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Churchill Fellows Christmas in Maleny

Saturday 2nd December 2006

- Don Powell Sculpture in Wood
- The Book Farm with Jill Morris
- Shannon Garson's Ceramic s

Optional

Dinner at the Terrace Restaurant
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Please Note New CFAQ Address
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President's Message

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Hello everyone,

As we come to the end of 2006 it is timely to reflect on the great year we have had.

The most outstanding event of the year was the National Convention held here in Brisbane over the June long weekend. We are greatly indebted to all Fellows who contributed to the success of this event. From the feedback received, we can be justly proud of our efforts.

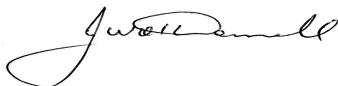
The Convention was closely followed by the appointment of 18 new Queensland Fellows and the Annual Dinner. The new Fellows were presented with their awards at Government House by Her Excellency the Governor Ms Quentin Bryce AC. The dinner, held in the Parliamentary Annex, again lived up to our expectations and was very well attended. The talks by the new Fellows were a highlight of the evening, followed by the Medallion Recipients. The Medallions were presented by Brian Wilson, one of the first Fellows and an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

This year the Association bestowed Life Membership on Dusty Bob Prickett, who was both surprised and pleased. Dusty is a very generous longstanding sponsor of Churchill Fellowships. Thanks again Dusty.

As we moved into the latter part of the year we welcomed Richard Roylance and Peter Berkeley to our committee. If you wish to join us, please get in touch with me – we can always use an extra pair of hands. Our thanks to retired Vice President, Sharyn Hall for her contribution to the Association. We wish her well in the future.

The last social event for the year is our annual Christmas get-together. This year we are travelling to Maleny to visit local Fellows and to enjoy the conviviality of the area. I urge as many Fellows as possible to join us in this visit to a lovely part of the world. Full details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally I wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and the Committee a well earned rest after their works this year. I especially wish Jane Virtue happy sailing – that is after she has finalised this newsletter!!



Editors Bits & Pieces

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This seems a pretty skimpy newsletter after all the info for the Churchill Convention which we have been sending out for the last two years. However it is good to be moving at a slightly slower pace now that it is all over.

There is not much news from Churchill Fellows. What has happened to you all? Remember everyone is interested in what you are doing, even if it is only a few lines. We especially like to hear from the new fellows who are overseas on their study tour.

I had the pleasure of attending the launching of “**The World in One School**”, the history of Milpera State High School, Meeting Place of Brothers and Sisters, 1984 – 2006 at the Museum of Brisbane recently. The book was written by **Lesley Jenkins (2004 Oral History)**, Robyn Besley and Margaret Munro.

Adele Rice, 1984 Churchill Fellow was (and still is) Principal of the Milpera Special School at Chelmer when she received her Fellowship.

These words are from previous correspondence with Adele -“Milpera, which opened as a school in 1984 is unique in Queensland and nationally in that it is the only specific purpose built school of its type. It provides intensive English language preparation for school and a wide range of settlement services to newly arrived immigrant and refugee young people between the ages of 12 to 18 in the context of whatever the current immigration policies and intakes are and within the frameworks and guidelines of the state education system. The name of the school changed to Milpera State High School in 1994 but the services remain consistent although they are continually enhanced and reviewed to meet the needs of the ever increasing diversity of learner needs and the needs of their families and care givers.

Milpera has between 180 and 200 students with the intakes being unpredictable in composition both as to source countries of origin and date of arrival. At any given time the makeup of the students’ country of origin reflect the state of world affairs.”

The book the World in one School is available at either the Museum of Brisbane or Milpera State High School for \$10

I am afraid that I have to end on a sad note, Brian Wilson’s wife Janet died last week. The CFAQ Committee offer our deepest sympathy. I do not think there has been one CFAQ function that Brian and Janet have not attended in this busy year. We will miss your happy smile Janet.

Comment from Churchill House (8)
Paul Tys, CEO

My message in this **Comment from Churchill House (8)** is very clear and is one I feel increasingly passionate about. We must not forget the namesake of the Churchill Trust, Sir Winston Churchill, in all that has been achieved by the Churchill Trust and the Churchill Fellowships in Australia. The Trust has now sent 3046 Fellows overseas to acquire knowledge for Australia and I am sure that Churchill himself would be proud, delighted and immensely satisfied with the achievements of the Churchill Trust. His legacy in Australia, the Churchill Trust, continues to grow from strength to strength. The great attraction of the Trust was expressed very well by the Prime Minister of the day, Sir Robert Menzies, who said in 1965, 'that barring some unforeseen cataclysm the Churchill Trust will still be sending Australians overseas in 100 and 200 years time'.

