing career across the continents. Her concerns these days, however are for those at the starting end.

A professional cookery teacher at Southbank's TAFE's College of Tourism and Hospitality and one of the few female members of Les Toques Blanches, an international organisation for leading chefs, she wants to attract a new breed of aspiring chefs by changing the educational process and improving the image of the industry.....'

"My main goal is to introduce a degree program for chefs in Australia. I want to entice some high achievers."

If we train people differently, as far as management techniques go, we might train people with a different mind set.

"Why must you get a degree to be a hotel manager, but to be a chef you just have to spend four years in the kitchen?"

Named a recipient in this year's round of prestigious Churchill Fellowships, she's off to the United States

On October 6 for eight weeks to research the degree of Culinary Arts course offered by New York University and the Los Angeles Trade Technical College.....'

We will be interested to hear all about your trip on your return, Alison - ED

Bruce Tulley (03 Australian Jewellery)

Courier Mail – 24/7/04

Headed – Quilpie opals polished for designer's job

The story of Bruce's change of occupation from the grazing industry to opal miner and jewellery designer and the dramatic change in his life when he joined an exclusive group of emerging jewellery designers from around the globe who were invited to show their work in Florence as part of a Gucci fashion Parade

'He modestly puts it down to a chance meeting with Elizabeth Gucci while he was studying jewellery design as a Churchill Fellow'

I hear whispers that there are other exciting things happening at the moment – Ed

Sean Leahy(00 Cartooning)

Courier Mail Headst@rt - The world of

Sean Leahy - Tuesday 5 October



'On show at the **Museum of Brisbane** until November **14** is an exhibition highlighting the work of *The Courier Mail* Cartoonist Sean Leahy. The selected cartoons range from 1985 until the present, showcasing and lampooning political and public issues and figures such as Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson, Paul Keating and Pauline Hanson. More than 400 cartoons are digitally projected on a large scale. The exhibition also includes original cartoons and pages from Leahy's sketchbook, which

shows how he develops his ideas for each day's cartoons.....'

'.....This year Sean travelled to the US and Britain on a Churchill Fellowship to study animation and cartooning developments overseas'

The exhibition is on every day and is free.

CFAQ Events 2005/2006

The period 2005/06 is an important time for Churchill Fellows as it is the 40th anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill, the formation of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and the first Churchill Fellowships being awarded. We wish to both celebrate these occasions and in conjunction with the Churchill Trust increase public awareness of the Churchill Fellowships.

- 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Trust - 12 April 2005
- How the trust has grown
- Remembering Sir Winston Churchill
- Anniversary of the first Fellowships 2006
- 9 - 12 June 2006 (Queen's Birthday Weekend)
 - ❖ 3rd National Gathering of Churchill Fellows hosted by CFAQ
 - ❖ The 40th Anniversary of the First Fellows (1966) Travelling

An Events Planning committee has been formed and a number of projects are being looked at.

More details will be available next news letter

Churchill Fellows National Gathering Brisbane Qld

Queen's Birthday Weekend 9-12 June 2006

The aim is to show case as many Queensland Churchill Fellows as possible and to provide a variety of activities to make the weekend a memorable event for Fellows from all over Australia.

The gathering will be centred around the Southbank and nearby areas and will include

- Welcome Evening and Showcase of Churchill Fellows
- Visits to Churchill Fellows Workplaces of interest in the CBD and nearby areas
- Fellowship Dinner
- Picnic in Roma Street Gardens
- Before and after Visits

We would like assistance with the following –

- Suitable venue for the Churchill Showcase
- Displays for the showcase
- Suggestions for musical activities and suitable venues

- Work place venues with a Churchill affiliation
- Coordinator for Before and After visits to Churchill Fellows ex The Sunshine Coast, Darling Downs

If you don't call us we will call you!!!

Comments from Churchill House Chief Executive Officer – Paul Tys

Have you ever visited the Churchill Trust's website?

www.churchilltrust.com.au

For a number of years now, the Churchill Trust has massively expanded and improved the Trust's website, so that along with earlier Churchill Fellows, the website has now become an important source of information about the Trust itself and the Fellowships we provide. The website also now lists **all** Churchill Fellows and the subject of their Fellowship.

The website also has a 'fast-search' index facility so that **all** Australians can readily access the Fellowship Reports that have been provided by Fellows since the year 2000. From that year, returning Fellows were required to submit an electronic copy of their Fellowship Report (as well as a hard copy version) for publishing on the Trust's website.

