

Mannkal's Musings

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Some changes at the Mannkal Foundation (effective 1st July, 2017)

Mannkal has restructured to improve our operations. Andrew Pickford (a Mannkal Director and long-term associate) is taking on the newly created role of Executive Director.

Our current effective young team now report to Kate Wagstaff, our Scholarships Co-ordinator, whose expanded role now includes liaising with our important Mannkal Ambassadors.

These changes will increase our effectiveness as we pass 'half-time' in our busy 20th Anniversary year.

Warm regards to all,

Ron
Chairman

What Does Mannkal Do?

Mannkal works with universities and institutions to:

- develop the future leaders of WA
- send students abroad to learn the foundations for a free society with our partner think tanks

Who is Ron Manners?

Ron Manners is the Managing Director of the Mannwest Group, the Emeritus Chairman of the Australian Mining Hall of Fame Ltd, and is a member of the Board of Overseers for the Atlas Network, Washington, DC.

Ron was born in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. As a fourth-generation prospector, he studied electrical engineering at the Kalgoorlie School of Mines before he assumed management of the family mining/engineering business, W.G. Manners & Co. (originally established in 1895) in 1955. He expanded and diversified the company which has evolved to become the Mannwest Group.

Between 1972 and 1995 Ron floated several Australian listed mining companies before joining the board of a Canadian company with operations in Mexico, Brazil and Turkey. In addition to his mining interests, Ron has pursued an interest in economic education, establishing the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation in 1997. Ron is also the author and editor of numerous books and articles.

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Ron's Report

Mannkal's 20th Anniversary and our 1,000th Outgoing student

The Mannkal Foundation has come a long way in its 20 years, but in many ways I feel we are only just taking our first steps.

We are, as they say, "only just getting our act together".

This has been, and still is, a learning process for us.

We are very grateful for the tremendous input received from so many people, including our host think-tanks around Australia, New Zealand and the world.

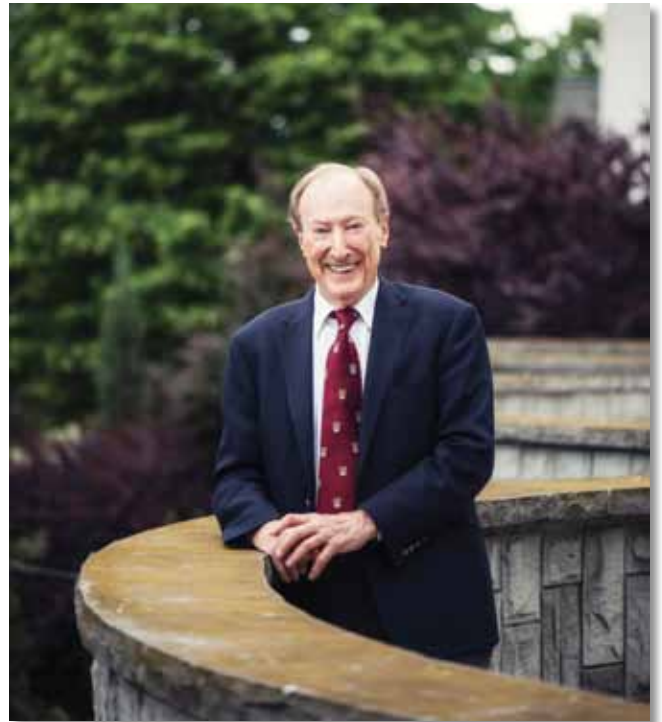
Our outgoing students program has been shaped by input from our returning scholars whose insightful experiences have been passed back to us. Our program has also been deeply shaped by our professional staff, the dedication of our voluntary board of directors, the sage counsel of our internationally based Advisory Council and the wisdom and generosity of our supporting Ambassadors.

If we can retain our humility and ability to absorb fresh ideas, we could really develop this formula into something that makes a lasting and significant difference.

We have gained great satisfaction from witnessing the contagious enthusiasm for new ideas displayed by our returning students and that has been enhanced by seeing so many of them go on to stellar careers in business, research, teaching and public policy.

It is also our hope that we might make some small difference in turning these future leaders away from the current trend of "divisive showmanship" exhibited by our political leaders. (I stress that they are only our political leaders, not our true leaders who lead by earning our respect.)

True leaders exhibit dignity and respect for the rights and responsibilities of the individual, guided by an understanding of the constitutional principles that form a major part of Western Civilisation, itself flowing from Judeo-Christian history and tradition, and an understanding of the legitimate role of limited government.



We have set a challenging task for Mannkal, and we leave it for you to judge our effectiveness.

Each time you meet a returning Mannkal scholar, ask how they have benefited from their exposure to the world of ideas out there?

In this anniversary year of reflection we are asking ourselves, "has this 20-year journey been worthwhile?"

We think it has been, as we already sense we are leaving the future in safer hands.

Ron Manners

**Chairman,
Mannkal Economic Education Foundation**

Andrew's Angle



It has been almost a decade since I participated in an enjoyable and extremely important seminar in Sydney on the future of free markets and classical liberalism. Held in the immediate aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis, we considered the future of capitalism and what became a widespread, continued and systematic re-assertion of the state in the economy and people's lives.

After the long and hard-fought victories opening and deregulating the economy, in battles begun by Bert Kelly and John Hyde and enacted by governments from 1983-2000, we had assumed that the argument around markets and role of government were largely settled.

We were wrong. Those opposed to freedom, in the broadest sense of the word, had regrouped after the fall of the Berlin Wall and had spent time refining their message and cultivating new recruits while consolidating their long march through institutions.

The so-called GFC was a key turning point in the popular debate over markets. Setbacks and activist governments, like their counterparts after the Great Depression and World War II, used these events to centralise, expand and entrench government involvement in the economy. Experience suggests this may extend further. The historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey in a presentation titled: "Maps for the Pilot" about Australian foreign policy from 1904-2044 noted the possibility of a potential re-emergence of a new form of post-communist collectivism.

