



From the President



September 2012

We have now established a twitter and facebook account and will be encouraging new fellows to keep us up to date via these channels, and you can find them at;

[facebook.com/churchill.fellows](https://www.facebook.com/churchill.fellows)
twitter.com/CFA_VIC

Many Fellows were in the news during the year:

Sadly, one of our most high profile Fellows Jim Stynes succumbed to cancer after his brave public battle;

We were delighted that several Fellows received recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honors: Susan Marriott 1995 is now AM for her work with Land Care and Liz Jones 1999 becomes an AO for her work with La Mama Theatre.

Marita Cheng was named Young Australian of the Year. She is the founder and director of Robogals, an international organisation that aims to get more girls interested in science, engineering and technology.

It is such an honor to be on the Committee with such a dedicated team. I would like to thank Andy Jay and Xenia Hanusiak for their great contribution as they are now stepping down. Past President Shane Ringin has kept me on the straight and narrow during my first year as President. Murray Ashby, Julie Rees, Dean Cox, Lou Chamberlin, Jenny O'Brien, Daphne Cheah and Jenny Dwyer take a bow!

Janine Barrand
President

Churchill Fellows'
6th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Perth & Fremantle
19—21 October 2012

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I am really pleased to be your President and to work with such a terrific Committee. During the year we hosted 3 events in addition to the New Fellows Dinner and our AGM.

In November we held the 'Making a Difference' Workplace Visit hosted by the Australian Red Cross. We heard from two Fellows – Kate Brady, who talked about her work with long term recovery efforts and her visits to sites associated with September 11, Hurricane Katrina, the Columbine shootings, the Hillsborough disaster, 2005 London Bombings and the Sichuan Earthquake. Chris Povey spoke about his visits to explore initiatives to assist people who are at high risk of eviction

In June, the Association presented the Medallion Dinner which is an event for returning Fellows to talk about their projects and receive their medallions. In the past the event has formed part of this dinner and a separate occasion hosted by the Regional Committee. We are delighted to add this to our annual calendar, and next year it will be held on Friday 3 May 2013.

Another important occasion for us is the New Fellows Workshop. It has become a very popular and successful tradition bringing together recent and new Fellows. I would like to thank Sara Gipton, Haig Burnell, Christine Scott and Johann Kirby for their valuable contribution at this years workshop

It is in the spirit of this tradition that we will be launching a new initiative in September, tentatively called Churchill Net. We are currently planning an informal social event for 2011 and 2012 Fellows which will be an important part of building a strong future for the Association

During the year we have commenced work on a strategic plan for the Association which will be available for all on our new website. Part of this work included the development of an updated logo and initial scoping of a new website which will enable us to generate our newsletter and events to you all much more easily. Stayed tuned for that.

Comment from Churchill House

I have addressed this issue before but the question persists of **who should apply for a Churchill Fellowship?**

A dilemma I often face in promoting the Churchill Trust and Churchill Fellowships is to get the clear message across that the Fellowships are for ordinary Australians who really are extraordinary because they have passion, motivation and want to make a difference.

The dilemma arises because there is a perception among many Australians that the award of a Churchill Fellowship is beyond their reach – it is almost seen as an award for the ‘elite’ and of course in some respects it is! However, some successful applicants have also said to me that for years they resisted applying for a Fellowship because they did not consider themselves ‘good enough’ and that it was only after they had met a Churchill Fellow that they realized they might also be successful.

The awards, of course, are to enable Australians of clear promise or manifest achievement to travel overseas to further their experience, education or training. The awards have also been designed particularly for the more able of those who possess some skill or talent of value to the Australian community, who would not normally have the opportunity of overseas study or experience, and who are prepared to come back to Australia to apply, for the benefit of the community, the experience they have gained overseas.

So on this issue, it is important that we disabuse the somewhat ‘elitist’ notion that may exist and encourage ordinary Australians to apply. I have mentioned previously that I see a very important role for Churchill Fellows and their families in getting the message across accurately - you can play a very significant role in the successful marketing of the Trust and in encouraging appropriate Australians to apply for a Fellowship.



