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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

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The Churchill Trust is calling for applicants for the 2005 Fellowship Awards. This Trust was established in Australia in 1965, the year in which Sir Winston Churchill died, and provides financial assistance to enable Australian citizens to travel overseas to undertake an analysis, study or investigation of a project or issue that cannot readily be undertaken within Australia.

Since the Trusts inception over 2800 recipients have received Fellowships, with between 80 and 100 new Fellowships awarded each year at an average cost of around \$20,000 each.

Some of the current Fellowships in NSW include:

- Mr Andrew Huckle who is examining incentive schemes used in the UK and USA to encourage farmers to adopt land and water conservation activities
- Mrs Charlotte Finch who is researching economic tools in the UK to assist the rejuvenation of depressed rural areas with particular reference to "Rural Enterprise Zone Areas."
- Ms Lani Houston who is investigating opportunities to retain and attract youth in regional communities focusing on employment options, training, leadership and youth entrepreneurship in the USA, Canada and Ireland
- Mr Martin McNamara who is examining the tools and techniques that promote active and genuine community participation in health decision making, health priority setting and allocation of health resources in the UK, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, and Canada.

"This is a program deserving of widespread recognition," Member for Tamworth Peter Draper said today.

"Recipients do not need qualifications in their chosen field of study, the merit of the proposal is the primary test, as well as a desire to share their results with the broader community," Mr Draper concluded.

Information and application forms can be accessed at www.churchilltrust.org.au or telephone Freecall 1800 777 231, or 6247 8333. **End Release.**

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