



Enrichingsociety

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DINNER DETAILS

Date: Thursday 16 February

Venue: City West Function Centre,
Plaistowe Lane,
West Perth

Time: 7.00pm mingle, canapés
& drinks – 7.30pm sit down

Cost: \$90 per person

RSVP: Anne McCrudden, at
treasurer@churchillfellowswa.org.au
or mob 0408 903 631

You can register as many guests as you want. Please register through the TryBooking link or you can print the registration form, complete and post to the Churchill Fellows Association with your cheque.

Parking

Complimentary parking is available for all delegates attending the function centre providing a valid parking permit is clearly displayed on your dashboard.

2017 Annual Dinner & Welcome to new Fellows

Thursday February 16 will see the formal commencement of the 2016 Fellows as they are officially acknowledged at Government House by Her Excellency, Mrs Kerry Sanderson, AC.

We will then welcome them at our traditional Fellows' Dinner to be held at the City West Function Centre in West Perth. The occasion offers the opportunity to meet them and hear about their projects, as well as the vision for the Sir Winston Churchill Trust from new CEO Adam Davey.

Medallionists who have returned from their Fellowship journey will be attending, so as always, it will be a fascinating evening.



From left to right: Some of the 15 new Fellows - Prof Donna Cross, Jessica Gethin, Fiona Donaldson, Kenny Travouillon, Beck Hefferon, Sharon Gough, Tim McLennan and Caine Chenatt.

Medallion Recipients

Rebecca Prince-Ruiz	Greg Henry
Michael Wear	Troy Kirkham
Ruth Blackham	Ashley Smith
Jacqui Hamblin	Fiona Walker
Caroline Langston	

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VALID FOR

DATE: Thurs 16 February 2017

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National Roadshow coming our way

This year the Trust's National Roadshow will be held in Perth and two WA regional centres. This is the first time we have extended beyond Perth, so it is an exciting chance to encourage and support regional applications, and to share the Churchill opportunity with potential candidates.

Those living in regional areas are particularly encouraged to spread the word and assist us by identifying potential fellows and encouraging them to attend one of the sessions.

Broome – Wednesday, February 15
Perth – Friday February 17
Albany – Monday 20 February

Last year over 100 people attended in Perth resulting in a high stand of applicants for the judging panel to interview. It is the diversity and practical application of Churchill Fellowships that make them an important contribution to society in general and local communities in particular.

More information can be found at:
www.churchilltrust.com.au/events/.



2016 AGM

The AGM was held early in December with a lively crowd in attendance. The current President Shelda Debowski was re-elected and three new members joined the Committee. The Committee supports Fellows and works to keep CFAWA relevant to its members.

President	Shelda Debowski
Vice President	Rejane Le Grange
Secretary	Keren McCullagh
Treasurer	Anne McCrudden

Committee

Rebecca Prince-Luiz	Michael Bell
Troy Kirkham	Susan Benson
Floeur Alder	

Treasurers Report 2015/16

Funds held by the Churchill Fellowship Association of WA (CFAWA) in their three Westpac accounts was reported at 30 June 2016.

Term Deposit	\$31,579.32
WestPac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	\$ 9,845.91
Community Solutions Cheque Account	\$ 4,321.33
INCOME from annual dinner and memberships	\$ 8,400.97
OUTGOINGS	\$ 6,184.49

Cheque requisition forms, deposit forms and online banking are used for transactions.

Anne McCrudden, Treasurer

Social Board



Helen Bolton (2015)



Fiona Walker (2015) and Felicity Horrocks (2015)



Shelda Debowski (2011), Floeur Alder (2011) and Keren McCullagh (Life Member)



Anne McCrudden (1998) and Doug Coughran (2004)



Fiona Donaldson (2016) with husband Rob Donaldson and Mike Bell (2014)



Peter Dowding (1974)

The Hon Peter Dowding was one of the six WA Fellows featured in the banners printed for the 50th Anniversary Conference Celebrations in 2016. President Shelda Debowski presented the banners at the AGM.

- **28 Feb 2017**
Fellowship Applications Open
- **28 Apr 2017**
Fellowship Applications Close
- **27-29 Oct 2017**
Convention of Churchill Fellows Canberra



Tim McLennan (2016)

Following a gliding accident that left him with a spinal cord injury, Tim will use his Fellowship to travel to the US, Canada, UK, Sweden and Switzerland to research assistive technology. A new engineering graduate when it happened, it took him eight months of rehabilitation to make a significant recovery and eventually start walking again.

