

## 2014 Fellows

### Annual Dinner 2014

Open to all Churchill Fellows & Friends

**Cambridge Room**  
**City West Function Centre**  
**45 Plaistowe Mews, West Perth**

Tuesday, 5th August 2014  
7.00pm for 7.30pm

\$80 pp includes drinks on arrival  
AGM will be held at 6.15pm

#### RSVP Essential by 31 July 2014

Email Registration to:  
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**Michael Bell** - Det Supt, Security Operations, Western Australia Police

**Susan Benson** - Clinical Academic, Infectious Diseases & Microbiologist, Armadale Hospital, PathWest (RPH) & Notre Dame University

**Catherine Crawford** - Magistrate, Children's Court of WA

**Valerie Furphy** - Associate Principal, Perth Modern School

**Andrew Gannon** - Writer/Director/Comedian, Novel Ideas Co.

**Jean-Paul Hobbs** - Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Western Australia

**Nicola Hunter** - Senior Occupational Therapist, Sir George Bedbrook Spinal Unit, Royal Perth Hospital

**Rejane Le Grange** - Occupational Therapist - Living Environments Coordinator, Brightwater Care Group

**Michael Morgan** - Principal, Shenton College

**Rachel Mullins** - Senior Intensive Care Physiotherapist and Clinical Educator, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

**Vanessa Russ** - Arts Administrator, Artsource

**Belinda Wainwright** - Assistant District Director - Murchison District, Department for Child Protection & Family Support

**Michael Wear** - Marine Search and Rescue Coordinator, Western Australia Police

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## Medallion and Life Membership Presentations

The Returned Fellows function with Medallion and Life Membership Certificate Presentations held in May attracted a big crowd, including 1968 Fellow Reg Doran.

"It was a treat to see Reg there and I am sure he was impressed, as we all were, with the précis delivered by the returning Fellows," said President Marc Dimmick.

"Already there is a positive impact on services they are involved in providing to individuals and the community, and several Fellows have received invitations to speak in WA and nationally on the new ideas coming from their Churchill Fellowship."

"We were also delighted to present over 30 Life Membership Certificates. This tangible support for CFAWA augurs well for what we can achieve in the future," said Marc.



# Marc my Word



In writing my column I thought about why I joined the Association and it echoes back to JFK's famous speech about 'not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.'

I consider my Churchill Fellowship an incredible opportunity. Against the odds I was given that opportunity with a sum of money invested to make the most of it. Many would have loved to win this.

At the annual dinner, the then Chief Scientist, Lyn Beazley made the presentation to past Churchill Fellows and when I heard who had gone before me it blew me away.

I now want to help others gain the maximum value out of their Fellowship and assist CFAWA in whatever way I can, using my knowledge and experience.

It is very rewarding. I have been involved with the selection process of new Fellows and the ideas and people are inspiring.

Churchill Fellow gatherings and meetings provide a forum for discussions about the many interesting and different things we are doing and have done. This is *Churchill Chatter*, the continual buzz when a group of us get together.

So please consider what you can do to add to the fabric of the Churchill Fellows Association of WA. Be involved in our events and become a mentor to other Fellows looking to join our ranks, starting with the 2014 Fellows who will be at our AGM and Dinner on August 5.

**Marc Dimmick (2011)** - President

## In the News

**Peter Dowding (1974)**, Former Premier of WA, SC



One of the 11 Premiers featured in Peter Kennedy's book *Tales from Boom Town*, Peter received special attention in the review by The West Australian.

When Kennedy once interviewed the Premier he suggested his leadership was being challenged and Peter went on the offensive in the press the next day. This led to further retaliation and requests for an apology by the journalist.

"According to Peter, what Kennedy missed in his story, was that at the time the Cabinet Secretary had provided him with a written undertaking from all of his senior

ministers that they would not be planning a challenge."

Peter served as Premier of two Ministries from 1988 to 1990 during a particularly turbulent time in Western Australian politics.

**Darren Lomman (2008)**



Winner of the 2013 Orange Seed Project, UWA Engineering graduate Darren Lomman's Dreamfit Foundation was recently featured in The West Australian to promote applications by not-for-profit organisations for this year.

The Project provides \$50,000 advertising in The West Australian, a \$50,000 marketing sponsorship, and \$5,000 cash.

Dreamfit sources and designs products for the disabled, and one of Darren's current projects is engineering a

remote-controlled bicycle brake for children with intellectual disabilities.

"The focus for Dreamfit is to break down barriers so that people living with a disability can achieve a higher level of participation and inclusion. My vision is to create a world where having a disability doesn't hold someone back from achieving their dreams."

**Mark Webb (2001)**

As Kings Park Chief Executive, Mark was recently 'embroiled' in the X Files - type mystery in *The West Australian's Burning Question* column as to why it is always colder in Kings Park in the mornings than the surrounding areas?

