



# Enrichingsociety

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Andrew Gannon & Megan Tan



Neville & Denise Marchant with Shelda Debowski



Paul Tys & Rejane Le Grande

Photos by Christine Glenister & Associates

## AGM & Dinner

We had an excellent attendance at the AGM and Dinner in August from both existing and new Fellows and their partners. The 2014 Fellows were greeted with a white carnation lapel corsage and information folder, which was much appreciated.

In his Annual Report President Marc Dimmick said: "Embracing technology we have worked with many of the Churchill Fellows, assisting them in creating personal blogs of their experience and their trip as a record to aid with writing their final report."

It was great to have Paul Tys, Churchill Trust CEO, here for the AGM and again for the first Information Session. See his Profile on P3.

## Sir Winston Churchill Birthday Picnic

Picnics are back in vogue and CFAWA is celebrating our founder's birth date with a picnic in Kings Park for Fellows and their family and friends.

**Saturday, 30th November 2014**

**Kings Park, Fraser Avenue** (adj to the Admin Building)

**10am-12 noon**

Welcome & Entertainment, picnic at leisure

No charge, just bring what you want for your picnic

Please RSVP your attendance and number of guests to: Secretary Keren McCullagh on 0438 996 649 or Anne McCrudden on 0408 903 631 by Friday 21st November.



## National Roadshow Information Sessions in Perth

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in 2015, a national information Roadshow is being hosted by the Trust around Australia for potential applicants for next year. Session details for all States are on the website [www.churchilltrust.com.au/events](http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/events)

In Perth there will be two sessions to guide potential applicants through the process, so please pass the details on to anyone you think might be interested so they may take up the opportunity.

Register by clicking [www.churchilltrust.com.au/events](http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/events)

Date:	Wednesday 5th November
Venue:	Woolnough Lecture Theatre Room 107 Geography Building, UWA
Time:	6.15pm, for 6.30pm start
Parking:	Fairway Entrance 1, car park 19 or 20

Date:	Tuesday 21st January
Venue:	Shenton Park Community Centre 240 Onslow Road (cnr Herbert Road)
Time:	6.00pm

CEO of the Churchill Trust, Mr Paul Tys, will be attending the November Session and due to the high number of enrolments the venue has been moved to UWA.

# Marc my Word

2015 celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, a very special year for all Fellows. Applications for 2015 Churchill Fellowships are now open, see [www.churchilltrust.com.au](http://www.churchilltrust.com.au) and close 16th February next year.

Here in WA we will be promoting applications for next year with Information Sessions for aspiring Fellows. Details of the first Information Session on 5th November appear on page 1 of this newsletter. Do please spread the word to your family, friends or colleagues.

Watch out for special events next year! The Churchill Fellows' National Convention in Sydney over the weekend of 8th October 2015 will provide a forum for Fellows from around the country to gain a fascinating insight into completed journeys and impacts on society and the

environment over the last 50 years. This Convention will offer a valuable networking opportunity for all Fellows.

Please 'marc' your diary with these events, and keep in touch. Let us know what you are up to, send us updates, contributions for this newsletter, details of any media coverage, and importantly – read this newsletter.



On behalf of the CFAWA Committee I would like to extend warm wishes to you all as we approach the festive season, and look forward to seeing you and your families at the Kings Park picnic in November.

**Marc Dimmick (2011) - President**

## In the News



**Congratulations** to composer **James Ledger (2008)** who won the Orchestral Work of the Year Award at the National Art Music Awards for his violin concerto Golden years commissioned and performed by WASO. The award was announced in a wider article in The West on the direction of WASO this year under Principal Conductor Asher Fisch.

... and to **Jo Harrison-Ward (2004)** on her appointment as Public Sector Commission's corporate executive in charge of public sector excellence.

### **Dr Claire Langdon (2010)**

Claire was spotted in the The West Business social column attending the WA branch of the Australasian College of Health Service Management Dinner.

Claire's fellowship was on the use of stimulation devices to improve function in people with eating, drinking and swallowing impairments.



When contacted she was happily on holiday in Italy and France before taking up her new position of Professor and Director at the ECU Health Simulation Centre, Edith Cowan University early December.

### **Liam Bartlett (2002)**

Liam, who has been living in the UK, is returning to Perth and Channel Nine News as Weekend News bulletin anchor and doing special reports for the weekday bulletin commencing January 2015.

Well - known to Perth audiences, Liam has worked in news, on current affairs program 60 Minutes, as a radio broadcaster and a newspaper columnist. He has won three international and two national awards for reporting,

Liam's Churchill Fellowship to study investigative journalism in the United States and United Kingdom was included in the Media Release issued by Channel Nine and they supplied this photo to CFAWA.