Ever since the rise of agriculture in the Fertile Crescent, physical and intellectual battles have taken place between collectivists and those who value individual rights and autonomy. In Australia and Western Australia, we are fortunate to benefit from being part of Western Civilisation which has had many champions of individual rights.

As Executive Director of Mannkal, and in my role helping future Western Australian leaders to learn about the importance of individual liberty, I often reflect on my time in Sydney after the GFC. The supporters of free markets were thinning out and the tide was turning. To follow the crowd would be easy. Instead, I realised it was more important than ever to defend and promote these important ideas.

My initial contact with Ron Manners came through an ambition to do more in Perth to help students understand liberty. Some nine years later, I am fortunate to be leading Mannkal as we continue our work in providing opportunities for bright, young Western Australians to learn about the benefits of liberty. This includes our flagship outbound scholars program, student seminars and providing our scholars with opportunities to meet leading thinkers and our ambassadors.

Fighting against a new form of post-communist collectivism, in whatever form or however described, is a generational effort. As a leader in your field or someone interested in providing Western Australian students opportunities to appreciate our freedoms and civilisational heritage, I look forward to working with you on this important mission.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Pickford'.

Andrew Pickford
Executive Director

Where Are They Now?

The Beginning of Mannkal: An Introduction by Bill Stacey, pioneering Mannkal scholar 1989



Being a pioneer, I became the first Mannkal scholar, before there was such a thing. Yet my experience included many of the elements of the rich Mannkal experience for students today. The experience began when studying for an Honours degree in Politics at UWA. I was doing research into the influence of libertarian ideas in Australian politics under Professor Paddy O'Brien. Paddy was a towering figure who enriched the learning of students and challenged people of any political persuasion to think more rigorously. When I was studying with him in 1987, he was in the midst of exposing the corruption of the Burke government. The 1987 stock market crash was just around the corner.

I had discovered references to Ron Manners in my research on the Workers Party. It seemed that he had been an important figure working to make the country more free. Every way I looked, I found people saying that I should speak to Ron. So in the days before email, I wrote Ron a letter asking if he could give me any insights about the 1970's movement for liberty in Australia. Few would be surprised to learn that the swift reply was very welcoming and he invited me up to his home in Kalgoorlie to dig into his archives. The bus took me on a journey that saw Ron and Jenny welcome an earnest stranger with generosity that could not have been expected. I racked up an enormous debt on the then state-of-the-art photocopier, that used heat sensitive rolls of paper. Collecting original correspondence and documentation, well beyond what would be usual for an undergraduate thesis, set me up well for a successful year of study.

The farewell from Kalgoorlie was the beginning of a lifelong friendship and experience, not an end. We kept in touch and two years later in exchange for some work on an essay competition, Ron sponsored my attendance at the Pacific Regional Meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society in November 1989. It was my first trip overseas, opening broader horizons that I had once dreamed of. Little did I know that I would be followed by hundreds of other students who have now been supported on their own journeys to discover liberty.

Mannkal's efforts to bring new ideas to "the threshold of the consciousness" of young Western Australians is now envied around the world. I treasure the memories of being there at the beginning.

Bill Stacey is currently Chief Investment Officer of the Hinrich Foundation, an endowed non-profit focused on global trade issues based in Hong Kong. He is an authority on investment strategy, financial, banking and monetary systems, with a particular focus on China and the Asia region.

During the Asia crisis Bill was involved in sovereign debt restructuring and bank rescue negotiations. Entering investment banking, Bill led highly rated research teams and with Credit Suisse was the lead analyst on some of the largest IPOs ever. He was the founding Chairman of the Lion Rock Institute, Hong Kong's leading free market oriented policy research think-tank.

His engagement with the ideas that are fostered by Mannkal continues, writing a regular column on policy for the largest circulation magazine in Hong Kong and contributing to journals such as Policy and the Cayman Financial Review. Bill is on the board of Mannkal and a Mannkal Ambassador.

Where Are They Now?

Hannah Berdal [2012]



Since completing her Mannkal Scholarship with the Lion Rock Institute in Hong Kong during 2012, Hannah went on to complete her Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce degrees with Distinction at the University of Western Australia. Hannah studied international commercial law at the University of Vienna in Austria, where she worked part-time at the Austrian Economics Centre and the Hayek Institute as a Digital Editor and started the AEC's 'Views from Vienna' monthly newsletter. Hannah continues to contribute monthly to the AEC and remains an avid supporter of free market economics. She is a member of Mannkal's Advisory Council and is currently training as a UK solicitor at Latham & Watkins LLP in London.



Celebrating Christmas in Hong Kong

Bianca Cobby [2015]



Bianca Cobby (née Talbot) is a former Mannkal scholar and final year law student who interned with the Institute of Public Affairs in Melbourne in 2015/16. Upon her return to WA in 2016, Bianca started up a Murdoch Students for Liberty club, affiliated with the national Australian and New Zealand Students for Liberty organization ('ANZSFL'). Bianca is now on the executive board of ANZSFL. Bianca is also the Secretary of the Western Australian Legal Theory Association.

Bianca was most recently preselected to run as a Liberal candidate for the seat of Kwinana in the 2017 WA state election. While she was not elected, she has recently obtained work as a legal assistant. Bianca is determined to continue standing up for classical liberal ideas and will be speaking at the 2017 ALS Friedman Conference.

Emma Dyce [2014]



Emma undertook her internship with the Atlas Network in Washington, DC at the end of 2014. Emma graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Commerce at the University of Western Australia.

In 2015, Emma earned one of eight scholarships offered by the Australian Government and European Commission to undertake further study in Europe, and in 2016 she completed her Masters in International and European Business at EM Strasbourg Business School with the mention 'très bien'. Whilst in Europe, Emma was invited to work with the Council of



With Brittany Gunkler (Atlas) at ISFLC15

Europe's Intergovernmental Cooperation Division as a specialist in the field of Business and Human Rights. Moving away from the world of research, Emma will commence work as an Associate Consultant for a Perth-based management consulting firm later this year. Emma is a member of Mannkal's Advisory Council.