Fellowships help regions flourish

Being an obstetrician is a great privilege, especially in rural areas.



“My Churchill Fellowship experience was life changing. I met some remarkable colleagues and forged friendships that have endured.”

Dr Philip Reid (2007) had become very interested in obstetrics after a six - month assistantship with the leading GP Obstetrician in Kalgoorlie in early 1980.

In 2002, now Boulder-based, he became concerned about medical education and was part of the driving force to get the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia (RCSWA) happening, more especially in Kalgoorlie.

His 2007 Fellowship to examine the recruitment and retention of rural GP obstetricians in Canada, Alaska and Newfoundland brought his two interests together.

“I met inspiring doctors providing obstetric care in quite isolated communities and found them well skilled and supported. The vagaries of weather was an eye opener, as in aerial retrieval the first concern is safety of the aircrew and medical staff.

“I was shown the medical school and the post graduate training program for preparing doctors for rural procedural postings,” said Philip.

Today, the RCSWA program here, which started with three regional locations, now sees students in 14 locations from Kununurra in the north to Esperance in the south. Fifth Year UWA and 3rd Year UNDA (Fremantle) medical students spend their entire academic year away from Perth.

“From there I have gone on to teach post graduate international medical graduates living and working in the Goldfields region. The aim is to prepare these doctors to sit their fellowship exams in general practice.

Having grown up in Boulder, the son of 10 pound Poms, Dr Dick Reid and wife Norah, Philip knew all about isolation and medicine.

“We arrived in Boulder in the summer of 1956 and lived in a corrugated iron house without fly wire and a Metters

wood stove for cooking. Despite this, Boulder was the most enjoyable time of my early life.

Dad worked very hard as a GP for 11 years before we moved to Perth.

In 1980 I moved back to Boulder with my wife and two daughters and established my own general practice. Mercifully it didn't take long for the practice to build up and this helped to pay the wages, rent, mortgage, school fees and put food on the table.

After an association with the Goldfields spanning 44 years, my wife Pippa and I have headed to the South West. I still work two days a week consulting as a GP in Busselton, but have retired from hospital work.”

2016 Fellow

Angela O'Connor

is heading off to Canada to research their Drug and Alcohol programs to implement at the Women and Newborn Drug and Alcohol Service run out of King Edward Memorial Hospital. Angela is one of two midwives leading the service.



“We are very protective of the women. There is a huge stigma attached to drug and alcohol use during pregnancy, but no-one knows the path these women have been down to get where they are,” said Angela.

Photo courtesy of Community Newspapers

Fellowship boosts creative industry in Albany

As a Creative Industry professional living in the regions, one of Urban and Landscape Designer Sally Malone's biggest challenges was professional development. Issues of isolation, cost of travel, reduced exposure to project variety and lack of a local professional associations network were some of the elements affecting her career.

Sally said her 2007 Fellowship in Canada, USA, UK, and Spain provided her with

a concentrated 'hit' of stimulation, discussion, exposure to new ideas, and connections with great people in her field from around the world.

“The experience gained had an immediate effect on my design practice, and a flow-on benefit to my community.

“On my return to Albany I joined with a group of like-minded colleagues and we launched an incorporated body



Sally Malone

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Fellowship boosts creative industry in Albany (continued)

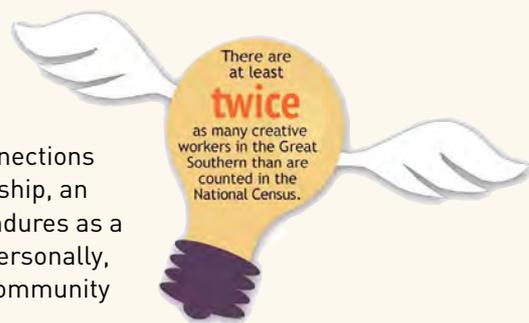
called Creative Albany to support the creative industries and enhance live-ability in Albany and the Great Southern.”

The organisation has been running for 10 years now and has brought over \$500,000 in funding into Albany’s creative economy sector, with an additional \$250,000 of multiplier economic benefit and countless hours of volunteer work.

“One of the most important creative economy projects is our recent audit of the sector. This revealed some surprising trends and quantified ‘hidden’ regional creatives, something which has not been done in Australia before,” said Sally.

Flowing from the audit, Creative Albany has focused on a new goal this year – to initiate and support a design and innovation hub in the Great Southern (DIGS).

“As part of the DIGS team, I continue to draw on the things I learned and the connections I made in my Fellowship, an experience which endures as a key benefit for me personally, and I hope, for my community as well.”