# In the News

The 2014 Churchill Fellowships have been well-publicised thanks to PR consultant for the Churchill Trust, Christine Glenister, CGA & Associates.

Western Suburbs Weekly reported Occupational Therapist **Nicola Hunter's** Fellowship to investigate life-changing therapy solutions for quadriplegia patients that are not readily available in Australia. Nicola, who has 20 years' experience, hopes to identify different clinical practises from around the world to implement at the new Fiona Stanley Hospital.



Nicola Hunter

**Supt Mike Bell** featured on the front page of The West Australian (31/7/14) in an article on the increasing number of home grown radicals under surveillance and his grant to study techniques used in Britain to de-radicalise people who have gone to fight in foreign conflicts.



Supt Mike Bell

Shenton College Principal, **Michael Morgan** was also featured in The West on the Special Report page for his trip to the US next year to examine ways to improve teachers' effectiveness using classroom observation, evaluation and reflection techniques. This includes surveying students on what they like or dislike about classroom learning programs.



Michael Morgan

Marine Search and Rescue Coordinator **Sgt Michael Wear** was quoted in The West Australian in reports on the rescue of two men whose boat was swamped and sank off Two Rocks. He was also interviewed on ABC 720. Michael is heading off to the USA and Singapore to study Marine Search and Rescue coordination and technology used in search planning.



Sgt Michael Wear

Please keep those news articles coming in as we do like to hear what Fellows are currently doing.

## Paul Tys, Churchill Memorial Trust

Paul was a Brigadier in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) serving in Vietnam, UK, Germany, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. He was Head of the Australian Defence Staff in Port Moresby, PNG and Defence Adviser in Wellington NZ.

He was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for his service in PNG.

Paul's military service within Australia has included:

- Senior Instructor at the School of Artillery, Manly
- Member of the Directing Staff at the Joint Services Staff College, Canberra
- Colonel in the Strategic International Policy Division, Department of Defence
- Secondment as the Military Advisor in the International Division, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Paul was appointed Churchill Trust CEO in 2000 after his retirement as Director General International Activities Management, in the International Policy Division.



# Sharing the Experience

## My Life in China

Dr Suzanne Goodman (2001)

For the last two years my husband and I have been fortunate enough to live in China due to his work. It is such a vibrant and upcoming country. We spent a year in Beijing and have now been a year in Shanghai.

Since my Churchill Fellowship study on gifted and talented indigenous students in the USA, particularly Native Americans in New Mexico, I have presented at many conferences to share my knowledge, continuing to work as a manager for the Education Department, and becoming a school principal.

I then worked at a local university completing a doctorate, but sadly had to resign to relocate here. However, the entrepreneur in me has led to an equally rewarding 'suitcase career' as a professional coach.

I have clients from China, USA, Pakistan, Australia and Portugal ranging from executives to teachers. Part of my passion is to help people from all walks of life so I am also

volunteer coach to the staff at our apartment building in the French Concession.

This beautiful tree lined area with traditional Chinese shops and houses tells more about true Chinese daily life than the modern areas with their skyscrapers and high - end shops!

If you would like information on living in China, coaching, gifted education or inspections contact me at [principalsuzy@gmail.com](mailto:principalsuzy@gmail.com)



## Recycling Mine Site Water

Simon Mathwin (2013)

As iron ore mining in the Pilbara region of North Western Australia extends below the water table it is necessary to abstract groundwater to allow mining of the ore. Use of this water is currently limited to the mining operation itself, with the balance being discharged to the environment.

This surplus water is of good quality and the volume large enough to make it commercially viable to use for irrigation purposes. However, irrigation brings with it a number



of environmental challenges. To understand these challenges I saw a requirement to travel to investigate areas where broad acre irrigation was already in place. I travelled to Israel, Spain, USA and Chile over six weeks.

What I came back with was that Australia is very good at utilising and embracing technology to make the most of its natural resources in traditional farming areas. However, in the Pilbara, the water is seen to almost be a waste product with no value at all.

In summary, the knowledge is available to optimally use the water – we just need to find the will.

## Important Diary Dates

**50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRUST:** 8th August 2015

Government House Ballroom

**NATIONAL CONVENTION:** 9th - 11th October 2015

Menzies Hotel, Sydney

A registration of interest page will go up on the CFA NSW website by Christmas [www.churchillfellowsnsw.org.au](http://www.churchillfellowsnsw.org.au)

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