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## DATE CLAIMERS

**Cocktail Function** 8 October 6-8pm  
Brisbane Polo Club

**Biennial National Fellows  
Gathering** 22-24<sup>th</sup> October

### **Christmas Party**

19<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

15 Foothill St The Gap

To keep track of these events a  
calendar is available on

<http://www.churchillfellowsqld.org.au/event>

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## ***President's Message***

Dear Fellows

One hundred and one Australians were announced as Churchill Fellows for 2010 on July 1, with 19 from Queensland making up the total number. This year's cohort brought to 3400 the number of Churchill Fellowships awarded in Australia since the inception of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in 1965.

Trust CEO, Paul Tys said at the announcement that this year's Fellows were, like their predecessors, hard-working, inspiring Australians who would make a difference to the country over the coming decades. "I congratulate them and look forward to supporting them on their immediate journey and beyond," said Mr Tys. The 2010 Fellowships this year in Australia are valued at more than \$2.3 million. The Trust is assisted in the initial selection of applicants for Fellowships by Regional Committees in all States and Territories, including QLD.

A warm welcome to the 2010 QLD Churchill Fellows – a fascinating group of diverse, talented individuals. They shared with us their passions and plans for their respective fellowships at the Annual Presentation Dinner at the Parliamentary Annex 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The Annual Presentation Dinner was a wonderful evening and we were entertained by a magnificent performance by Georgia Hawes. My thanks to the hardworking CFAQ committee for their efforts to ensure that the evening was a success.

I look forward to the next event in our calendar, the Spring Cocktail Party to be held at the Brisbane Polo Club. The Polo Club have provided the CFAQ Committee with a meeting venue over the past year and it is indeed a beautiful venue.

It would be appreciated if Fellows and their partners would wear their name badges to functions in future. This will avoid the need for paper name badges and be one less thing that the CFAQ committee needs to consider in planning events. Should anyone need a replacement badge please contact me.

Very best wishes



**Richard Roylance**  
**CFAQ President (2008-10)**  
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## ***A Potted History of the Churchill Trust in Queensland***

### **From Brian Wilson (1966 – Glaucoma)**

(Based on a talk given by Mr A.J.Stratigos, (Appeal Chairman Qld) to the CFAQ in April 1974)

Development – in 1962-3 the Duke of Edinburgh asked Sir Winston Churchill what memorial he would like. He was then 88. He suggested something like the Rhodes Scholarships, but available to all & on a much wider base. Thus was born the Churchill Fellowships.

The organization of this began in England with liaison with all Commonwealth Countries and the United States. In Australia the main organiser for fund raising was Sir William Kilpatrick. In Queensland this was Mr John Stratigos, who was subsequently made an Honorary Life Fellow of CFAQ.

“Operation G” was developed. This was a top secret fund raising exercise to be fully organised over the next 12mths and prepared to swing into action the moment Churchill died. All heads of government & the opposition, heads of all departments, leaders of all armed services and of Unions were involved. Finally all heads met in Brisbane in August 1964. Similar meetings were held in other States and Federally. “Operation G” was set to go from November 1964. As the team was now at concert pitch, it was agreed the appeal would have to be launched shortly. In the event Churchill died on 24 January 1965 and Churchill Appeal Day occurred on Sunday 28 February 1965.

Total secrecy was preserved for the 20months of preparation. Now on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, the media were fully briefed and cooperated tremendously with special features, replaying of Churchill speeches etc. The RNA provided the Ernest Baynes stand basement as headquarters, where phones, tables etc were provided on loan. Banks opened on memorial Sunday for the collection of 750,000 receipts and other forms involved The Army provided men to package & distribute these to each local committee, Australia wide. The RAAF also backed this, where road transport was impracticable.

### Programme –

Feb 1 – Prime Minister broadcast announcing Operation G.

Feb 4 – Qld appeal launched by Governor & Premier.

Feb 9 – Governor General announced the week of Feb 22 would be Churchill Memorial Week throughout Australia

Feb 22 – Memorial Week in Brisbane with Navy aquatic display, Army parade of 2,500, RAAF open day & displays with night flights of bombers over Brisbane with searchlights, media coverage of all this- .

Feb 26 – Prime Minister and Opposition Leader spoke on hook up of every radio and TV station in Australia.

Feb 28 – Memorial Sunday, G Day. In Qld 30,000 collectors called on 600,000 homes. Each Section Leader had 200 homes & 10 collectors. Each Captain had 1000 homes & 5 Section Leaders. Each Zone Chairman had

5,000 homes & 5 Captains. There were 200 zones in Qld. All money was collected & banked on that one day.

Result – The objective was \$180,000 for Qld & \$2,000,000 for Australia. In the event the figures were \$428,118 for Qld and \$4,500,000 for Aust. Estimated costs were to be less than 7% – the actual costs were 2.2%. The Trust netted \$4.3million. This is probably the most successful fund raising ever in Australia – as remarkable as the man it honoured.

## Editors Notes

Many thanks for the kind words of encouragement from fellows in response to the July edition of the newsletter. I suspect that says more about the qualities of Churchill fellows than about my abilities as an editor.