I must confess that my strong commitment to the message of not forgetting Churchill was renewed recently when I visited London and parts of southern England. The Cabinet War Rooms at Whitehall, the new magnificent Churchill Museum which is adjacent to the War Rooms, Churchill's statue looking at Westminster, the Churchill family home at Chartwell in the County of Kent, Blenheim Palace in Wilshire, where he was born, and Bladon, also in Wiltshire where the great man is buried, are wonderful reminders of Churchill. Large crowds visit these places because people are still so interested in this iconic and inspiring individual who from a seemingly hopeless position during the Second World War, by his dauntless and vigorous leadership, rallied the British people and other Western democracies to achieve victory against Hitler's Nazi war machine, five years later. He truly was a great man.

Sir Winston Churchill died in 1965 and many Australians born since would not be aware that The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was formed to perpetuate and honour the memory of Churchill. The amazing success of the initial fund-raising appeal held shortly after Churchill's death, was due to the gratitude that the Australians of that time, felt for Churchill. However, the Churchill Trust also recognises that, with the passage of time, fewer Australians will now remember Churchill or the qualities that made him such a great statesman and arguably the most influential individual of the last century. Many Australians who were alive at the time of the fund-raising appeal may also have forgotten the importance in remembering with gratitude, Churchill.

I think it very important that the Churchill Trust and the Churchill Fellows use every opportunity to recall and mention that it was because of Sir Winston Churchill that the Churchill Trust and the Churchill Fellowships came into being.

News from Fellows

From Deborah Tranter (1993 Horse Drawn Vehicle Restoration)

Cobb & Co's last coach has been nominated for inclusion in National Trust Queensland Heritage Icons List.

Cobb & Co's last coach route was between Yuleba and Surat in south-western Queensland. The operation ceased in August 1924. The last coach was subsequently purchased by the Federal Government. The coach has been on loan from the National Museum to Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba since 1990.

Cobb & Co started in Victoria but its influence was perhaps greatest, and certainly longer lasting, in Queensland. Cobb & Co operated from the Palmer River Goldfields to Thargomindah in the South-west, to Southport and the Coast. It was a major lifeline to 'the bush' carrying passengers, mail and all sorts of goods to centres across the State.



***Merry Christmas and a
Successful 2007
From
The CFAQ Committee***

Churchill Fellows Christmas in Maleny

Saturday 2 December 2006

Hosted by Maleny Churchill Fellows

10.00am Don Powell's "Sculpture in Wood Studio"
562 Mountain View Road, Maleny Phone 5435 2363

Don - 1996 Wood Carving - and his wife, Maureen will welcome us for Morning Tea. If you've been to one of Maureen's morning teas before, you know what a treat it will be. This will also be an opportunity to see Don's work.

11.30 am "The Book Farm" with Jill Morris
8 Rees Lane Maleny (cnr Rees Lane & Reesville Road) Phone 5494 3000

Picnic Lunch to be shared in the CFAQ tradition

Bring:

Eating and drinking utensils, picnic food to place on the communal table
Folding chairs & table, umbrella. Walking shoes, hat and water bottle for the walkers

Jill Morris (1972 Children's Stories) and Richard Dent are on 56 acres among the rolling green hills which includes 10 acres of rainforest on Obi Obi Creek. The hexagonal hand-built house is a gallery of original illustrations and soft animal sculptures which relate to Jill's books.

For the children a do-it-yourself puzzle and a giant hand-painted board game about local animal species will keep them busy. There is also a swimming pool.

We will see Jill and Richard's continuing environmental-work-in-progress with the Bush Tucker Orchard.

For the energetic walks vary from 20-60 minutes: either to the Enchanted Cabin or the Coxen's Fig Parrot Paddock (reveg. for endangered species) and the Michael Noonan Rainforest.

3.30 Shannon Garson's Ceramic Studio
23 Cedar Street Maleny Phone 5499 9291

Shannon was awarded her Fellowship in 2004 for Ceramic Decoration.

Saturday evening Sunday a.m. optional extra

Some of us are taking the opportunity to stay in Maleny overnight and have dinner at 8.00pm at The Terrace Restaurant. All are welcome, but numbers are limited. Accommodation is also limited) and you will need to book early. The Morning Star Motel is on the corner of Mountain View Road and Maleny-Landsborough Road - Phone 5494 3700 www.morningstarmotel.com

10.30 Sunday Johanna DeMaine's Gallery
(dependant on numbers – to be confirmed))
55 Maleny Street, Landsborough.

Johanna was awarded her Fellowship in 2001 for safety in Ceramics.

RSVP

Please advise as soon as possible, which venues you will be attending. Final numbers will be required by **Monday 27th November** and for venues with limited numbers, it will be first in.

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