The website also contains an electronic version of Reports from some earlier Fellows (before 2000) if the Fellow was able to provide the Trust with an electronic copy of their Report. The end result is that the website now already contains the Reports from over 500 Fellows. I think you would agree that this is a real and genuine step by the Trust and the Fellows to share the results of the Fellowship experience with the Australian community – indeed, the world!

If you are an earlier Fellow (before 2000), and if you would like to have your Fellowship Report published on the Trust's website, then as long as you have an electronic copy, National Office would be delighted to include your report on the website. Simply call us on 1800 777 231 to arrange this.

On the question of visiting the Trust's website, as I talk to Churchill Fellows around Australia, especially at Fellowship award dinners, I often ask the question of who has actually visited the Trust's website. The response is usually disappointing so please, could I ask that Churchill Fellows especially, visit the website and see what it now contains.

Fellows from 2000 on will also notice that if you have not yet submitted your Fellowship Report, your name is in red and is marked with an asterisk indicating, 'Report not yet submitted'. I am delighted to see that Fellows who fall into this category are reducing in number all the time! For further information

CFAQ Christmas Picnic

**Sharyn and Rob Hall invite you and your friends
to join them for a leisurely and relaxing barbeque lunch
Sunday November 28, 11.00am
at 65 Deerhurst Road Brookfield**

LUNCH MENU

meat for the barbeque will be pre-purchased COST: \$5 per person attending
please bring 'something to share' to accompany the barbeque
salad, sweet, savoury or Christmas treat
and whatever alcohol you enjoy
cold iced tea, punch, cordial, fresh water, hot tea and coffee will be supplied

*enjoy the display of textiles
recent artwork and treasured pieces collected during Sharyn's travels
there's a pool for those who need to cool off
or perhaps a game of Bocce for the less energetic*

RSVP to Sharyn or email: sharyn.hall@uq.net.au by November 20

Directions: turn right off Brookfield Road after crossing the bridge before the Brookfield Tennis Centre. If you get to the Showgrounds roundabout, you have gone too far! No 65 is on the right hand side, at the end of Deerhurst Road. Note the decorations....and drive down the dirt driveway. There will be ample parking at the house.

Chief Justice, Paul de Jersey AC

Guest Speaker at the 2004 Churchill Dinner

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to speak with you tonight. It is enlivening to be in the company of such publicly minded, high achievers. It is also however a challenge to say something which will both interest and entertain. I trust the heroic personage who has inspired you, may now inspire me. But then I am greatly inspired as always by my wife, who is I suspect one of the most widely read Churchill aficionados. In her interest, I should however make clear that what follows is my own inadequate contribution.

Australians reacted with great enthusiasm to the establishment of the Memorial Trust in the mid-60's, and that was unsurprising. When Churchill died on 25 January 1965 at the age of 90, Australians lionized him as a "secular saint". The magnitude of the homage was not unheralded. Certainly from the time of his second Prime Ministership in 1951, leading to his 80th birthday three years later and his traveling art exhibition in 1957, Australian reaction to the great man was almost invariably laudatory, as well epitomized in the Menzies line: "The greatest privilege in life is to meet and know and talk with an immortal" – rather interesting bearing in mind that Churchill was agnostic.

He was a hero who never visited Australia, despite numerous entreaties. Yet Churchill is daily remembered here to the present – for example, if at a rather pedestrian level, through the naming of streets, where he outshines all Australian politicians and is apparently surpassed only by Sir Donald Bradman and Sir John Monash (John Ramsden: *Man of the century, Winston Churchill and his legends since 1945*; 2002, Harper Collins, p 475). This city boasts 11 Churchill streets and there are 14 elsewhere in the State.

And he is to this day enthusiastically celebrated by our Prime Minister – who bears his name, and whose immediate predecessor Paul Keating acknowledged Churchill as the inspiring force which led him into public life.

Bearing in mind that Churchill was entirely indifferent to our "national game" of cricket (Ramsden p 438), the Australian homage is you may feel particularly remarkable. The uniquely beneficial leadership he provided during World War 2, and in presaging the Cold War, overwhelmingly dispels other less favourable considerations, like his committing Australian troops to doomed military campaigns and his sometimes insensitive reference to "the colonies". His great radio speeches stand alone as peerless clarion calls, including for the young.

Now it is pardonable, at a celebratory occasion like this, to acknowledge that Churchill was a great lover of Pol Roger champagne. Substantial consumption destroys the brain power of most of us: it seems to have enhanced his. Maybe it fed his imagination to believe in himself, and the confidence and courage to stand up to the forces of darkness, capacities which led to his saying "no" loudly and clearly when the craven would have capitulated: to Kitchener, Lloyd George, Chamberlain, Hitler, Stalin, de Gaulle...