To sum up - Churchill Fellowships are awarded to Australians who, like Churchill, are innovative, filled with a spirit of determination, and who possess a strong ethos of wanting to benefit the community rather than themselves as individuals, and who recognise that ‘with opportunity comes responsibility’ (Churchill).

I suspect that there are many Australians out there who would easily fit these characteristics. They simply need to be told about the Churchill Trust and the Fellowships we award. Please assist the Churchill Trust by passing these sentiments on.

Paul Tys
Chief Executive Officer

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Regional Chairman's Comment



lent, and the range of projects varied. There was also a good range of age groups, and a reasonable balance of gender amongst the applicants. The 22 successful applicants were presented with their Fellowships at a ceremony at Government House on 27 July 2012.

That brings me to the CFAV. I am conscious of its important

I am delighted to be writing my first message as Chairman of the Victorian Regional Committee. It is an honour to continue my involvement with the Churchill Trust in this new role.

I am fortunate that the Victorian Regional Committee has been so well led by Robert Beggs AM. The fact that Robert fulfilled this leadership role for 18 years is testament to his outstanding contribution. It also explains why the Victorian Regional Committee has been well regarded for its consistent processes and people, as well as the range of excellent Fellows it has helped to produce. I hope I am able to follow in Robert's fine footsteps.

I am also fortunate to have inherited excellent panel heads. In that respect, I particularly welcome Jonathan Gardiner, architect, who now leads the Professions and Services (other than Education and Health) Panel, and Richard Grant APM, well known in senior policing as well as a former President of the CFAV. Richard has taken over the Public Service panel.

We farewell Pam Russell after many years as head of the Education panel. Pam has been "a wise head" in that role, and around the interview table. I thank her. We shall miss her, but look forward to welcoming Berenice Nyland as the new head of that panel.

The Regional Committee is well served not only by the panel heads, but also by committee members Jeremy Upton, Rob Southey and John Miles, and the current President of the CFAV, Janine Barrand. The range of skills is impressive. We enjoyed a high standard of discussion in the recently conducted interviews for the 2012 Fellowships, supported by the Trust's CEO, Paul Tys CSC, and the National President, Elizabeth Alexander AM.

Victoria received 266 applications this year. I am pleased to say that the calibre of applicants was excel-

role for the Churchill Trust. It is the Fellows who often introduce others to the Trust, and suggest or encourage new applications. Many Fellows help new recipients, organise workplace visits, and arrange functions to bring old and new Fellows together. In that regard, I am grateful that the CFAV is organising the Medallion Presentation dinner, held at Morgan House and we were fortunate to hear from a number of 2011 Fellows about their travels. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on for next years presentation.

Many Fellows remain involved too as members of the selection panels. Their contribution is invaluable. For those who have undertaken their own Fellowship, they bring that experience to the task. When combined with the non-Fellows, who bring fresh eyes and views to the process, the panels are well-placed to achieve a balanced perspective.

I urge any of you who wish to be involved further to participate in the various available ways. Like all of us, you will enjoy the engagement with high calibre people, and their inspiring projects that really can make a difference in our community.

Finally, as usual, thanks to Pam Oakes for all her hard work as Regional Secretary.

Justice Linda Dessau
Chairman Victorian Regional Committee

Any News!!!!

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

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2012 Churchill Fellows Congratulations



Julia Agostino

Manager Regional Partnerships
Latrobe City Council

To assess local government strategies for transitioning communities - UK, Denmark, USA



Dr Hernan Alonso

Research Fellow, Department of Microbiology
Monash University

To study the structure of an oil-degrading protein using cryo-electron microscopy - Japan



David Ascher

Research Assistant
St Vincent's Institute for Medical Research

The Leslie (Les) J. Fleming Churchill Fellowship to study the structure guided drug design of allosteric inhibitors enabling protein-protein interactions to treat cancer - UK, Spain



Kylee Bates

General Manager - Vic/Tas/SA/WA, Employment Solutions
Mission Australia

To examine employer-driven initiatives that increase employment participation by people with disabilities - UK, Ireland, Denmark, France, USA



Associate Professor Julie Bernhardt

Director, AVERT Early Intervention Research Program
Florey Neuroscience Institutes, Stroke Division

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to study environmental enrichment as a new treatment for brain injured individuals - Sweden,



