NSW Churchill Fellows
Annual Dinner
Friday 31st July 2015
Parliament House Sydney

Commemorating:
Sir Winston Churchill
30 November 1874 – 24 January 1965

Celebrating:
50 years of NSW Churchill Fellowships

Congratulating:
2015 Churchill Fellows

“What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for
noble causes and to make this muddled world a better
place for those who will live in it after we have gone”

Winston Churchill 1908
Program

7.00pm Call to be seated

WELCOME
Master of Ceremonies – Superintendent (NSWFR) Ian Krimmer (1992 Fellow)

LOYAL TOAST
Mr Daryl Maguire MP member for Wagga Wagga - host of the evening.
Parliamentary Secretary the Centenary of Anzac and Veterans Affairs,
Chairman NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group
Loyal Toast given in respect of Sir Winston Churchill

TOAST TO SIR WINSTON
Ms. Sally Campbell, Senior Executive Officer, Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

TOAST TO 2015 CHURCHILL FELLOWS
A/Prof Elizabeth Comino, (2002 Fellow), President Churchill Fellows Assoc. NSW.

Presentation of first group 2015 Fellows
7.20pm Entrée

Presentation of Second group 2015 Fellows
8.10pm Dinner

Occasional address
Mr Corey Payne (2012 Fellows)

Presentation of third group 2015 Fellows
9.00pm Dessert

Special Presentations
Presentation of 50th anniversary medallions to 1965 Fellows - Sally Campbell
9.30pm Tea coffee

Drawing of the raffle
Pol Roger “Winston Churchill”: donated by Negotiants Australia:
drawn by Mrs Gail Mackenzie (1992 Fellow)

Closing remarks
A/Prof Elizabeth Comino President
Menu

Entree
(Served alternately)
Sake infused salmon gravlax w sweet corn and black bean salsa, lime crème fraîche and micro radish

Southern Highlands Thirlmere duck w rhubarb gel, oyster mushroom and macadamia nut vinaigrette (GF)

Main
(Served alternately)
Braised centre cut veal osso bucco w white bean puree, gremolata, ratatouille and natural jus

Steamed barramundi w tomato curry, kaffir, ginger and coconut, baby bok choy with prawn chips

Dessert
(Served alternately)
Baked crème caramel w lemongrass scented lychee, dulce d leche

Neapolitan layered ice-cream indulgence w raspberry and flamed meringue
Winston Spencer Churchill was so anxious to be born that, six weeks premature, he arrived (in 1874) while his mother was attending a party in Blenheim Palace – his Grandfather’s home – in a cloak room near the front door, allowing no time to get to a bedroom!

As a homesick school boy, Winston struggled academically, then, desperately wanting to get into Sandhurst Military Academy, he failed the entrance exams three times.

After being in Cuba with the Spanish forces in 1895, he developed a liking for their siestas – and cigars. He smoked an estimated 4,000 of them a year, but only about half of each one, the residue being collected for others. Aged 20, he was warned by a doctor that unless he gave up both cigars and champagne, he would be dead in five years – he lived to be ninety!

Following Cuba, he saw combat in India, the Sudan, and South Africa. As a correspondent in South Africa during the Boer War, Churchill escaped from a Prisoner of War camp. A reward of 25 pounds was issued for his recapture.

Before turning 26, he had won four medals and an order, been mentioned in dispatches, written five books and won a seat in the UK Parliament.

For over 70 years, Churchill served his country as a soldier and politician. He remains one of the United Kingdom’s most polarizing figures. During World War I, it was Churchill, in his position as Britain’s First Lord of the Admiralty, who gave the signal to launch the disastrous Gallipoli campaign, earning himself a reputation for rashness and bad judgement. As Britain’s prime minister during World War II, he rallied his people against the tyranny of Hitler, steeling them for air raids and possible invasion during the Blitz and the Battle of Britain. It is said by many that his tenacity inspired the Allies in a final push to victory. While his audacious and stubborn character put him at odds with many, it was these characteristics which earned him his reputation for successes and victories.

Churchill was a man of contradictions. He suffered from depression (calling it the “black dog .His love of gambling adversely affected his adored wife, Clementine (Clemmie).”). However, he had enormous foresight and it is doubtful that anyone else could have led the Allies to Victory in World War II. He made the “V” for Victory sign his own, using it frequently, either with the back of his hand or his palm and occasionally with exotic variations. This sign became a symbol of resistance in Europe during World War II.