With Andrew Bolt at the IPA office

Where Are They Now?

Phillip Hancock [2015]



Phillip Hancock was a Mannkal scholar from UWA in the 2015/16 program who travelled to Los Angeles to work with Taliesin Nexus. Through his internship, Phil was offered an opportunity of a lifetime in Los Angeles as a film producer.

Since his experience with Mannkal, Phil has worked as a Moving Picture Institute filmmaker during the United States presidential elections and more recently with Smock Media on a documentary web-series for Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation called the Witness Project. Through his work, Phil has been heavily involved with Cuban human rights activists fighting the totalitarian communist regime in Cuba, documenting their story and supporting dissidents.



Attending the Republican Convention for Trump & Pence

Sofie O'Mara [2015]



Sofie O'Mara was awarded a Mannkal scholarship to intern at the Atlas Network over the summer of 2015/16. At the Atlas Network, Sofie worked in outreach and development. Upon completing her internship, She returned to Australia for a year and completed her degree, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce.

Following Sofie's graduation, she was accepted into the highly competitive and prestigious Cato Institute internship program in Washington DC. Sofie is currently living in Washington DC interning in the External Affairs department at the Cato Institute.

Daniel Press [2016]



In late 2016, Daniel Press completed an internship with the Atlas Network in Washington DC, giving him the unique opportunity to learn from renowned scholars and leaders in public policy. Initially interested in the foundations of a free society, but with little knowledge of the public policy world, the Mannkal scholarship opened many doors for his exploration. This initial scholarship led him to move on to both the Cato Institute as the Government



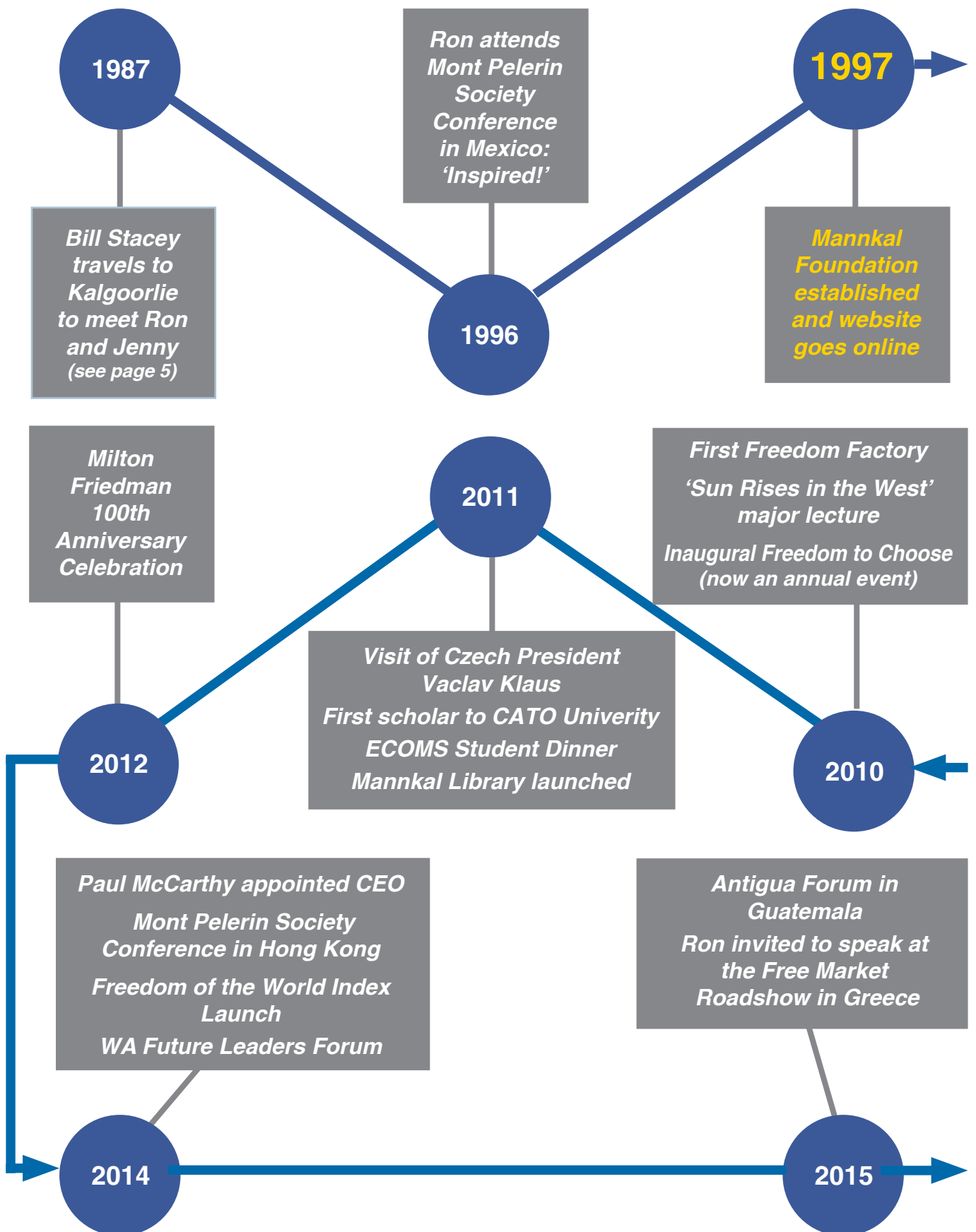
At the Cato Institute function room

Relations intern, and the Competitive Enterprise Institute as the Economic Freedom intern. Meanwhile, he further completed a Policy Fellowship program with the Charles Koch Institute. Daniel's work has been featured in *Forbes*, *Open Market*, and George Washington University's *Regulatory Digest Newsletter*. He has further produced studies on African development and US financial regulation. As a result, Daniel has been offered a full-time job with the Competitive Enterprise Institute as a Financial Policy Analyst.