No data seems to be available, but early morning cyclists through the Park attest to the truth of the observation.



# In the News

## Dr Margaret Yoon (2007)



Margaret, who is the Coordinator of scholarships and teaches at John XXIII College, was pictured in The Post newspapers with her student Jessica Byrd who won a scholarship to travel to the scene of a World War 11 massacre of Australian soldiers.

Jessica went to Anzac Day celebrations in Sandakan, Malaysia, where more than 2,300 Australian and Allied prisoners of war were forced on death marches, tortured and starved.

Margaret said: "Just as the Churchill Trust enabled me to pursue excellence to enrich Australian society, so too I am helping young students to reach 'for the stars' and fulfil their potential."

## Estelle Blackburn OAM (2007 Fellow)

Author Estelle wrote the recent report in The Sunday Times covering the death of Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter, a victim of injustice in New Jersey. Carter served 19 years in jail for a crime he didn't commit.

He became a much sought-after public speaker and Perth was one of his favourite places. Estelle is pictured in the paper with him on one of those visits.

"Since this we've lost another famous injustice victim and injustice crusader, Gerry Conlon, whom I had the pleasure to meet and befriend through my innocent work.

"He was one of the Guildford Four whom the 1993 film *In the Name of the Father* was about. Gerry died in Belfast on 21 June, aged 60, three weeks after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

"The Guildford Four spent 15 years in prison before their convictions for the IRA bombings were quashed in 1989. He worked till the end for other victims of injustice, and he is such a loss. His family said he had 'forced the world's closed eyes to be opened to injustice'."



## Tanya Dupagne (2012)



A former Kwinana City councillor and executive officer of Global Good Foundation with 10 years experience of running camps in the US, South Africa and Vietnam, Tanya won a Churchill Fellowship to research programs aimed at stopping the generational cycle of domestic violence in the US.

She started Camp Kulin in the wheatbelt a year ago and during the July school holidays children aged between eight and 12 years who live in regional areas will take part in the kids camp adventure.

Believed to be the first like it in Australia, The Countryman ran an article on Tanya and her 63 volunteers who will provide a program of team building activities, including rock climbing, sports, arts and cooking.

There are also scholarship camps for children affected by domestic violence and other childhood trauma, including refugees who have experienced trauma or torture in their home countries.

"The Churchill Fellowship was a huge help in getting the program set up, and also on an ongoing basis."

## Churchill bust donated

Andrew Cameron, Churchill Fellow (1990) has kindly donated a bust of Sir Winston Churchill.



Andrew said: "I am pleased Sir Winston will find himself in an appreciative home. It was my original intent to rescue him... with little thought as to what the future may hold. This seems right."

"My Churchill Fellowship gave me much more in both my career and

personal life than I could ever hope to repay. Interestingly, as an RSL member, my late father was involved in the original (Australian) Trust fundraising.

"Life has been an interesting pathway since, but in addition to the original yabby aquaculture project, my starting up of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Clam Farm would not have been possible without the benefit of my Fellowship".

Andrew's Fellowship Project: To research inland aquaculture development using recirculating water systems, identify their relevance to Australian production techniques and assess the value added principles being used to maximise returns to producers (specialising in yabbies) - Canada, USA.

# Sharing the experience

## **Dena Lawrence (2012) - Artist and Art Therapist**

My Churchill fellowship project was to investigate the use of art therapy for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in hospitals, clinics and centres in the USA and Israel.

I have for the past 20 years been facilitating art therapy at the Hollywood Clinic, but this experience augmented my skills and gave me added inspiration to continue working with enthusiasm and conviction.

Since 2010 I have also been working in Kashmir providing art therapy to people who suffer from trauma grief and loss.

The carpet industry has deteriorated over the past 50 years because of the conflict in the region and I was drawn to the work of the artisans and the plight of the Kashmir Persian carpet weavers.

In collaboration with a local engineering and business graduate, I financed and set up Firesun Carpets, a production centre to weave my own very intricate art therapy images into fine silk carpets.

The process of weaving these silk-on-silk carpets requires a team of carefully selected fine weavers to ensure authenticity and beauty.

The innovation of these contemporary design carpets has created a new work ethic and work culture that for many years had been corrupted. It is an ongoing project and we pay better wages, ensure good light and provide uniforms and better work conditions.



## **Carly Davenport (2013) - Freelance cultural producer and curator**

My Churchill Fellowship explored the processes and impact of Participatory Media (PM) toolkits and digital storytelling being used by an array of intercultural, first-nations and American Indian organisations.

As co-founder and project manager of the *Canning Stock Route Project* and *Yiwarra Kuju* exhibition [2006-2011], the aim was to see how these approaches could be adapted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their creative industries.