As a consummate reservoir of common sense, I am sure Churchill would have been intrigued by modern governments which tell people what they should eat, tell parents what their children should read, governments which appear to believe they have the capacity to save people from themselves.

Far better, I suggest, that any warranted encouragement in these areas be left to people like social scientists. I am pleased to see one of this year's Fellows from Queensland, Bronwyn Ashton, is to look at the issue of childhood obesity. If people have to be saved from gluttony, then this is a project well undertaken by a person like Ms Ashton. Some things she will know already, including that the less well off eat more fast food because it gives them affordable pleasure, and so the outlets abound in the poorer suburbs. She may also possibly have heard of the restaurant in Kiev which serves a moderately unhealthy dish: pork fat within a chocolate coating.

There is a lot of heart disease in the Ukraine. Well, Ms Ashton may identify a way of reversing these trends in children, and better her than government. Churchill would have been pleased: though recalling his size, his personal attitude towards obesity may have been somewhat ambivalent.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are honoured to have received fellowships bearing the name Churchill, and the community is the grateful beneficiary of the studies you have made. As you have travelled and studied, you have done so in the memory of Churchill, and I am confident you would have been greatly inspired by that aura.

Since the inception of the Fund in 1966, as many as 2,720 fellowships have been awarded. 426, or 15%, have gone to Queenslanders. The numbers have increased over the years, from a mere six to nine annually in the first decade, up to 18 last year. The high point was in 2002, where there were 35 recipients. The topics studied by the Fellows have predominately focused on the arts – about 25%, with law, I note, accounting for a mere 4%: what does that signify as to my profession? Medicine, agriculture, education and engineering all feature strongly, averaging about 12% of the total. Particular areas of study have included the somewhat curious – pre-Columbian pottery, Purse Seine fishing, lichens, ecclesiastical embroidery... It must be said the Fellows have over the years been absorbed in an extraordinary array of fields, and it is inevitable their discoveries will have benefited the community greatly. That is not to say the areas of study have been predominately utilitarian: far from it, they present a dazzling array of fascinating subjects where usefulness and interest vie for supremacy. Purse Seine fishing, by the way, involves large vertical nets drawn by two boats – but you probably knew that.

I acknowledge the dedication of the Committee, led in this State by my colleague Justice Margaret White. The voluntary commitment of committee members is substantial, something which sadly attracts little recognition, although committee members do not live and work for recognition. I hope the Committee may be able to elevate public awareness of the interesting and beneficial endeavours of the Fellows: you set a commendable example in exploiting personal talent for community benefit. Your contribution is truly a source of potential inspiration, and inspiration is something our contemporary society craves.

Two years ago the BBC conducted a poll to identify the 100 greatest Britons of all time. Churchill topped it. But what of the related findings, which ranked, in terms of cultural contribution, Boy George and Robbie Williams ahead of Turner and Keats; and David Beckham and Sir Cliff Richard ahead of Constable and Wordsworth (The Times, September 2002)?

It is I suppose difficult to struggle against widely-read pop magazines which reserve to themselves the right to declare annually what and who are “in” or “out”. An obsession with celebrity is, I fear, denying many people an appreciation of the value of great personal achievement. From time to time, thinking people bewail the sparseness of our truly heroic rank. It does concern me whether the community is prepared to seek to identify its truly heroic members, and let themselves be inspired.

The aggregation of personal achievement and beneficial community contribution present in this room tonight must be of immense proportion. No doubt you have all been a source of inspiration to many others. We can only hope that that sort of inspiration continues to lift the spirit of the community to a point where many more strive for the public good.

But then again, you are right, also, to delight in being honoured for this personal achievement. Churchill, probably the only man in history to have turned down a dukedom, but who did become a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a member of the Order of Merit, and a Companion of Honour, had this to say about the purpose of the formal honours system: “The object in presenting medals, stars and ribbons is to give pride and pleasure to those who deserve them.” Your fellowships have served a widely beneficial purpose, and your achievement is one rightly honoured.

Churchill’s wartime Deputy Prime Minister, Earl Attlee, commenting in his own modest way on a life of not inconsiderable achievement, perhaps deserves the last word, for doodling one day in retirement he came up with that hardest achievement of all, the perfect limerick:

“Few thought he was even a starter

There were many who thought themselves smarter

But he ended PM CH and OM

an Earl and a Knight of the Garter.”(M. de-la-Noy: The Honours System, 1985,

Allison and Busby, pp 180-1).

You have not sought personal recognition, but to deploy your talents optimally for all. In that, you exemplify the essence of Churchill’s legacy: on behalf of the community of Queensland, I applaud you