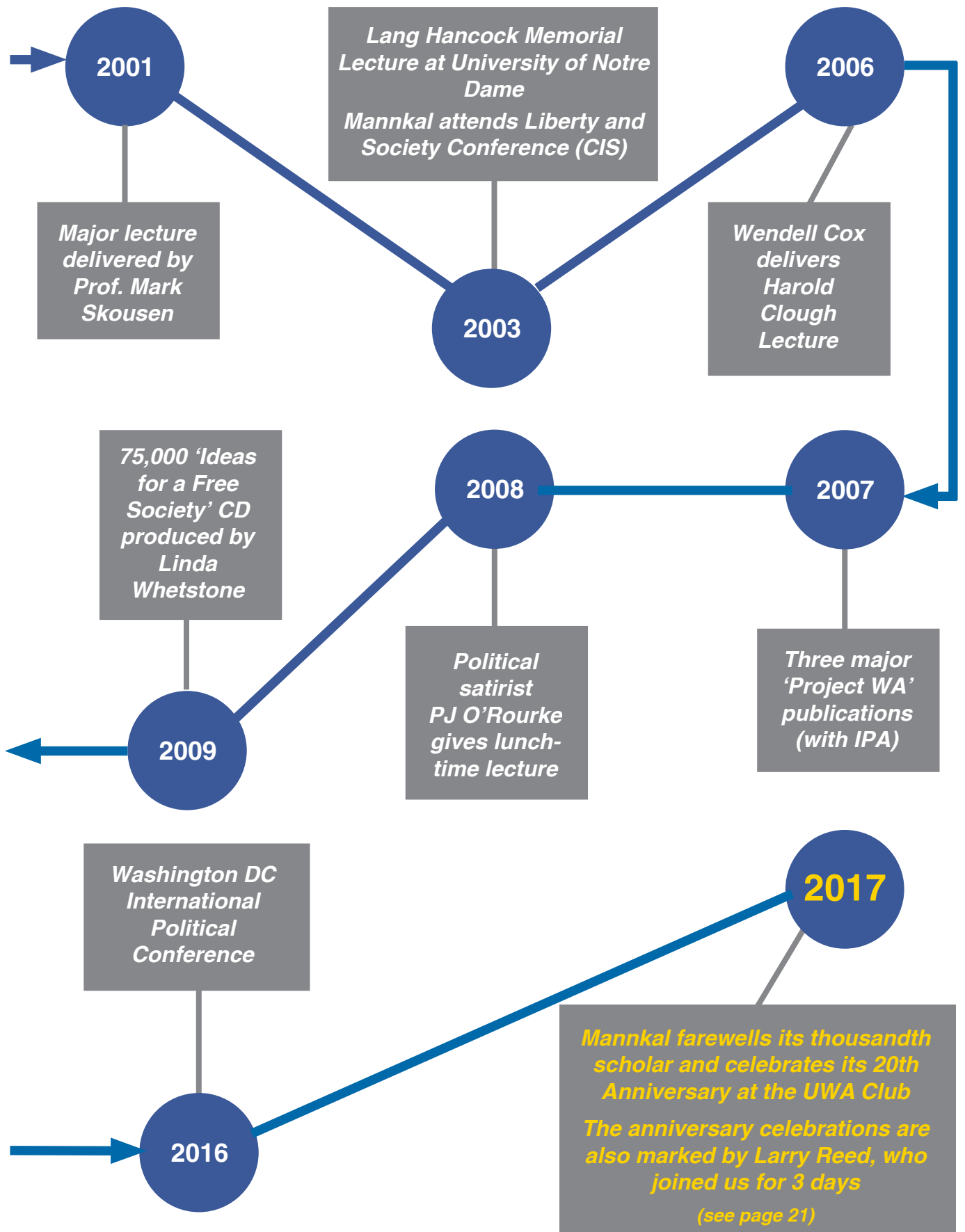


At the Cato Institute library

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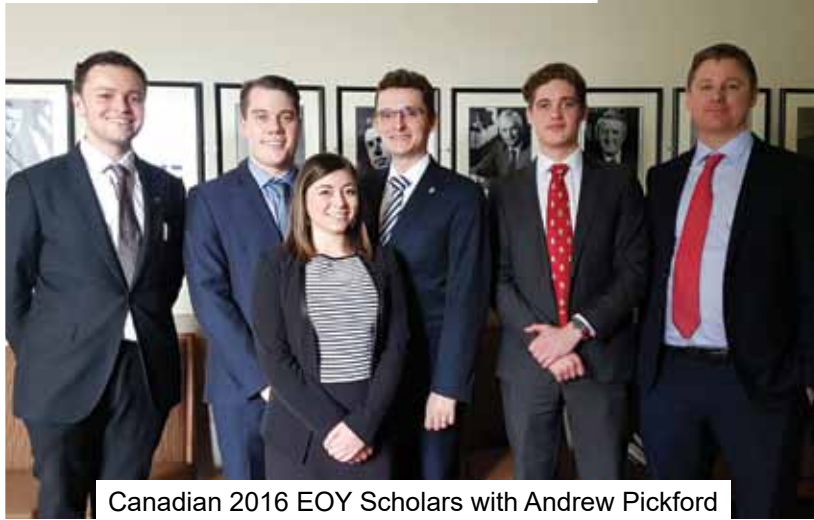
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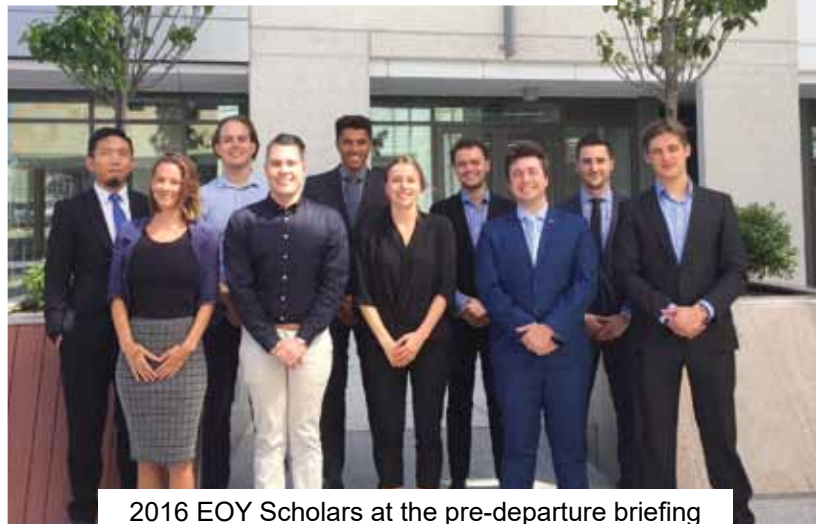
Scholarships