Winston Churchill held at least NINE different public offices, serving six Monarchs – from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II. He eclipsed Hitler by being named Time
Magazine’s “Man of the Year” – not once, but twice (in 1940 and 1949), an honour reserved for those who’ve significantly influenced the course of history. The second time he was named “Man of the Half Century”. In 1963, President John F Kennedy named Churchill “an Honorary US Citizen”, calling him the “most honoured and honourable man to walk the stage of human history in the time in which we live”.

The Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to Winston Churchill in 1953, “for his mastery of historical and biographical description as well as for brilliant oratory in defending exalted human values”. No other Prime Minister has received the Prize. He was an inspirational orator and many use his excerpts and quotations that still resonate today.

Churchill painted (many under pseudonyms) nearly 600 works – mostly colourful landscapes and many of them painted near his beloved home, “Chartwell”, where he also built brick walls and gardened to help him relax. He stated that he painted to escape the responsibilities of his work and is reported to have said: “If it weren’t for painting, I wouldn’t live; I couldn’t bear the extra strain of things.”

On a lighter note, Churchill was a fashion leader; his custom-made wartime siren-suits were the forerunner of today’s “onesies”. During the war, many women followed his lead and they often incorporated hoods (“hoodies”) – another modern phenomenon.

Churchill did not visit Australia, but he did shake paws with an albino kangaroo at London Zoo!!

Winston Churchill was the first British Statesman of the 20th Century to be given a State Funeral when he died fifty years ago in 1965. His funeral was attended by the largest gathering of world leaders in history at that time.

The fact that Churchill is still remembered across the world, is testament to his greatness and his humanity. not least annual Churchill Fellowships.

“This Never give in – never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.”

Winston Churchill
Following the death of the statesman of the century, Sir Winston Churchill, on 24 January 1965, government appointed representatives of England, New Zealand, Canada and Australia met to discuss how the Great Man could be remembered. The decision was made as indicated by Churchill prior to his death, to develop a scholarship program in these countries to enable individuals, with a focus on a mutual understanding of world peace to travel overseas and to enable “ordinary people to do extraordinary things”. The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was established on 1st February 1965.

Churchill Trusts were developed in England, New Zealand and Australia (Canada did not continue with the idea). Churchill Sunday was declared on 28th February 1965 when, in Australia, a nationwide fund raising appeal, which was to become the largest ever conducted in Australia until the Asian Tsunami, was launched. Just about every door was knocked on for contributions and even waste wool was collected in shearing sheds, baled and sold for the appeal.

Since 1965, over 11,000 international Churchill Fellowships have been awarded to inspired individuals who have criss-crossed the world in search of information and returned to contribute to their communities.

The first Churchill Fellowships in New South Wales were awarded to nine Fellows in 1965. The successful applicants included a grandmother who received her Fellowship to study methods of educating handicapped adults at the Rehabilitation Centre in New York for four months. She said ‘This kind of work is very advanced in the United States and I want very much to study their methods’. Another recipient was Mr Barrie Unsworth, then a trade-union organiser and later NSW premier who said he would use his Fellowship to complete ‘the University Trade Union Program at Harvard University’.

The Churchill Fellows Association of NSW was formed in 1972. Previous presidents were Susan Upton (CF1978), Alan McPhail (CF1983), Gwen Higgins (CF1988), Anna Bailey (CF1991), Gail Mackenzie (CF1993), Chris Townsend (CF1995), Diana Dagg (CF1999), Norman Owens (CF1994), and Matthew Jones (CF2004). The current president is Elizabeth Comino (CF2002). Special mention should be made of Ian Krimmer (CF1993) who has been active in the Association from the early days and remains so today as
vice-president. Another stalwart of the Association was Susan Upton who established the mentoring program for new Fellows. This program has continued in introducing New Fellows to others in their chosen field and holding an informative morning tea.

In recent years Elizabeth and her committee have consolidated the activities of the Association and have continued the newsletter, produced since 1972, with the change in communications this is now available in an electronic format.

Other highlights in the Association’s year are Churchill Chats when Fellows present in their subject areas such as medicine, education and the environment. The Association now relies on the internet and emails as a means to contact and stay in touch with Fellows. Keeping up to date details is an ongoing challenge to maintain this extraordinary group of Australians “The Community of Fellows”.