I must offer a sincere apology that the Annual Presentation Dinner Booklet that I prepared contained an error. I had inadvertently swapped the photos for Boyd Curran and Tim Knox. In my defence I can only say that I had never meet either gentleman before and trying to match new fellows photographs with names is a little like playing Who's Who!

Thankfully they were most Churchillian (*adj.* a manner befitting a Churchill Fellow, the term was coined by R.Roylance) in their response to my error! Both were gracious and complementary to have been mistaken for one another. The corrected mug shots appear below.



**Boyd Curran**

**Tim Knox**

The mystery is solved! The mystery man in the photo (CFAQ Newsletter June 2010) with Lizzy Brown has been identified (by Lizzy and I presume she would know) as her husband Richard.

I would welcome any news from Fellows so I look forward to you contacting me,

Thanks Fiona

## In the Press

From: AFP July 30, 2010 12:00AM

### Churchill's choppers for sale

A set of dentures made for Britain's wartime prime minister Winston Churchill went under the hammer last night as auctioneers expected to fetch up to pound stg. 5000 (\$8742.79) for "the teeth that saved the world".

The false teeth were specially designed to preserve Churchill's natural lisp, which can still be heard on the morale-boosting radio broadcasts he made to the nation during World War II.

Churchill also used them to vent his frustration when the 1939-45 conflict was not going well by dramatically flicking them out of his mouth, according to Nigel Cudlipp, whose father made the dentures and who is now selling them.

"My father recounted many stories of Churchill putting his thumb behind the front of the teeth and just flicking them," Mr Cudlipp told BBC radio.

"My father used to say he could tell how well the war effort was going by how far they went across the room and whether they hit the opposite wall.

"Churchill was not a man who was renowned for his patience."

It is thought that only four sets of the teeth were made. One is thought to have gone to the grave with him, another is in a London museum labelled "the teeth that saved the world" and a third was melted down.

A huge archive of Churchill's personal papers is to be made available on the internet for the first time within two years.

"Churchill was someone who lived by his pen so this is an incredibly rich written archive," Allen Packwood, director of the Churchill Archives Centre, said.

## **Welcome New Fellows**

**Acting Inspector Corey ALLEN**  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Queensland Police Service  
The Dorothy and Brian Wilson Churchill  
Fellowship to identify and improve methods of  
engaging, diverting and responding to youth  
who are homeless or sleeping rough in urban  
environments - UK, Ireland, USA, New Zealand

**Mr Jonathon BARNES**  
ARANA HILLS QLD 4054

Self-employed Builder  
To study timber conservation and repair  
techniques – UK

**Senior Sergeant Leslie BULLUSS**  
THURSDAY ISLAND QLD 4875

Queensland Police Service  
To research culturally appropriate Indigenous  
community policing models - USA, Canada

**Dr Jayne CLAPTON**  
AUCHENFLOWER QLD 4066

Human Services and Social Work  
Griffith University  
To investigate sustainable outcomes for  
students of low socio-economic backgrounds in  
Australian higher education - Netherlands, UK,  
Ireland, Finland

**Ms Marilyn CONNELL**  
TIARO QLD 4650

Environmental Consultant  
Tiara Plants  
The James Love Churchill Fellowship to  
research endangered river turtle conservation  
projects and enterprises that are community  
based and multi-faceted - Malaysia, Sri Lanka,  
Brazil

**Ms Carmel COOPER**  
THE GAP QLD 4061

Advisory Teacher, School Transition Officer  
Department of Education and Training  
To study teacher professional development in  
the transition from school for students with a  
disability – USA

**Mr Boyd CURRAN**  
LONGREACH QLD 4730

Chief Executive Officer  
Beyond Billabong  
To study programs for empowering  
disadvantaged Indigenous youth to improve life  
choices and employment opportunities - USA,  
Canada, UK, New Zealand

**Ms Susan FISHER**  
ST LUCIA QLD 4067

Director Queensland  
Australia Business Arts Foundation  
To study methods for stimulating private sector  
support for the arts in a challenging economic  
environment - USA, Canada, UK, Ireland

**Mrs Melissa FORBES**  
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Lecturer/Professional Support Lawyer  
University of Southern Queensland/  
Clifford Gouldson Lawyers  
The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee  
Churchill Fellowship to attend the Vocal  
Pedagogy Institute at Shenandoah  
Conservatory and intern with Robert Edwin and  
Jeanette Lovetri - USA

**Miss Michelle GIBB**

EATONS HILL QLD 4037

Wound Management Nurse Practitioner  
Queensland University of Technology  
The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship  
to explore how a multidisciplinary wound care  
model could enhance wound healing services in  
Australia - Denmark, UK

**Dr Janet HUANG**

FAIRFIELD QLD 4103

Head, Neck and Microsurgical  
Reconstruction Fellow  
Princess Alexandra Hospital  
To study advanced techniques in reconstructive  
surgery particularly relating to head, neck and  
breast cancer and tissue transplantation - USA