Vena Xu (centre) with the CIPS team (2016 EOY)



Canadian 2016 EOY Scholars with Andrew Pickford



2016 EOY Scholars at the pre-departure briefing



2015 EOY US and Canadian Scholars in Washington DC

Scholarships

Mannkal Scholars Abroad

Centre for Policy Studies – London



James Walker



My five weeks in London were, in a word, formative. My internship at the Centre for Policy Studies began with the enormous Margaret Thatcher Conference on Security, which boasted speakers such as Dr Henry Kissinger, His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal of Saudi Arabia and many other prominent political, religious and academic figures. This incredible conference, which attracted many distinguished and high-profile attendees, became the most tweeted topic among British MPs on the day. Even after the conference, answering phone calls from organisations such as the BBC and the High Commission of Pakistan, as well as meeting Lords and professors on the board of the Centre for Policy Studies forced me to adjust from sleepy Perth, to the economic and political frenzy that is London.

As well as the intellectual gold mine I found myself a part of, being able to experience the sights of London in a beautiful warm summer with many new friends was something I'll never forget. It is such a special experience to be in an environment filled with such a

rich history and culture, while also studying the very principles that allowed the city of London develop and now hold such majesty. These very same principles of limited governments, free markets and competitive individualism are also what has made my home country of Australia so prosperous. Australia is, without a doubt in my mind, the luckiest country in the world and I am so incredibly thankful to Ron Manners and the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation for providing me with the opportunity to fully realise this.



Bringing a bit of Australia to CPS

Atlantic Institute for Market Studies - Canada

Rayford Calitz



I have had few privileges in my life as great as interning at the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies. It is in the Canadian Maritime city of Halifax, where I spent most of my time in Canada. The experience affected my politics almost as much as it improved my knowledge of economics and political theory.

At the AIMS I spent much of my time researching topics, ranging from price regulation of petrol to natural gas regulation in Nova Scotia. My writing and researching abilities improved tremendously under the tutelage of the AIMS team. This was most evident when I was tasked with writing two op-eds on the financial literacy of Canada's youth and the regulation of the Canadian dairy industry.

A highlight of my internship was my time spent in Vancouver at the Institute for Liberal Studies' Freedom Week. It was a gathering of students from many different social and political backgrounds who were interested in discussing ideas on liberty, political history and economics. The lecturers were excellent and I met many awesome people who I can happily call my friends, even though they are half a world away.

I can honestly say that my experience as a Mannkal intern was life-changing. It was the first time I had travelled alone or worked in an office environment; because of this I believe I had many chances to grow both professionally and personally. I want to thank everyone, from the AIMS Team to the ILS, who helped put this all together. But all of this only took place because of the generosity of Mannkal and its founder Ron Manners, to whom I am truly grateful.



Foundation for Economic Education - Atlanta



Chanelle Zubrinich



In the words of FEE's founder, Leonard Read, "In market terms, one is entitled to what others will offer in willing exchange. That is all!" and anybody who argues that the market cannot provide that has certainly never met a Mannkal scholar. In exchange for being passionate about liberty, I was offered a once in a life time opportunity to travel to America where I would attend the first annual FEECon and intern at the Foundation for Economic Education. Luckily for myself, Mannkal is very generous in what they are willing to exchange in order to give students opportunities.

While attending the conference I was given a plethora of opportunities to learn and found myself in many amazing networking situations. Being surrounded by professors, business people and students who came from all corners of the globe was an inspiring way to start my internship. I was even fortunate enough to sit down and talk to American economics professors about a thesis I am considering writing 2 years from now!



Spreading fake news

The most exciting part about a Mannkal scholarship is that it is what you make it. I ensured that I grasped every opportunity which was reflected in being offered on-going employment as an Assistant Editor. During my time in America, I made amazing friends, learnt more about economics and liberty than I ever have and grew professionally to reach a potential that I didn't think I was capable of. None of this would have been possible without the amazing work of Mannkal and I will always be grateful for the opportunity I was given.

Institute of Economic Affairs – London



Ben McDonald



During my placement at the Institute of Economic Affairs I had the opportunity to further my knowledge of classical liberalism while learning more about specific issues that the UK economy faces in the times ahead.

The highlights of my time in the UK were the interns and staff members I had the opportunity to meet. Throughout my internship I met anarcho-capitalists, classical liberals, conservatives, social liberals and democratic socialists. Conversing with people from various backgrounds and political views enabled me to challenge my own views and further my understanding of free markets and liberty.

While I was interning, the IEA held various events - my favourite was the annual THINK conference. This conference aims to address young people and covered topics from housing prices to drones. One topic that interested me was the speech on education by Jamie Whyte - he discussed how government run education programs are falling behind other systems.

During my internship, I had the opportunity to write articles on topics of my choosing. One article I wrote

concerned the benefits of superannuation over pensions that used pay-as-you-go funding. This gave me an opportunity to explore the funding pressures that welfare systems face and how to alleviate some of this burden.

I have had an amazing experience during my time at the IEA. I have enjoyed meeting new people and being exposed to new ideas while in the UK. I encourage students to consider applying for a Mannkal scholarship to further their understanding of liberty and free markets. I am incredibly thankful to Ron Manners, the donors and the team at Mannkal who made all of this possible.