The NSW Association is also very involved in the 50th Anniversary Churchill Fellowships commemoration which also includes the bi-annual National gathering to be held in Sydney in October to which all are invited.

“You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks”

Winston Churchill

A/Prof Elizabeth Comino
(2002 Fellow)
President Churchill Fellows
Association NSW.
What it is to be a Churchill Fellow

By Tracey Cain (1995 Fellow)

A Churchill Fellowship is the most wonderful opportunity to step up as a great Australian.

In the words of so many of the 4,000 Fellows in Australia since 1966, it is “a life changer”.

It delivers a prestigious platform to investigate, to network, to capture ideas, and to bring new knowledge back to Australia to make our country better.

But it is also a great responsibility. To fully appreciate this I encourage all Fellows to become familiar with Sir Winston Churchill himself and to better understand the development of the Trust in this country.

Sir Winston believed that the greatest contribution to your country was public service, and that was a commitment he honoured in his life and in the establishment of a Churchill Trust in each Commonwealth country to carry on this legacy.

In Australia, tens-of-thousands of people have contributed to the Churchill Trust since 1965 – through fundraising, donating or volunteering.

A Churchill Fellow carries their hopes and aspirations of these people, their families and their descendants across multiple generations.

The awarding of the 2015 Churchill Fellowships marks the commencement of the 50th anniversary of the Trust in Australia – as we celebrate the contributions of so many Fellows to so many fields of endeavour, it is important to know that as a Churchill Fellow you have been given a tremendous honour. It may take you a decade or more likely it may take you a lifetime to live up to that honour, but never forget that it is the difference you make to Australia that will ultimately decide whether your Fellowship has been a success.

“When we face with a steady eye the difficulties which lie before us, we may derive new confidence from remembering those we have already overcome.”

Churchill – 1941 broadcast
Corey Payne (2012 Fellow) is a Design Thinker, former NSW Young Australian of the Year, Alumni Award recipient at the University of Sydney and a former professional sportsman.

Throughout 2014, Corey lived in Berlin, Germany completing advanced studies in Design Thinking. He worked on ‘real-life’ challenges that involved redesigning the online banking experience and redesigning retail packaging.

In 2013, Corey completed a global study tour as a Churchill Fellow researching culturally diverse programs that build ambition and aspiration in young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to inspire them to continue their academic studies. Corey carried out his research in South Africa, Spain, Brazil and the UK.

Also in 2013, Corey was awarded the NSW Young Australian of the Year for his work around encouraging students from Western Sydney to continue with tertiary education through establishing the Future Direction Network (FDN). FDN provides financial support, mentoring and careers advice for young people to go on to university and annually award three scholarships valued at $18,000 each.

Corey holds a Master of Commerce with Merit and a Bachelor of Commerce both from the University of Sydney, where in 2011 he was awarded the Young Alumni Award for Achievement. In 2015, Corey was appointed as a member of the universities Alumni Council.

As a professional sportsman, Corey appeared in a total of 131 National Rugby League matches for the Canterbury Bulldogs, the Saint George Illawarra Dragons and the Wests Tigers playing his final game in the 2012 Grand Final in front of 82,000 spectators.
NSW 50th Anniversary
Sponsored Fellowship

‘Churchill Fellows Association of NSW Fellowship to investigate programs that promote and encourage cross-cultural harmony among youth’

The NSW Churchill Fellows Association is the alumni organization of Churchill Fellows in NSW. Throughout the year the Association hosts a number of activities to support and encourage Fellows including the Annual and Medallion dinners, Churchill Chats and Winston Walks.

Costs of attending these functions are kept to a minimum. Over time the Association has accumulated some funds with which it has resolved to award an occasional Fellowship targeting an interest of the committee. The Fellowship will be awarded from time to time when sufficient funds have accumulated.

The Fellowship awardee will be announced in late 2016.

How can Churchill Fellows (and others) support this initiative?

1. Promote the Award widely to interested groups and parties

2. Contribute to the NSW Fellowship fund – you can make a tax deductible contribution to the Fellowship Fund through the Winston Churchill Trust. Please if making a donation in this way, indicate that the donation is towards the NSW Churchill Fellows Association sponsored Fellowship.