More information on the Creative Economy, DIGS and the Audit can be found at www.creativealbany.org



Jessica Gethin

Western Australia is blessed with musical talent at the top of their tree.

2016 Fellow Jessica Gethin is already a well-recognised conductor and brings with her a formidable CV and string of credits.

Her Fellowship to further develop the creative and directive roles as a conductor through international mentoring in the US and UK will only enhance her capability and strengthen orchestral music culture in Australia.

In 2011, Jessica commenced her first official appointment as Chief Conductor of the Perth Symphony Orchestra and Co-Artistic Director of the Perth Chamber Orchestra in 2013. In 2015, she won the Brian Stacey Award for an Emerging Australian Conductor.

Musical talent abounds amongst Fellows

A passionate and energetic music educator with over 15 years pedagogy experience, Jessica is in demand as a concert presenter, writer, orchestrator, orchestral arranger, guest lecturer and conductor across the country.

Last year she was selected as one of six conductors accepted into the Institute of Women Conductors with the Dallas Opera in the US.

Jessica was listed by the Australian Financial Review as one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Australia for 2015 and has won praise for her energy, musicianship and abounding presence on the podium.

Equally impressive is **2001 Fellow Anna Sleptsova** who received the Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to integrate pedagogic elements of Western and Russian piano teaching for implementation in Australia.

Anna arrived in Australia in 1995 from Ukraine, where she was a Senior Lecturer at the Kiev State Conservatory. She gained the Highest Awards in Piano Performance, Chamber Music, Accompaniment and Pedagogy.

She has been a recitalist and soloist with orchestras and ensembles in Eastern Europe, Germany, Canada, UK, New Zealand, Australia, US, France, and Japan.

Anna is in demand for masterclasses, conferences and competition adjudication throughout the world. She has collaborated with several distinguished musicians, including Roger Smalley and Simon Tedeschi.

In 1997 Anna moved to Perth where she first taught at UWA (until 2001), then from 2007 at WAAPA where she is Co-ordinator of Keyboard Studies.

On Thursday 27 April she is the music director for the WAAPA classical piano students' performance of Fazioli Fascination. Bookings open 14 February.



Anna with her anniversary banner

We'd like to hear your post-Fellowship story

We would like to hear from this group of 2002 Fellows to feature their stories about the impact on their work, careers and life following their Fellowship year.

Please contact Secretary Keren McCullagh on email: secretary@churchillfellowswa.org.au if you would like to be involved.

Ms Shirley BENNELL

The Department for Community Development (WA) Churchill Fellowship to investigate ways of overcoming culturally inappropriate aged care provision and barriers for Aboriginal people – USA

Miss Kristen CAMPBELL

Study of customised postural seating techniques utilised to assist the person with a physical disability to achieve optimal function – USA, Canada, UK

Ms Janet DAVIES

To identify and describe the market for indigenous arts products and develop trade linkages between arts agents, retailers and indigenous artists – Germany, Netherlands, UK, USA

Dr Lorraine HAMMOND

To investigate and evaluate the suitability of educational programs and professional services provided to support individuals with dyslexia, their families and teachers by non-profit organisations – UK, USA, Canada

Mr John LONEY

To examine the implementation and results of government action in a situation where a government policy

of reduction in native timber harvesting has brought about large scale economic and social restructuring of regional communities – Canada, USA, New Zealand

Ms Lisa O'SHAUGHNESSY

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to research key roles such as company, general, production management and technical direction within theatre companies – USA, Canada, UK

Miss Margaret OWENS

To research theory and practices associated with the development of Centres of Excellence for early childhood education and care involving families, children and the community to improve outcomes for children's behaviour, learning and health in later life

Ms Susan PEACOCK

To study the nature and structure of choreographic centres, and observe leading dancers, performers and collaborators with other associated arts disciplines – France, Canada

Dr Sally PELTZER

The Swire Group Churchill Fellowship to research "Deleterious Rhizobacteria" (DRB) as weed control agents – USA

Dr Tracy REIBEL

To undertake investigations into midwifery-led models of care to gain knowledge of how these models might be applied in the Australian context – UK, Netherlands

Mr Paul STEEL

The Donald Mackay Churchill Fellowship to study current trends in illicit drug manufacturing, law enforcement initiatives in the detection of clandestine drug laboratories, and drug laboratory dismantling safety procedures and chemical diversion – USA

Mr Peter SYMONS

To study the collection/analysis of athletes' blood samples to detect banned drugs – UK, Sweden, Switzerland, Greece, Spain, Canada, USA



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