With the Iron Lady herself



Institute for Liberal Studies – Ottawa

Lee Herridge



My internship at the Institute for Liberal Studies was an incredible experience. I was based in Ottawa, Canada's capital, for the most part and from there I was able to travel to Toronto, Vancouver, Niagara Falls

and Montreal.

As fun as the travel was, the more important and fun feature of my internship was the people and the ideas. Matt, Janet and Sabine from the ILS are terrific ambassadors of freedom, and I found being able to have a thought-provoking conversation any time of day to be very invigorating. They demonstrated to me the qualities of a good ambassador for freedom – patient and eager to listen to others. Freedom Week proved to be a great way to meet new people, as the conference was quite small we spent most of our time together. When we weren't discussing important and deep ideas, we were out and about, eating, going to karaoke, and soaking up the sights of Vancouver.

Thanks to everyone at Mannkal for making this unforgettable experience possible - it has galvanised me to take seriously the challenge of spreading the ideas of freedom. If you care about ideas and you have the chance to go to somewhere like the ILS, you'd be a fool not to apply.



Visiting the Canadian Supreme Court

Fraser Institute – Canada

Mitchell Hasleby



Mannkal provided me with the chance to intern at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver for five weeks. The opportunity to work on the annual Mining Survey alongside Taylor Jackson was what initially attracted me to the Fraser Institute -

he provided me with fantastic insight into the resources industry in Canada.

It was a unique time to be in Vancouver as the current situation in the British Columbia Legislature could not be more unusual. The former provincial government led by the BC Liberals (Conservatives) fell short of a governing majority by one seat in the legislature and suffered a vote of no confidence while the New Democratic Party and the Greens formed a far-left government through a power sharing agreement.

I had the opportunity to attend two conferences while I was in Vancouver. The first, Freedom Week, was enjoyable as I was able to discuss ideas with some of the foremost experts in their fields! At the Capitalism and Morality Conference - I was lucky enough to sit on a table with a natural resources investor and speculator

who gave a fascinating talk on the emerging water crisis and was just as entertaining in-between presentations.

The opportunity to intern at the Fraser Institute and attend conferences has given me a lot more confidence, especially to approach leaders that I admire and talk to them. I have learnt a lot about the benefits of free markets and liberty, and I look forward to promoting freedom in Western Australia. I would like to thank Ron Manners and the Mannkal Foundation for giving me this opportunity.



My office at the Fraser Institute

Where in the World Do You Want to Learn?

The Mannkal Economic Education Foundation is looking for students to intern at a range of internationally recognised research foundations and think tanks. All internships are financially supported through the Mannkal scholarship program and open to enthusiastic university students. Opportunities are now open for the 2018 mid year break.

Some of the opportunities on offer...



Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Mason Tuffilli



To be a Mannkal Scholarship recipient is an incredibly rewarding and life changing experience. I was very fortunate to intern at the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) in Ottawa - becoming part of a highly-regarded organisation working with dedicated, passionate colleagues by delving into the economic and political issues facing modern Canada.

The Scholarship program provided truly memorable experiences; appreciating the grand

historic architecture in Ottawa, exploring the picturesque mountains in Vancouver with other ILS scholars and experiencing the colourful characters and bustling downtown streets in Montreal. Being part of a sea of red and white flooding the streets of downtown Ottawa and Parliament Hill, as Canada celebrated 150 years as a nation, was one of the greatest celebrations I will most likely ever experience.

My internship experiences at CTF enabled me to put theory into action, taking on a range of

tasks and projects including; researching govern-

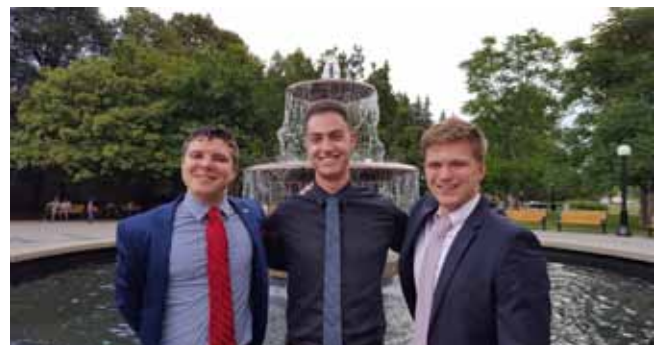
ment transfers paid to provinces and implications of equalisation, analysing entitlement disparities across government

departments, reviewing all taxes paid throughout Canada and conducting research for global news giant Reuters. I am looking forward to using my new knowledge and skills to

promote ideas of liberty back in Perth.

I am forever grateful to Ron Manners and the Mannkal team for the CTF internship. It was

the experience of a lifetime, and I would highly recommend this opportunity to others.



With fellow interns in Ottawa

Apply Now!

Applications are now open for 2018 mid year opportunities. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter to Scholarships Manager, Kate Wagstaff at scholarships@mannkal.org. Our multi-step application process involves getting to know you through interviews, essays and reports, seminars and other events.

Don't delay – get in touch with us today!

For more information visit www.mannkal.org

Events

Events



Mannkal Scholars at our 2016 Year Ahead Event (UWA club)



2016 EOY Scholar Nick Vernon (ILS) enjoying the Canadian outdoors



2013 EOY Scholars with Ron in the Mannkal library



Thomas Sweeny, Amy Thomasson and Jake Fraser at the Freedom to Choose 2016 Conference

2017: Year in Review

ISFLC 2017

The International Students for Liberty Conference is held annually in Washington DC. It is the biggest student gathering in the liberty movement and always features the best and most active speakers. More than 1,000 students and professionals descended on the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for what was the tenth anniversary of the liberty movement's biggest event. Speakers included famous libertarians such as Jeffrey Tucker (FEE), Steve Forbes (*Forbes Magazine*), Johan Norberg and Tom Palmer.

Five Mannkal scholars, at the tail end of their internships in the US and Canada, were lucky enough to attend. Eva Christensen and James Ledger represented their respective think tanks, the Atlas Network and FEE, whilst James Case, Georgina Due and Jackie Morgan travelled down to Washington for the final leg of their trip before they headed back home to Perth. The conference is something of a rite-of-passage for Mannkal scholars who intern in the US and Canada, and has been an unforgettable experience for our students.