For more information please contact the president, Elizabeth Comino at president@churchillfellowsnsw.org.au

“Continued effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential”

Winston Churchill
Each group as listed of New Fellows will be presented, some will give a brief summary of their proposed Fellowship

GROUP ONE

DR ANTOINETTE ANAZODO
Director of the Sydney Youth Cancer Service
Prince of Wales Hospital and Sydney Children’s Hospital

To identify gaps in the delivery of oncofertility (cancer and fertility) care in Australia - USA.

MS ALISON BLACK
Executive Producer
Northern Pictures

To research engaging and accessible documentaries that can bring about social change - USA, UK.

MS JO-ANN BROWN
Consumer Engagement Manager
Alzheimer’s Australia NSW

To investigate effective care programs for people living with dementia in prison - New Zealand, USA.

MR CHRIS COOPER
President and Community Energy Projects Coordinator
Repower Shoalhaven

To transform Australia’s community solar sector by learning from the world’s leading community energy organisations - USA, UK, Germany.
MS ANNA CRONIN
Cleft Lip and Palate Speech Pathologist
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

To investigate the optimal management of speech problems in toddlers with cleft palate - New Zealand, Brazil, USA, Denmark.

DR DAVID CULLEN
State Director, Early Learning and Primary Education
NSW Department of Education and Communities

The Northern Districts Education Centre (Sydney) Churchill Fellowship to research school reform to facilitate the implementation of the Australian curriculum - UK, Ireland, Canada, USA.

MR WARWICK FYFE
Senior Principal Artist and International Freelance Opera Singer
Opera Australia

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to obtain tuition in Wagnerian vocal technique from Wagner specialists of international status - Germany, USA, UK.

GROUP TWO

DR PAUL GIBSON ROY
Lead Scientist - Eastern Australia
Greening Australia

The Ron Badman Family Churchill Fellowship to investigate techniques for producing species-rich native seed crops for biodiversity restoration - USA.

MISS PRUE GOLLAND
Consultant for Physiotherapy
Cerebral Palsy Alliance

To investigate evidence based interventions for maximising gross motor outcomes in children with cerebral palsy - Sweden, Belgium, UK.
MR DYLAN GOWER
Principal, Architecture Practice
To explore the designing of local initiatives within regional communities - Japan, Canada, Sweden, Finland.

MS KATE HUGHES
Conservator
State Library of New South Wales
To undertake a physical analysis of core reference collections of dated First Fleet artworks - UK.

DR MELISSA KALTNER
Principal Research Officer
Family and Community Services NSW
To understand the role of adoption in creating stability for children unable to live safely at home - Finland, Sweden, Norway, UK, Ireland, Spain, Malaysia.

MS BRONNIE MACKINTOSH
Regional Training Officer
Fire and Rescue, NSW
To promote and increase numbers of women and ethnically diverse people in Australian Fire Agencies - Japan, India, UK, Sweden, France, Canada, USA.

MR ANDREW MORGAN
Director
Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency
To investigate the options for reducing the risk of mesothelioma through government initiatives - Poland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, UK, Switzerland, Denmark.
GROUP THREE

MS AMANDA NICHOLS
Freelance Costume Cutter/Maker/Costume Supervisor
7 Network

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to develop expertise in the traditional and current practices of corsetry and couture womenswear - UK, France, Japan.

MR MATTHEW PEPPER
Intensive Care Paramedic - Special Operations Team
NSW Ambulance

To research international models and innovation in Tactical Emergency Medical Support - USA, Canada.

MRS SUSAN PRITCHARD
Research Analyst, Knowledge and Lessons Management Branch
NSW State Emergency Service

To better integrate volunteer canine search capabilities with emergency services for search response - UK, Ireland, Switzerland, New Zealand.

MS ALISON RICHARDSON
Creative Director - Beyond the Square
Parramatta City Council - Riverside Theatre

To explore disability led practices in theatre and investigate inclusive training and mentoring models - UK.

DR MINDY SOTIRI
Program Director
Community Restorative Centre

To research prisoner reintegration services delivered by community sector organisations - UK, USA.
DR LOUIS WANG
NHMRC & Heart Foundation Postgraduate Scholar
Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute
The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to explore optimal systems and partnerships to foster a local and national cardiac genomic network - USA, UK, Singapore.

DR JODIE WARD
Team Leader - Specialist DNA Laboratory
NSW Health Forensic & Analytical Science Service
To investigate specialist DNA techniques for the identification of compromised human remains - USA, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

MISS SHONA WHITTON
National Senior Project Officer, Recovery
Australian Red Cross
The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate methods of planning and managing disaster memorials – USA, UK, Norway, Germany.