Dr John Chesterman

Manager, Policy and Education
Office of the Public Advocate

To investigate the abuse, exploitation and neglect of at-risk adults - UK, USA, Canada

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Photography: Tegan Ringin

2012 Churchill Fellows Congratulations



Clare Davies

National Senior Project Officer
Life Without Barriers

To study strategies for effectively resettling unaccompanied humanitarian minors - UK, Norway, Sweden, USA



Dr Peter De Cruz

Gastroenterologist and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research Fellow
The University of Melbourne/
St Vincent's Hospital

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to study the assessment and optimal management of intestinal failure - UK, Belgium,



Robert Deakin

Special Networks Compliance and Government Liaison Manager Telstra

To establish a national program to assist young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders to overcome social isolation and help build friendships - USA, Canada, UK, Denmark



Anthony Femia

Cheesemonger and Operations Manager
The Cheese Cave

The Jack Green Churchill Fellowship to learn the art of cheese affinage and facilitate the creation of a national cheese society - UK, France



Julie Grainger

Tribunal Member
Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

To examine strategies adopted in other jurisdictions for dealing with Litigants in Person in the civil justice system - New Zealand, USA, UK



Karen Kyriakou

Music Educator/Musician
Musica Viva

To study inclusive music for deaf children - UK

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Photography: Tegan Ringin

2012 Churchill Fellows Congratulations



Acting Inspector Travis Marsham

Senior Sergeant
Victoria Police

To study innovative practices that enhance the building of police craft with an inexperienced police force - UK, Ireland, USA, Canada



Karen Paton

Manager Arts and Culture
Department
City of Greater Geelong

To investigate arts precincts that contribute to civic renewal and cultural identity - Sweden, Denmark, Austria, France, UK



Lisa Pavane

Head of Student Training
and Academic Studies
The Australian Ballet School

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to advance the arts in Australia through the teaching of elite vocational ballet in Australia's national school - Canada, USA



Dr Stuart Ralph

Scientist (Parasitology,
Biochemistry)
The University of Melbourne

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to investigate open source strategies for developing drugs against neglected parasitic diseases - India



Dr Jillian Rodda

Senior Physiotherapist
Royal Children's Hospital

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to examine new methods for designing, aligning and tuning orthotic footwear combinations for children with disabilities - Denmark, UK, USA



John Ryan

Chief Executive Officer
Anex

To investigate the adoption of a recovery paradigm to tackle drug problems - USA, UK

2012 Churchill Fellows Congratulations



Emma Sullivan

Core Player, Freelance Musician and Teacher
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to undertake private tuition and mentoring from renowned French double bass pedagogue and performer Thierry Barbe - France



David Symons

Artistic Manager, Programs
The Humour Foundation

To study Elder Clown programs in aged care facilities - Netherlands, Austria, UK, Canada, USA



William Thomas

Head of Sustainable Practice
Bentleigh Secondary College

To investigate sustainability education and sustainability practice with emphasis on water, waste, energy and biodiversity - Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway,



Nicholas Wyman

Chief Executive Officer
WPC Group Ltd

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to study new approaches to engage young Australians in skilled careers - Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, France, UK

Clowning Around The Humour Foundation

The Humour Foundation is an Australian charity dedicated to promoting and delivering the health benefits of humour. It was the vision of a performer who wanted to use his talents to give something back to the community and a general practitioner. They had often talked about the 'art of medicine'.

They were inspired by meeting Dr Patch Adams, by research findings on the benefits of humour, and the work of Swiss-based Theodora Foundation and the Big Apple Clown Care Unit in New York.

In 1996, six founding members helped change a good idea and a lot of passion into a reality.

Through the newly formed charity, they found a new and unique way to give something back. Clown Doctors™ was an immediate way to deliver the health benefits of humour to those who needed it most.

A short pilot project was undertaken in 1996 at Royal Hobart Hospital, not long after the Port Arthur massacre. In January 1997, Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick became the first hospital to host the Clown Doctors program regularly.

At first many people questioned what place a clown had in hospital; these days our biggest complaint is "why can't you be here more often?"