**Mr Timothy KNOX**

WILSONTON HEIGHTS QLD 4350

Regional Coordinator - Aboriginal Program  
Queensland Murray Darling Committee  
To study the management of cultural and  
natural resources by Aboriginal people - USA

**Dr Christopher LAMBRIDES**

SHERWOOD QLD 4075

Senior Research Fellow  
University of Queensland  
The Samuel and Eileen Gluyas Churchill  
Fellowship to study novel breeding techniques  
for tropical forage and turf grasses - Columbia,  
Brazil, USA, Japan

**Mr Maurice POTRZEBA**

SALISBURY QLD 4107

Self-employed Bricklayer  
To study historic pointing, mortars, gauged  
arches and niche construction to facilitate the  
correct preservation of historical buildings - UK

**Ms Francesca SAVIGE**

WEST END QLD 4101

Actor  
Bell Shakespeare Company  
To study Shakespeare in community theatre  
under the mentorship of Janet Buckland and  
Ubom! Drama Company - South Africa

**Mr Jason SPROTT**

COOMERA QLD 4209

Manager Planning  
Port of Brisbane Corporation  
To study sustainable seaport design,  
development and operation - Singapore, China,  
UK, Netherlands, USA, Canada

**Miss Christina WATERSON**

HIGHGATE HILL QLD 4101

Self-employed Artist and Designer  
To study the origins of patterns and their  
relation to 3Dimensional spaces and objects -  
Japan, China, Turkey

**Mrs Merran WILLIAMS**

BUDERIM QLD 4556

Nurse  
The Jeannie Ferris, National Centre for  
Gynaecological Cancers Consumer Churchill  
Fellowship to investigate strategies used to help  
women diagnosed with ovarian cancer in terms  
of 'survivorship' – USA

**Ms Sarah-Grace WILLIAMS**

WEST END QLD 4101

Conductor and Lecturer  
Queensland, Tasmanian, West Australian  
and Adelaide Symphony Orchestras  
The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill  
Fellowship to undertake lessons and assist  
renowned conductors and leading European  
and American Orchestras - UK, Germany,  
Russia, Ukraine, Norway, USA

## News from Fellows

### From Neil Morris

Can I introduce myself - I am Neil Morris a UK Churchill Fellow of 2008 and I am on the committee of the East Pennine Association of Churchill Fellows here in the UK. I travelled to Oz & Kiwi as part of my fellowship in 2008 and attended in Adelaide your annual convention of Australian Churchill Fellows and had a warm and hospitable welcome. As an association we are holding our 2010 Autumn Meeting in Sheffield, South Yorkshire on Saturday 6th November.

At our committee meeting last weekend it was agreed that we would offer an invitation to this event to any of your current fellows who may be travelling in the UK at this time.

I would be grateful if you could forward this to your Fellows and pass on my personal details.

Neil Morris - 0044 7736449976; 0044 1226 740779; email [astonnm@aol.com](mailto:astonnm@aol.com)

### From Donna Sturgess (2007 – Rail Related Safety & Security)

During her study-tour in 2008, Donna forged international relationships with members of the British Transport Police. One of the areas explored was the management of graffiti on rail networks with BTP officer, Kay Clifforth.

Kay has been an officer for 19 years and for the last 4 years she has been a Field Intelligence Officer in the BTP Force Intelligence Bureau in London coordinating the forces response to graffiti and in particular Level 3 vandalism, or international graffiti tourists.

Upon returning to Australia, Donna promoted this international network with Queensland and other Eastern State's transport police units. The network strengthened over time, ultimately assisting in the sentencing of four Australians in the UK for prolific graffiti vandalism.

Queensland had the opportunity to host Kay in Brisbane in June this year at the Graffiti Forum, jointly coordinated by the Queensland Police Service and the Brisbane City Council. Kay was a key-note speaker at the forum, providing an excellent presentation on graffiti tourism. The Courier Mail featured the following article on Kay on the 7th of June 2010.

### From Pam Rushby (1994 – Educational TV)

Congratulations to Pam Rushby. Her book *When Hipchicks Went to War* has taken out the Ethel Turner Prize for Young People's Literature at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards in June. The awards were selected from 560 nominations across 10 categories.



## Vale Mr Ian Castles

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is deeply saddened at the passing of Mr Ian Castles AO. Ian was a strong supporter of the Churchill Trust and served as Honorary Treasurer on the Board of the Trust from 1995 – 2010.

Ian was instrumental in establishing many aspects of the Trust's investment strategy which significantly contributed to the strength of the Trust's operations. His service to the Trust and to the community sets a wonderful example for us all.

National President, National Chairman, Chairman Investment Audit and Risk Committee, Directors, National Office staff, Churchill Fellows and friends of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

*Churchill Fellows Association of Queensland*  
**Spring Cocktail Party**

Date: 4 October 2008  
Time: 6.0 pm  
Venue: Brisbane Polo Club  
Dress: Lounge Suit/Black Tie  
Cost: \$15 per head

*A selection of canapés, wines and beers will be served*

**RSVP: 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
*(with payment to:*  
The Treasurer  
CFAQ  
117 Kent Street  
Windsor QLD 4030)

*Numbers strictly limited!*