MR ALLAN YOUNG
Director, Coastal and Natural Resources Policy
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
To identify the reasons for success or failure in relocation schemes for at-risk coastal communities - USA, Barbados, UK.

MRS JUDITH DAVIDSON (Norfolk Island)
Research and Interpretation Officer for KAVHA
Administration of Norfolk Island
To research how a World Heritage Listed convict site utilises and promotes heritage values - Australia

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen”

Winston Churchill
U.K Churchill Fellows:

The 50th Anniversary celebration 27th May 2015

Over 1000 UK and other Churchill Fellows and their guests attended Fellows Day, the 50th anniversary event at Churchill’s birthplace Blenheim Palace on May 27th hosted by Lady Henrietta Spencer Churchill..

Highlights of the day included presentations by Fellows, about how their Fellowship has shaped their lives and careers. Internationally acclaimed Churchill experts, gave talks on the many aspects of Churchill life.

The closing ceremony of the single spitfire from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight over Blenheim palace as a salute was breathtaking, while the British Imperial Military Band was charged with Beating the Retreat.
Celebrating 50 years

SYDNEY 9-11 OCTOBER 2015

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHURCHILL FELLOWS

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

1965 2015
Join us in Sydney to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

This 50th Anniversary National Convention is a special occasion for Churchill Fellows and those people closely connected with the Churchill Trust to come together and share insights and achievements as well as find new ways to collaborate.

It will also be a time to remember, with admiration and gratitude, Sir Winston Churchill, the great world leader, in whose memory the Churchill Trust was established.

Fellows interested in leading or contributing to program activities behind the scenes should contact the NSW Churchill Fellows’ Association as soon as possible by email to secretary@churchillfellowsnsw.org.au

Please visit our national website regularly for updates and registration advice in the lead up to this event.

We hope you can join us for this special celebration!

This Convention is being organised in partnership with the Churchill Fellows’ Association of NSW

For more details please visit churchilltrust.com.au/events
Friday 9th October 2015
12.00 noon – 4.00pm  Industry event – Fellows welcome
12.00 noon – 6.00pm  Registration
6.00pm – 8.00pm  Welcome reception and concert

Saturday 10th October – convention base (The Mint)
8.00 am  Registration and coffee at convention base
8.30am – 9.00am  Welcome and warm-up activity
9.00am – 4.00pm  Fellows’ displays, talks and walking tours
  Presentations – and talks by Fellows
12.30pm  Lunch
1.30pm – 2.30pm  Panel discussion
  2.30pm  Excursions to Fire and Rescue Training College
           Displays by emergency service Fellows
6.30pm – 10.30pm  Formal Dinner - NSW Parliament House

Sunday 11th October
8.30am - 11.00am  Breakfast cruise on Sydney Harbour
  Naval history & historic monuments
11.00am – 2.00pm  Taronga Zoo and bird show
2.00pm – 5.00pm  At leisure
6.30pm  Evensong - Christ Church St Laurence
Yousuf Karsh (1906-2002) was born of Armenian heritage in present-day Turkey. At the age of 14, Karsh and his family escaped the Armenian genocide by fleeing to Syria. Two years later he was sent to Quebec province, Canada, to be raised by an uncle, George Nakash, who as Fate would have it, was a photographer.

Yousuf’s fate was sealed and he would rise to be one of the most famous and accomplished Canadian portrait photographers of all time. for the lifechanging experiences afforded by their Fellowships.

In 1941, Sir Winston had addressed the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and Karsh had been commissioned to take a portrait photograph to mark the occasion. As Churchill strode into the Speaker’s Chambers, Karsh remarked, “I hope I can make a portrait of this occasion,” to which Churchill replied, “You may take one.” Churchill then refused to surrender his customary cigar and Karsh plucked it from his mouth and fired the camera. The resultant scowl that we see in this iconic photograph was the direct result of Karsh’s action. Karsh said later that Churchill looked so fierce, he looked like a ‘roaring lion’ and that term was forever cast.
Some of our travelled Fellows
The Churchill Fellows Association of NSW

Acknowledges
All the individuals and organizations in Australia and the many countries who have assisted Churchill Fellows in achieving their goal for the benefit of Australia

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To all Churchill Fellows please provide an annual update of your contact details to remain a member of this important Community of Fellows.

“Once a Fellow always a Fellow”