The major goal was to establish Clown Doctors in all major children's hospitals in Australia, and our ultimate



David Symons
2012 Fellow
Artistic Manager, Programs
The Humour Foundation

aim is to have Clown Doctors operating in all major children's hospitals seven days a week. In 2000, Clown Doctors began work in palliative care. As a part of the Smiles Around the World™ project, we visited Timor in 2000 and Afghanistan in 2002, helping people to find their smiles again.

Today, The Humour Foundation has two principal areas of work. The [Clown Doctors](#) program and our recently developed [Elder Clowns](#) program. While Clown Doctors work with children in hospital, Elder Clowns work with elderly people living with dementia or depression in aged care facilities.

The Humour Foundation is again challenging the place of clown in a new environment, with Elder Clowns showing the value a clown can bring to improving the quality of life of elders in the community.

Our Goal

Clown Doctors now touch the lives of over 100,000 people every year. We are now part of hospital life in all major children's hospitals around Australia



David busy at work

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About your committee

Jennifer O'Brien - Membership Secretary

2006 Fellow - To develop an understanding of how bedside computing technology has supported improved healthcare quality, efficiency and safety of patient care - USA, U.K., Germany, Denmark

Shanna Crispin talks to Jenny O'Brien, Chief Clinical Information Officer, Epworth Hospital, a clinical IT pioneer from Australia

In 1993, Jenny O'Brien had her first encounter with a computer. It was an Apple Mac owned by a consultant working in the intensive care unit at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia.

It took O'Brien two days to teach herself to use the computer. Then, in the same year, the junior nurse put her hand up to help Hewlett Packard implement bedside computing at the hospital.

It was a spur of the moment decision that put her on the path to becoming one of Australia's first chief clinical information officers.

"I offered to get involved in the project and, probably because I was the only one that was silly enough to put my hand up at the time, I ended up becoming the clinical manager.

"It was like, 'oh that looks interesting, do you need a hand?' - it was as simple as that," O'Brien tells eHealth Insider.

Minding the gap

Because the implementation was the first that HP had attempted outside of America and Europe, O'Brien was sent on an intensive training course. She returned down under as one of the most experienced clinicians in bedside computing.

Ten years later, O'Brien finally turned to the 'dark-side' and became St Vincent's chief information officer. But it was another two years before she discovered the role that meant she could have the best of both worlds.

While studying the effectiveness, safety and efficiency of bedside computing for the Winston Churchill Fellowship in America, O'Brien came across the chief medical information officer role. "It was like a light-bulb went off. I was like 'this is the role I have been looking for, and now I know what it's called'," O'Brien says.

But it wasn't until 2010 that O'Brien actually stepped into the clinical equivalent of the role. Epworth Healthcare - the largest private healthcare provider in Victoria - was embarking on a project to create a 'digital hospital' and wanted O'Brien's help. It was then up to her to sell the idea of appointing a CCIO to the organisation, and luckily it went for it. Now O'Brien says her job is to act as a 'translator' and 'facilitator' between the

clinical and IT staff.

"What I do is really is get clinician's talking about 'gee it would be great if we could do this', and help them take that to 'gee we actually are doing it'."

Like most other healthcare IT project managers, O'Brien says the biggest hurdle to success is change management - and that's where having a combination of IT and clinical expertise is imperative.

"To understand what changes have to be made, facilitated and fostered, and how you can encourage, cajole people, you have to understand where people are coming from - without that it's a very difficult ask.

"There are sorts of things that you couldn't ask a pure IT manager or business manager to do - it would be like me stepping in and telling an accountancy team about their role."

Instead, having walked a mile in a clinician's shoes gives O'Brien the credibility needed to earn the respect of the staff whose support she needs to get new systems up and running. Without the combination of both IT and clinical know-how, O'Brien says projects are much less likely to succeed.

"It's what makes it [a project] happen... you can do everything else right, but unless you have got someone who represents the clinical community, but can also understand the business imperatives and IT, then you are never going to get quite the outcome that you may have first anticipated."

E Health Insider magazine October 2012

Visiting UK Fellow

The CFAV committee recently dined with, Dr Debra Carr (Impact and Armour Group Department of Engineering and Applied Science Cranfield Defence and Security Cranfield University Defence Academy of the United Kingdom). Dr Carr was recently awarded a Churchill Fellowship in the United Kingdom to study Forensic textile science in Australia & New Zealand. Not surprisingly, according to Dr Carr, Australia is a favoured destination for UK Fellows.