Manning Conference

The Manning Conference is the event for libertarians and conservatives to attend in Canada. It is held annually in Ottawa at the close of February and covers some of the most pressing issues facing Canada and the rest of North America. The Manning Centre is one of the most prestigious think-tanks in the country, and Mannkal has sent countless scholars there throughout the years. Present at this year's conference was Julian Hasleby, who had interned there since December, and fellow Canadian interns James Case, Georgina Due and Gavin Rogers. We have received overwhelming feedback from our students that the Manning Conference is the highlight of their internship experience.



Emma Dyce (Atlas) and Ruby Clohessy (FEE) with Senator Ron Paul at ISFLC15



2016 EOY Scholar Georgina Due at ISFLC17



2015 EOY Scholar Sofie O'Mara (now a Cato intern) at ISFLC17

2017: Year in Review

Larry Reed Celebrates Mannkal's 20th Anniversary

Mannkal is immensely grateful to Larry Reed and FEE for going to such a herculean effort to visit Mannkal and contribute to our 20th Anniversary events. Larry's contribution over the three days he spent in Perth gave a measurable and very valuable boost to our activities for the year.

Mannkal's Scholars and Friends Evening, Wednesday 8 March

Larry was a marvellous guest to have at our showcase event of the year and was the clear difference that made the event a success. The crowd was a mix of Mannkal alumni and their parents, supporters and local academic and business leaders. Larry spoke for half an hour on the issues of character and values, with three examples from his recent *Real Heroes* book. Both prior to and after his speech Larry mixed throughout the crowd and was both highly sought out and well received by all attendees.



Lunch with Vice-Chancellors and Senior Academics

Mannkal's relationships with universities are critical to its student program, given the very restrictive regulatory environment around philanthropy in Australia. Universities prefer that we donate funds to support their own departmental expenses as opposed to sponsoring student opportunities. We held a lunch with the leadership of Western Australia's universities where Larry spoke about the future of liberty for Western nations and the wonderful opportunities for students via Mannkal.



Alumni and Applicants Evening with our Students

Larry provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn directly from him at a students' evening. With a standing-room-only turnout of 42 students, Larry was able to deliver two of his best and most popular lectures about the Great Depression and the Abolition of Slavery.

This event alone sparked eleven new applications to our student internship program, nine of which applied to intern with FEE.

“It's great that Mr Reed takes these issues back to the fundamentals of what really matters. Why can't our politicians do the same?”

It's refreshing to hear someone focus on ideas of what is good in individuals and society without taking a party-political side.

Mannkal Internal Staff Training Lunch

Larry skilled-up our staff members with a discussion about the initiatives that enabled FEE to continue setting new standards in the global libertarian community and described how FEE's donor program has surged over the past ten years by creating donor tiers.

Our staff members were delighted by the opportunity to learn from Larry and to realise that they are a part of the global Atlas Network.

2017: Year in Review

ALS Friedman Conference '17

The biggest pro-liberty gathering in the Asia-Pacific region shows no signs of slowing down. Now in its fifth year, it is sure to be a showcase event. Top speakers include Nick Gillespie (editor at *Reason Magazine*), Mike Munger (economics professor at Duke University in New York and leading proponent of Public Choice Theory), Cory Bernadi and David Leyonhjelm. It takes place at the University of Technology and is the premier event for both the Australian Taxpayer's Alliance and the Australian Libertarian Society.

We keep increasing the number of students we send every year and this year Mannkal is proud to send 19 scholars to Sydney for the conference, joined by Ron Manners, Paul McCarthy and the rest of the Mannkal team.

Mont Pelerin Society Regional Meeting

Founded in 1944 by Milton Friedman and Friedrich Hayek, the Mont Pelerin Society aims to facilitate the exchange of ideas between like-minded intellectuals and leaders in the free market movement. Its regional meeting is held in a new location every year, and this May will see 300 members and students meet in Seoul, from 7th May – 10th May, with the theme 'Economic Freedom: The Road to Prosperity'.

Ron Manners has been a long-term member of the society and is excited to be sending seven of the brightest WA students along to this amazing event. Our Mannkal scholars will hear from renowned speakers such as Israel Kirzner, Dr Yaron Brook (president of the Ayn Rand Institute) and Mark Skousen, recently named as one of the 20 most influential economists in the world.

Freedom to Choose

A joint endeavor by Mannkal and the University of Notre Dame, this one-day conference is dedicated to teaching students and graduates the wisdom of free market economics. Held annually at the Notre Dame campus in historical Fremantle, this year's topic was 'The Deepening Malaise of Australian Universities'. Rising rates of unemployment amongst fresh university graduates coupled with rapidly increasing levels of private and public HECS-debt is sure to make this year's conference very relevant for everyone.



2016 EOY Scholars Georgina Due (ILS, Jackie Morgan (Mackinac Centre) and James Case (CTF) in Washington DC



Two libertarian superstars: Ron with Naomi Brockwell at the Mannkal office



2015 EOY Scholar Thomas Sweeney (CTF) in Ottawa

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Samuel Griffith Conference

A must for every law and economics student, the Samuel Griffiths Society's (SGS) annual conference will be held in Perth this year on 25th – 27th August at the Novotel Langley Hotel. The SGS works diligently on emphasising the specific purpose of the Australian Constitution in championing States' rights over the Federal Government.

Speakers include the Hon. Patrick Keane AC (Justice of the High Court of Australia), the Hon. Nicholas Hasluck AM (former Judge of the Supreme Court of WA), former MP Tony Abbott and libertarian Senator David Leyonhjelm.



Ron with fellow libertarians at the 2016 Free Market Roadshow in Spain

HETSA Conference

The 30th annual History of Economic Thought Society of Australia conference will be held on 26th and 27th September at University House of the Australian National University. Organised once again by William Coleman (ANU), we are proud to be sending six Mannkal scholars to attend.

