President’s Welcome

The Churchill Fellows’ Association NT (CFANT) is an incorporated association run by a committee of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and supporting committee members. All NT-based Churchill Fellows are automatically part of the CFANT.

The CFANT only formed in 2014, and we plan to run a number of events in 2015 in both Darwin and Alice Springs. Building on our first fantastic event in April 2015, upcoming events will include the presentation of new Fellows at Government House in August 2015, more informal sundowners to hear from recently returned Fellows about their Fellowship experiences, and the presentation of Medallions from The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to other returned Fellows yet to receive their Medallions.

We welcome your involvement, whether just to attend a function but especially if you’re keen to be a part of our committee!

Jared Sharp - President

Inaugural Event at Darwin Trailer Boat Club

On 15 April, the Churchill Fellows’ Association held its first event at the picturesque setting of the Darwin Trailer Boat Club. Just over 20 attendees enjoyed drinks, food and reminiscing.

The event provided an opportunity for past and future Fellows to network and discuss their Fellowships as well as what they are currently doing in their field of interest.

Two of our recently returned Fellows, John Dahlsen and Sandra Wendlandt gave very interesting presentations about their Fellowship trips and outcomes.

John Dahlsen is an environmental artist who is currently lecturing in art at Charles Darwin University, where he is also doing his PhD in environmental art. John was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2014 for artistic research to be undertaken in Japan and Holland. His Fellowship aim was to study with master woodblock printers in Japan and further the development of environmental art, as well as conduct research in the Netherlands regarding how Vincent van Gogh was influenced by woodblock prints in his art.

Sandra Wendlandt is a criminal lawyer in the Darwin office of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA). Sandra was awarded the Justice James Muirhead Churchill Fellowship in 2014 to travel to New Zealand, Canada, UK, Belgium, Germany and South Africa. Her Fellowship aim was to explore alternative and culturally specific programs which aim to divert Indigenous first time offenders from the criminal justice system.

At the event, the Honourable Justice Jenny Blokland, Chair of the Churchill Fellowship Northern Territory Regional Committee also presented medallions to returned Fellows.

Planning is underway for a similar event to be held in Alice Springs later this year.

A beautiful sunset for the inaugural event
Committee Member Profiles

Jared Sharp - President
Jared Sharp is the Manager of Law & Justice Projects in the Darwin office of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA). Jared was awarded the Justice James Muirhead Churchill Fellowship in 2012 to travel to the USA, Canada and New Zealand. His Fellowship aim was to investigate strategies for increasing the cultural integrity of court processes for Aboriginal young people and their families in the Northern Territory Youth Justice System.

Nancy Devlin - Vice President
Nancy Devlin is a Lecturer and Coordinator in the School of Education at Charles Darwin University (CDU). Nancy was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2000 to travel to the USA and Canada. Her Fellowship aim was to study educational support programs for students of secondary age with significant disabilities in mainstream high schools and to visit support programs for students with special needs in remote indigenous communities in North America.

Lee Wood - Secretary
Lee Wood is the Program and Policy Director of DonateLife NT (the NT Organ and Tissue Donation Agency). Lee was awarded the Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship in 2011 to travel to the USA. Her Fellowship aim was to investigate programs and strategies to increase organ donation and transplantation rates in cultural groups.

Angela O’Donnell - Treasurer
Angela O’Donnell is the Senior Arts Broker at Arts NT. Angela was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2013 to travel to Columbia, England, Ireland, Belgium and Turkey. Her Fellowship aim was to research ways in which isolated artists work to create strong and tourable theatre.

Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome.
Let us know about your achievements and keep others informed.
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