From Left: Lou Chamberlin (CFAV Committee), 2012 UK Churchill Fellow Dr Debra Carr, Janine Barrand, (CFAV President)

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Mentioned in Despatches

The Australia Day 2012 Honours List was announced on Thursday 26 January 2012 by the Governor-General. The Honours List provides national and formal recognition for approximately 690 Australians across the nation who have made a significant difference to their communities. Our Australian honours system is internationally renowned and respected.

Australia's distinctive honours system began in 1975 with the creation of the Order of Australia, to recognise service to the nation or humanity. Australian honours are unique in that they were designed for the community to make nominations. The Australian honours system is free of patronage or political influence.

Athol HODGSON AM - 1966 Fellow - To gain experience in forest fire research - USA, Canada

Received the Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia Honours on the Queen's Birthday 2012: *For service to forestry science, particularly the development of land management and bushfire risk reduction strategies, to emergency service organisations, and to the community of rural Victoria.*

Mr Michael (Mike) David LETCH OAM - 2006 Fellow - To study programs that have successfully trained people with disabilities to snorkel and scuba dive and to assist in the establishment of the Australian Disabled Diver's Associations - U.K., Netherlands, France, USA

Received the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division on the Queen's Birthday 2012: *For service to people with a disability through the Disabled Divers Association Victoria.*

Mike was also awarded Hampton Rotary Award for outstanding service to disabled people in the community

Michael MESZAROS - 1969 Fellow - To study medallion work and art at the School of Medallion Art in Rome - Italy

Received the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division on the Queen's Birthday 2012: *For service to the visual arts as a sculptor.*

Michael designed the original CFAV lapel badge

Susan Marriott AM - 1995 Fellow - To study rural communities who have developed methods of extension that turn "awareness" into "action" particularly pertaining to agricultural land management - South Africa, Belgium, UK

Received the Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia Honours on the Queen's Birthday 2012: *For service to conservation and the environment through the Secretariat for International Landcare, particularly the development of programs dealing with climate change and rural land management. (AM).*

Liz Jones AO - 1999 Fellow - The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to examine the place of theatre and its cultural relevance - U.K., Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, USA

Received the Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia Honours on the Queen's Birthday 2012: *For distinguished service to the performing arts as an artistic director, administrator and performer, to the promotion of Indigenous playwrights and actors, and to the community.*

Janice Millikan AOM - Previous Chair of the Victorian Education Committee and founder of the Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange (REAIE)

Received the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division on the Queen's Birthday 2012: *For service to early childhood education.*

Jan has a long and impressive history in the early childhood field, in diverse roles and capacities.

Marita Cheng - 2011 Fellow - The Nancy Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to study strategies used to most effectively engage female schoolgirls in science, engineering and technology - USA, Jamaica, India, Germany, UK



Young Australian of the Year 2012

Engineering visionary

While still a university student, Marita Cheng has demonstrated vision and leadership well beyond her years and is dedicated to encouraging young women to become interested in a career in engineering.

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Vale



Ethel Temby
(09/12/1914 to 10/07/2012)

Churchill Fellow 1976 - To see in operation various support services for the mentally retarded and their families - USA, UK, Canada, Sweden

The State Government, through the Department of Human Services, Disability Services, in recognising the contribution that life-long learning and professional development makes towards a fulfilling work life, has established the Ethel Temby research grants for undertaking a research project and presentation and/or publication related to the disability field.

Ethel Temby has been a leader in the intellectual disability field for more than 40 years. During that time she almost single-handedly led a revolution in the way we think and act about people with a disability. She talked and acted about the rights of people with a disability to live everyday lives in everyday communities, and about the responsibilities of communities to be more inclusive, when no one else did, these ideas have now become commonplace throughout Victoria and indeed Australia.

On June 6, 2011, Ethel gave this interview

What do you think is your greatest achievement to date?

I've never thought of such things – possibly being recognised by colleagues for a social service award, or being recognised after intensive questioning by Dame Phyllis Frost, and a panel of others, as worth being granted a Winston Churchill Award for four months overseas travel studying life-time services for persons with mental retardation in England, Sweden, The United States and Canada.