My travels took me to a range of cross-sector professionals in Canada, the UK and USA. I participated in workshops with *InsightShare* in Oxford and the *Centre for Digital Storytelling* in San Francisco.

The Director of *Tribal Links Foundation* gave me insight into Indigenous leaders' preparation for the UN General Assembly meetings in New York.

In contrast, a road trip through the deserts of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona, the heart of Indian Country, was absolutely spectacular. I exchanged with film/media practitioners making social and health differences on the ground.

In Canada I met with Dr. Luisa Maffi, Director of *Terralingua* at her mountain home on Salt Spring Island

B C to discuss participatory media being used by her organisation in Africa.

There were countless key learnings, discoveries and tremendous inspiration to fuel me for a lifetime.

*Carly is pictured below with DigiDreams digital media team Brenda Manuelito (L) and Carmella Rodriguez (R) in Phoenix, Arizona.*



# 2014 Fellows' projects

## Lady Mary Soames (nee Churchill) valedictorian

The last surviving child of Sir Winston, Lady Mary Soames has died at the age of 91. She was the youngest of Sir Winston's five children.

Lady Soames was knighted for her public service, having worked in several organisations, including the National Theatre.

## Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

The Trust was established in April 1965 to honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill. Sir Winston requested that any money raised in his name would be spent for others.

He created a Rhodes Scholarship model available for everyday people to have the opportunity to reach their dreams.

Thus the Churchill Fellowship grants funds to passionate individuals to design their own project, travel abroad and further their knowledge in their particular field.

There have been 3,816 Australians returning to Australia, bringing with them new ideas and experiences.

## 2013 - 2014 CFAWA Committee

**President** – Marc Dimmick (2011)  
0418 140 536

**Vice President** – Shelda Debowski (2011)  
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**Hon Secretary** – Keren McCullagh  
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**Hon Treasurer** – Anne McCrudden (1998)  
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## Update your details

We urge all Fellows to advise of changes to your contact details. Please include your personal email. Please advise our Secretary by phone or email.

**Michael Bell** - To examine intervention programs for individuals at risk of or currently engaged in a violent extremism ideology - UK, Ireland, Sweden, Canada, USA.

**Susan Benson** - The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovative methods in medical education, health informatics and microbiology to improve the use of antibiotics and management of infection - Sweden, UK, Netherlands, USA.

**Catherine Crawford** - To assess how Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder affected youth in the criminal justice system are dealt with in other jurisdictions - New Zealand, Canada, USA.

**Valerie Furphy** - To investigate cultural perspectives on sustainable social and emotional strategies that can be implemented by secondary school teachers to support mental health and wellness of gifted adolescents - Singapore, Hong Kong, UK, Slovenia, USA.

**Andrew Gannon** - To investigate and experience traditional Chinese comedy as a basis for cultural exchange - China, Taiwan, Japan.

**Jean-Paul Hobbs** - To assess the impact of noise pollution on Australia's fisheries species - UK.

**Nicola Hunter** - To investigate innovative therapies to promote independence for tetraplegic patients - Canada, USA, UK, Sweden.

**Rejane Le Grange** - The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to research appropriate interior lighting to enhance the visual and functional abilities of older people - Canada, UK, Germany, Norway, Netherlands.

**Michael Morgan** - To enhance the quality of teaching and level of instructional excellence through effective and efficient observation, evaluation and reflection to positively influence outcomes for students - USA.

**Rachel Mullins** - To research physiotherapy for the early rehabilitation of intensive care patients - USA, Canada, Belgium.

**Vanessa Russ** - To investigate how public art galleries construct and represent national identity - USA, Hong Kong, Singapore.

**Belinda Wainwright** - The Department for Child Protection and Family Support Churchill Fellowship to explore opportunities for improving education attainment for children with an out of home care experience, especially for Aboriginal children - Netherlands, UK, Canada, USA.

**Michael Wear** - To study Marine Search and Rescue coordination together with technology used in search planning - USA, Singapore.

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# Memberships

Hon Treasurer, Anne McCrudden has compiled the list of paid up Churchill Fellows WA Life Memberships, 71 in total. We thank you for your support and would like to encourage other Fellows to join the 'club'.

We currently have 389 Fellows in Western Australia and it would be marvellous to increase Life Memberships by 50% this year as this money goes towards funding a Fellowship.

## Membership Categories

<b>Life Membership</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>\$25</b>
Under 50 years	\$275	
50 - 60 years	\$220	
60 - 70 years	\$165	
Over 70 years	\$110	

## Honorary Life Members

Jane Brazier  
Lloyd Guthrey  
Keren McCullagh

## Life Members

Geof Allen  
  
Helen Bolton  
Joy Brann  
Jane Brazier  
Michelle Brown  
  
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Andrew Cameron  
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Warwick Hemsley  
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Rosemary Howarth  
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