Speakers include Chris Berg (IPA), Steve Kates (RMIT) and Greg Moore (NDU). The keynote speaker is Prof John Creedy (Victoria University of Wellington) and a special speaker is Jeremy Shearmur (Emeritus ANU).



2015 EOY Scholar Eloise Ambrose (CIS) at our 2016 Year Ahead Event at the UWA Club

Western Civilisation Conference

Mannkal and the Institute of Public Affairs will host a follow-up one day conference on Western Civilisation to our immensely popular "The Sun Rises in the West" conference in 2010.

It will be hosted at the brand new Centre for Entrepreneurial Research and Innovation (CERI) in Nedlands on Friday, 24th November.

Confirmed speakers include John Chisholm, Dr Bella d'Abrera, Dr Kevin Donnelly, Prof Wolfgang Kasper, Rev Peter Kurti, Dr Jennifer Oriel and Matthew Lesh.



The parable of red tape and liquor licensing in Australia

Jake Fraser



Liquor licensing regulation is only one small part of Australia's \$176 billion yearly red tape problem.

The current state of liquor licensing in Australia is suffocating businesses. The main issue of liquor licensing regulation is that it hurts small businesses, who are ill-equipped to navigate the bureaucratic swamp. A maze of restrictive laws has not only frustrated venue owners, but quashed industry vibrancy and nightlife.

Unlike other areas, regulation governing the sale, production, and distribution of liquor is conducted municipally. That is, each jurisdiction has its own statute and regulator that enforces that statute. Across the country, there is significant scope for reform. Some desperately needed reforms include streamlining the number of licence types and associated fees, reducing time delays for approvals, and increasing the operational freedom of owners and entrepreneurs seeking to start new businesses.

On average, there are eight different licences – not including sub-classes – in each state. Excessive licence types and sub-classes have supposedly resulted from the state moulding regulations in the 'best interest' of its citizens. Exercising such powers, however, has all but halted growth in new venues, with little demonstrable benefit to consumers.

Recently, fees associated with licences have risen.

Since 2010 annual licence costs of an ACT nightclub open until 5am have been \$28,328. Under newly proposed legislation an even more astonishing figure of \$163,000 a year would be charged. Such draconian regulation has caused a 59 per cent fall in the number of nightclubs in Canberra over this period.

A related issue is the opportunity cost of lost business brought about from time delays in the licence approval process. According to the regulators, it takes 4-6 months for approval in QLD and up to 4 months following an initial 30 day public consultation period in NSW.

Entrepreneurs opening small bars in WA can endure an arduous period of up to two years before licenses are granted. Where liquor licensing red tape is estimated to cost the WA economy \$7.7 million a year, the need for improving the ease of doing business is obvious.

The overreaching arm of regulators was again apparent after a Victorian pub's request to extend trading hours for a Socceroos match was rejected because the match was not deemed to be a 'significant cultural festival'. The real loser in such a scenario is not the business but the public.

Unfortunately, liquor licences only constitute a small part of a growing red tape problem in Australia, and indeed across much of the Western world. Overcoming inertia for reform should be the primary focus of regulators to encourage businesses to flourish.

We need classrooms of tomorrow, today

Connor Lane



For all the hype around online education courses, or computers in the classrooms, the basic model is the same as it ever was: children sit in a classroom, listen to a teacher, go off and do their homework, then repeat the cycle.

It's been obvious for quite a while, however, that this isn't really working with students experiencing long-term falls in test scores in the West as the rest of the world gains access to better education.

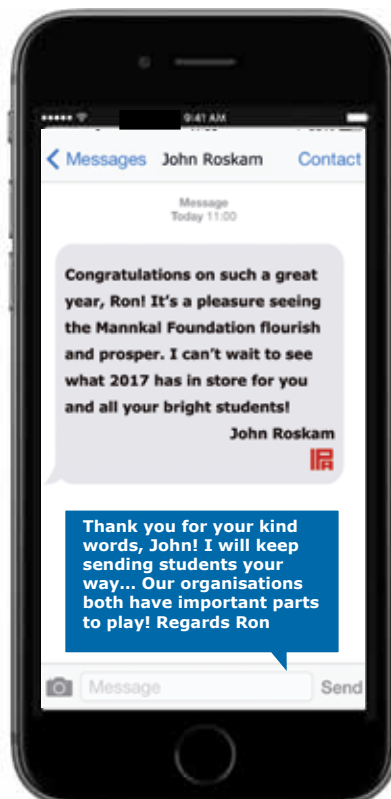
At the same time the job market is becoming permeated by technology. Artificial intelligence is estimated to automate 47 per cent of all jobs by 2034. We seem to be doing what amounts to nothing in the way of preparing for this.

One of the most promising displays of revolutionary personalised learning is 'EdTech', collecting information and using computers to develop a comprehensive understanding of each student before feeding the information back to the teacher.

The results of EdTech are promising – but limited in their scope, due to the system being implemented only in a select number of schools. Countless private enterprises have decided to take matters into their own hands – including Google – investing millions in new learning technologies.

Companies have a rational interest in picking from the most intelligent graduate pool – and are disillusioned with the West's unimaginative system and slipping scores.

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Mannkal Student Opportunities in 2017

Mannkal Scholarship Timeline

Mid-Year Internships Abroad

End-of-Year Internships Abroad

Students for Liberty

Manning Conference

Friedman Conference

Mont Pelerin Society, South Korea

FEECon

Freedom to Choose

ANZSFL, Melbourne

THINK IEA

Liberty & Society Conference

HETSA

Samuel Griffith Conference

HR Nicholls Conference

2016 168 scholarships

2015 135 scholarships

2014 41 scholarships

2013 21 scholarships

2012 13 scholarships

**Mannkal Scholarships will reach
a record high in 2017**

2020



\$6,300,000
1,700 scholars

2017



\$3,900,000
1,035 scholars

2010



\$1,800,000
385 scholars

2005



\$280,000
60 scholars

Bill Stacey