What importance do you place on education and training?

Each is extremely important. Not paper qualifications, but from listening to other's points of view; asking questions; considering each of the answers; developing a personal set of values, including wisdom and compassion; and that genuine empathy that can only come from having personally experienced a similar kind of experience, although reactions may be different.

What was the most challenging aspect of your career to date?

Giving birth to a child with mental retardation in 1957 when doctors and most of the rest of the population believed that such a child should not live at home but go straight to an institution. In those days everyone thought that everything doctors told us was medical advice, so they arranged for a 'nurse' from The Kew Cottages to take him from the hospital to the institution, to save me from having to do that myself. That was a kindness, but they also said (the doctor who delivered him and a paediatrician he bought to see us) - 'You must put him in The Kew Cottages and forget him. Never visit him again.' I felt as if I had murdered him. Six weeks later, there was a call from Kew to say he was very ill and they thought Alan, my husband, and I should go and see him. We did that (we had five older children, 18 months to ten years) and after that night I was at Kew four days a week visiting him for the rest of my life.

What makes you feel proud to be a woman in 2011?

Am I proud? I don't think about gender, people are people. Some seem likeable, some less so.

What are you currently most interested in?

Everything in Australia and anywhere around the world – as always.

Vale



Esme Weldon Dunell MBE (6 February 1920 — 28 May 2012)

Churchill Fellow 1971 - To visit centres where units for multi-handicapped blind children are operating - UK, Netherlands, USA

ESME DUNELL, who changed the lives of numerous blind children for the better with her pioneering work as matron of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind over almost two decades, has died at an aged care facility in Bendigo. She was 92.

Esme's association with the blind began in late 1960 when she was appointed matron of the RVIB, initially at its old premises in St Kilda and then at the new complex in Burwood.

Esme lived on site following the move to Burwood and gave her life over to the needs of these handicapped children, aged from 2 to 16. Her philosophy embodied a totally new concept of teaching the children how to live a productive and satisfying life as a blind person. They learnt to do most of the things other children would do, such as riding bikes, swimming, racing go-carts and riding ponies.

The children loved her and the new opportunities she had created for them. They also learnt to use the white cane to enable them to find their way around the city, access public transport, as well as master domestic skills such as cooking, dressmaking and craft. Their lives changed forever and many were sufficiently educated to gain full-time employment. For years afterwards many of them stayed in contact with Esme, keeping her informed of their progress in life.

In 1938, aged 18, Esme left home to start her nursing career at the old Royal Children's Hospital in Carlton, where she completed her children's nursing training in 1941. This was followed by six months training in nursing adults at Prince Henry's Hospital, where she became a registered nurse.

In 1942, she completed her midwifery certificate at the

Royal Women's Hospital, and the following year she was appointed charge sister of the children's ward at the Mildura Base Hospital.

Esme married Edward (Ted) Dunell at Maryborough in August 1944. Ted, who had joined the AIF, was immediately sent to Borneo, where he was accidentally killed by a stray bullet after the war was declared over in 1945.

Esme never got over the heartbreak of her loss, and in 1946 moved to the Princess Margaret Children's Hospital in Perth, where she was charge sister for the entire hospital. Her next move was to Hobart Base Hospital in a similar position, and later to Geelong Hospital, also as in-charge of the children's ward.

Later Esme was appointed assistant matron of the Spastic Centre in Armidale. Esme won a scholarship that enabled her to complete a diploma in nursing administration in 1959; as well she became a fellow of the Royal Australian College of Nursing - a laudable achievement given her basic level of formal education.

In early 1960, Esme was appointed relieving assistant matron of the Queen Victoria Hospital, and later that year moved to the RVIB.

In 1971, Esme was awarded a Churchill fellowship, which enabled her to travel to the United States, England and Israel to study each country's multi-handicapped programs. On her return, she eventually convinced management to allow her to implement similar programs.

This led to pioneering work in Australia, with Burwood the first institution in the country to provide for children with multi handicaps. Esme ensured her staff learnt specialised skills to teach these children, as well as encouraging parents to be involved in the children's management and learning.

Esme always looked upon these young people as her children, and she believed they were the reason her life took the path it did. She continued her wonderful work at Burwood for 17 years, before taking her final appointment in 1978-79 as relieving matron of the Croydon Quadriplegic Hospital.

