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2016 CFAWA AGM

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 25 September at a venue TBA. In the past few years we have held the AGM at a Fellow's house over either brunch or lunch. This has proved a popular format because of its informality and opportunity to meet other Fellows in a friendly environment.

Fresh input on the Committee is vital to ensure CFAWA remains relevant and valuable to its members, so if you would like to nominate for a position on the Committee, please contact the Secretary Keren McCullagh on **0438 996 649**.

New CEO Appointed

Chair of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Margaret White has announced the appointment of Adam Davey as CEO, succeeding Paul Tys who filled this role for the last 16 years.

Adam comes from a very successful career as a senior public servant - in the Therapeutic Goods Administration of the Commonwealth Department of Health, ComSuper, Defence Housing Australia, Medicare, the Australian Taxation Office, Treasury, and IP Australia.

Adam is highly regarded for his leadership, strategic direction, creative thinking and people management. He also has small business experience, so we are delighted to find someone with all these skills that are essential to moving the Churchill Trust forward.



Trust work was life changing

"...Churchill's best characteristics of courage, determination and clear vision remain very relevant for us today in helping Australia and the world face up to the many demanding challenges.

"... I became deliberately and closely involved in the selection of our Churchill Fellows and seeing how they enrich the social fabric of the Australian community. I see this as the remarkable consequence of the noble objective of the Trust, and I have enjoyed providing my small contribution to that end." **Paul Tys**



2016 Medallion Presentation

In the bushland setting of Kings Park's Administration Boardroom and overlooking the skyline of Perth, 2015 Fellows were presented with their Churchill Trust Medallions by CFAWA President Shelda Debowski.

This follows tradition in awarding a Medallion to new recipients on completion of the Fellowship and Report. Each Fellow presented an inspirational 2-minute summary of their experiences to the gathering.

Topics were cutting edge to what is happening in the world today - from terrorist de-radicalisation programs and building welcoming communities for migrant and refugee integration to 'at risk' youth in schools, young people affected by fetal alcohol syndrome, elderly needing light for cognition, and early rehabilitation for intensive care patients.

Our thanks to Fellow Mark Webb, CEO of Kings Park, for arranging this superb venue, even though we had to battle lines of cars and crowds of people chasing the Pokemon.



Back: Michael Bell, Nicola Hunter, Rejane LeGrange, Sarah Janali, Rachael Mullins. Front: Dave Stevens, Catherine Crawford, Jamie Brady.

President's Post

What are your interests?

CFAWA seeks your feedback on its activities and direction. What would you like to see happening each year? Are there particular ways you would like to connect with other fellows? Please take the time to complete our short survey online at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFAWA2016

The survey will take 10 -15 minutes to complete and will assist the association in mapping its future activities. Please give us your feedback, it will be of great assistance.

'Making an Impact' Workshop

CFAWA is hosting a half day workshop 'Making an impact through Churchill' on Saturday October 8 to assist Fellows in disseminating the outcomes of their findings and the community benefits of the Fellowship program.

It will run from 9am-1pm and include lunch afterwards. Invitations will be sent to Fellows from the year 2009.

Shelda Debowski - President



Sharing the Experience

Building welcoming communities



Sarah at the Mirrabooka Library where she is based.

Team Leader - Cultural Diversity and Community at the City of Stirling Sarah Janali (2015) used her Fellowship to investigate municipal policies and programs that enhance the integration of migrant and refugee communities.

Sarah's experiences in Canada, USA, Belgium, Germany, and Geneva highlighted that the challenges and opportunities that flow from migration are universal.

Her biggest insight was recognising the leadership role of Local Government in this policy space, and the potential of libraries as spaces to connect newcomer services and information.

"Libraries are neutral, public and stable institutions where migrants and refugees can engage with a wide range of community activities and access essential information and relevant services to assist in the settlement process," said Sarah.

Since her return Sarah has helped organise a 'Working towards Welcome

Forum' for the City of Stirling and the Office of Multicultural Interests, at which she presented her Fellowship findings. It attracted 60 members of the Local Government Management Association.

"Local Government has a leadership role to play in building inclusive welcome communities and libraries are ideal meeting places for people," she said.

Helping 'at risk' students back to mainstream



Dave (left) with Dr George Ortero and the staff at Voices for Children in New Mexico.

Dave Stevens (2015), Principal of Alta 1 College an independent school for 'at risk' children, travelled to USA, Canada and the UK to study the root causes of disengagement of 'at risk' students referencing dysfunctional families.

Dave says that many complex factors are breaking down relationships of all kinds and school is a key place to demonstrate positive relationships.

"While many schools encourage good relational thinking on campus;

between the school and the community, there has been no way to measure the impact or the relationality level of the school.

"A UK group has found a way to do this, which is very exciting," said Dave.

"The more relational a school is, the greater reduction in mental health issues, the better the academic results and the better quality of citizens it will produce."

Alta-1 College is an innovative concept, which has multi-sited locations where four staff educate up to 25 'at risk' students aged from 11-19 years in one local space - such as an empty Church hall.

It employs 80 qualified staff, who are additionally trained in mental health first aid, medical first aid, and suicide prevention.

"Children are referred to us in different ways - from schools, parents, PMH, Child Care Services and Foster Care. We only have one yardstick for acceptance - the answer YES to the question, do you want change?" said Dave.

Dave has organised sponsorship to bring Dr Rob Loe from the Relational Schools Project UK as keynote speaker at a Christian Schools Australia National Leaders Retreat to be held later this year in Sydney, where the relational schools research in Australia is starting.