Esme was made an MBE in 1978 for her outstanding nursing service to the blind, and incapacitated children. Her other honours include being a Royal College of Nursing Australia volunteer extraordinaire, and a life member of the college (both 1994).

In 1980, Esme finally retired to her private residence at Box Hill South.

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**James "Jim" Stynes
OAM
(23 April 1966 – 20
March 2012)**



being awarded his Churchill Fellowship in 2006

Stynes also served as president of the Melbourne Football Club from 2008 and was involved in fundraising efforts which brought the club out of debt.

Churchill Fellow 2006 - The 40th Anniversary Churchill Fellowship (VIC) to study evidence based youth programmes and models that support the building of self esteem and resilience in young people - USA, U.K.

Jim Stynes was a prominent Irish footballer who was best known for his career as a professional Australian rules football player and administrator. He was also a philanthropist, charity worker and writer.

During his 264-game career with the Melbourne Football Club in the Australian Football League (AFL) between 1987 and 1998, Stynes became the only non-Australian-born VFL/AFL player to win the prestigious Brownlow Medal, which he achieved in 1991. After his retirement he was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame.

Stynes had a high profile in both Australia and Ireland as a result of his involvement in the Melbourne Football Club's ambitious international recruitment program (now known as the "Irish experiment"). Born in Dublin Ireland, where he was a promising Gaelic footballer, Stynes made an ambitious move to Australia at the age of 18 following his side's win in the 1984 All-Ireland Minor Football Championship.

Debuting in the Australian Football League in 1987, he played a league record 244 consecutive games between 1987 and 1998. Playing as a mobile ruckman, Stynes is credited as having changed the way that the position is played and along with his Brownlow his Australian Rules achievements included the Leigh Matthews Trophy, two time All-Australian team selection, a night and day Grand Final and four club trophies for Melbourne. He also represented Victoria in interstate football matches, and both Australia and Ireland in international rules football, a hybrid of Gaelic football and Australian rules football.

Following his football career, Stynes focused on youth work using his profile to launch the Reach Foundation, which he co-founded in 1994. As a result of his work with young people in Victoria he was named Victorian of the Year twice, in 2001 and 2003, and with the expanded profile of Reach nationally, awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2007.

His work with Reach was also the catalyst that led to him

The Jim Stynes Medal was named in Stynes' honour and first awarded in 1998 to the best Australian player in the International Rules series. The Jim Stynes Cup (also known as the Jim Stynes trophy) was named in Stynes' honour and awarded to the winner of the inaugural International Australian Football Youth Tournament.

In 2000, Stynes received an Australian Sports Medal, and was named in Melbourne Football Club's Team of the Century. In 2001, he received the Centenary Medal and was named Victorian of the Year.

In 2003, Stynes was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame and was once again named Victorian of the Year.

In 2006 during the redevelopment of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, a new corporate dining and function room in level 2 of the Olympic Stand was named the "Jim Stynes Room" in honour of Stynes. It was in this room that the CFAV held the formal dinner to celebrate the 2010 National Convention.

In 2007, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his work with youth and contribution to Australian rules football. Stynes was also named Melburnian of the Year for 2010 for his Reach Foundation work. He was awarded the Australian Catholic University's Doctor of the University in recognition of his social work.

In 2009, Stynes was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma and continued to work during his treatment for brain metastasis. He died in March 2012 and was honoured by a state funeral held at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on 27 March 2012.

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6th National Churchill Fellows Convention

Perth and Fremantle
Western Australia
Friday 19th to Sunday 21st
October 2012

2012 Returning Fellows & Medallion Presentation Dinner

Friday 3 May 2013

CFAV 2013 New Fellow Dinner & AGM

Friday 26 July 2013

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2012—2013 CFAV Committee

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Murray Ashby, Treasurer & President
Elect (2006)
Jenny O'Brien, Secretary (2006)
Shane Ringin, Past President (2000)

Haig Burnell (2011)
Lou Chamberlin (1992)
Daphne Cheah (2002)
Dean Cox (2005)
Jenny Dwyer (2005)
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Julie Rees, (2002)

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