

Mannkal's Musings

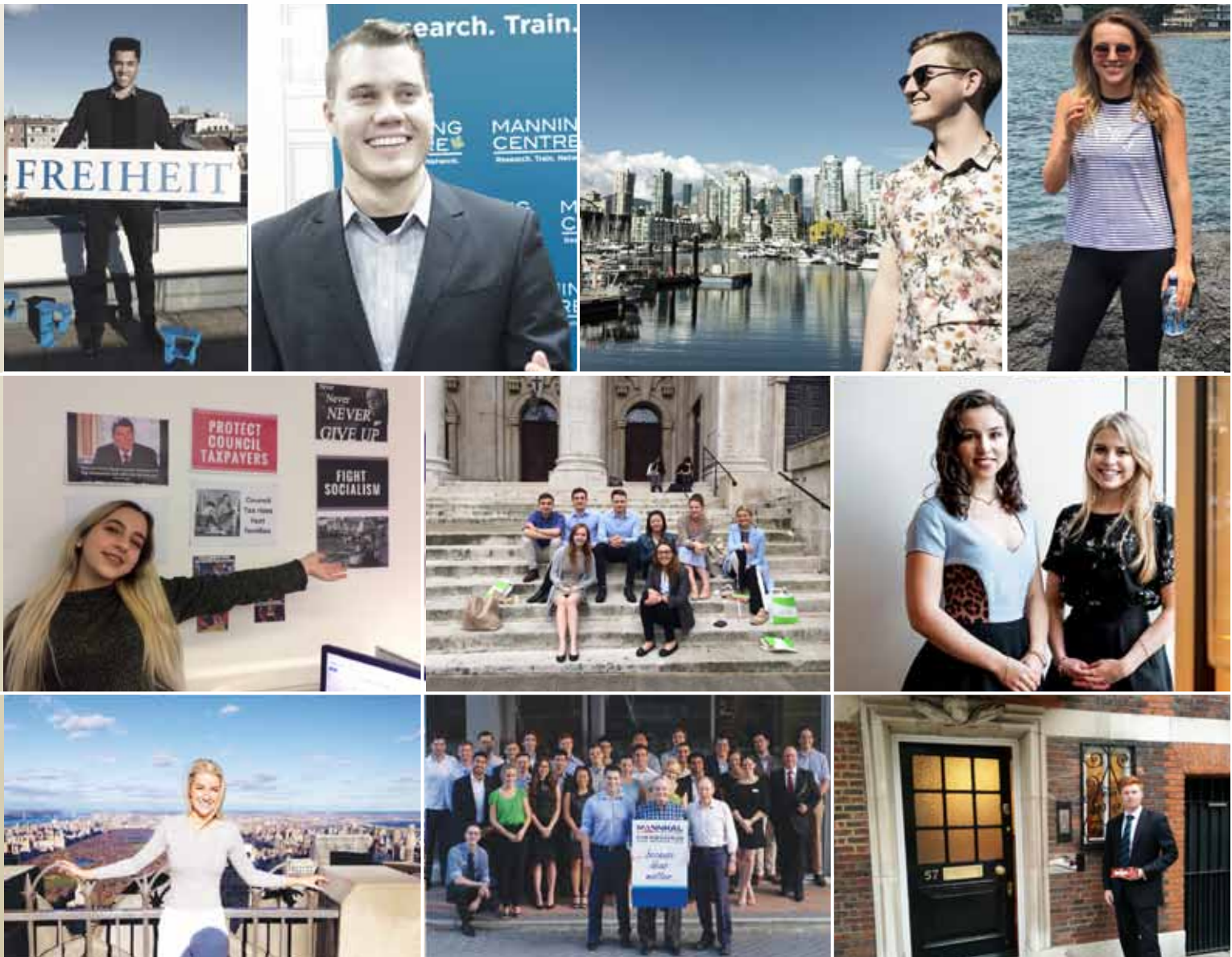
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What Does Mannkal Do?

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 21st Anniversary and our 1,200th Outgoing student

The Mannkal Foundation has come a long way in its 21 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 21-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 – “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”



There is a tendency amongst Australian libertarians and the centre-right to look to our American cousins for inspiration in the battles of ideas. While the glitz and excitement are appealing, the presidential system produces a different dynamic than our parliamentary system. For this reason, political practitioners look to England and Canada for insights rather than Washington. The same is true for ideas. It is time we looked closer to home for inspiration for application of classical liberal ideals and Hayekian concepts.

As a historian, I am aware of the benefit of building on a base of existing knowledge and leveraging past successes. In plain language this is “standing on the shoulders of giants”. That’s why Mannkal will shortly be launching the John Hyde archives and has begun to look at Australian Real Heroes, including John Hyde himself.

Much more work needs to be done. In Western Australia, we are fortunate to have been home to many leaders who have championed the cause of freedom over many years yet are now only known within limited circles. In addition to John Hyde, Mannkal’s Chairman Ron Manners, entrepreneur and philanthropist Harold Clough, as well as the late Senator Peter Walsh, all played a role. Many others have also been important and need to be recognised.

It is time to capture the insights, work and achievements of these giants of Western Australia. Mannkal will be cataloguing the work of these remarkable leaders and disseminating their insights and achievements to the next generation of free market leaders.

No doubt these young leaders will provide their own interpretation and adaption to current issues. This evolutionary process would be identifiable to Edmond Burke, especially as these ideas will now be disseminated through social media rather than by pen and paper.



Andrew Pickford
Executive Director

Andrew Pickford is the Executive Director of the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation. He has experience working with free market, libertarian and conservative think tanks in Australia, Canada and the United States.

A regular commentator on economic, security and energy issues, Andrew has written numerous articles, books and monographs on these subjects for both Australian and international audiences.

In addition to working alongside Ron Manners promoting free market and libertarian ideas, he has had the privilege of learning from a number of leading Australians including Gregory Copley, Harold Clough, John Hyde and Barry Cusack.

As well as serving as the Executive Director of Mannkal, Andrew is also Director at the Indo-Pacific Energy Security Program, PerthUSAsia Centre; Strategic Advisory Board Member, the Crown Council of Ethiopia for Energy and Economics; Senior Fellow, International Strategic Studies Association; Senior Fellow, China Institute of the University of Alberta; Fellow, The Royal Canadian Geographical Society; and Adjunct Research Fellow, University of Western Australia.

Mannkal's Special Opportunities

Australia's Busiest Person Donates Her Most Precious Asset - Time - To Mannkal Scholars



Standing, from left: Sharni Cutajar, Ben McDonald, James Walker, Eva Christensen, Gina Rinehart, Ron Manners, Mason Tuffilli, Tej Patel, Nick Marsh, John McMahon, Connor Lane. Seated, from left: Herman Toh, Llew Cross, Elizabeth Powley, Emma Watson, Olivia Maso.

These fortunate Mannkal Scholars enjoyed the opportunity of spending a full afternoon with Mrs Gina Rinehart as she shared her experiences covering her wide spread of interests. Mining, cattle, agriculture, exports, private vs public companies, regulatory impediments to the nation's future and philanthropy were among the topics of the wide-ranging discussions.

The Mannkal Scholars' one-on-one discussions with Mrs Rinehart were of immense help with their future career choices. It was a remarkable afternoon and an incredible opportunity to share the thoughts of one of Australia's most extraordinary and inspirational business leaders.

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

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 finished her studies and is now a fully qualified lawyer.

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 is now an Associate Consultant with Azure Management Consulting. 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 working as a Research Assistant 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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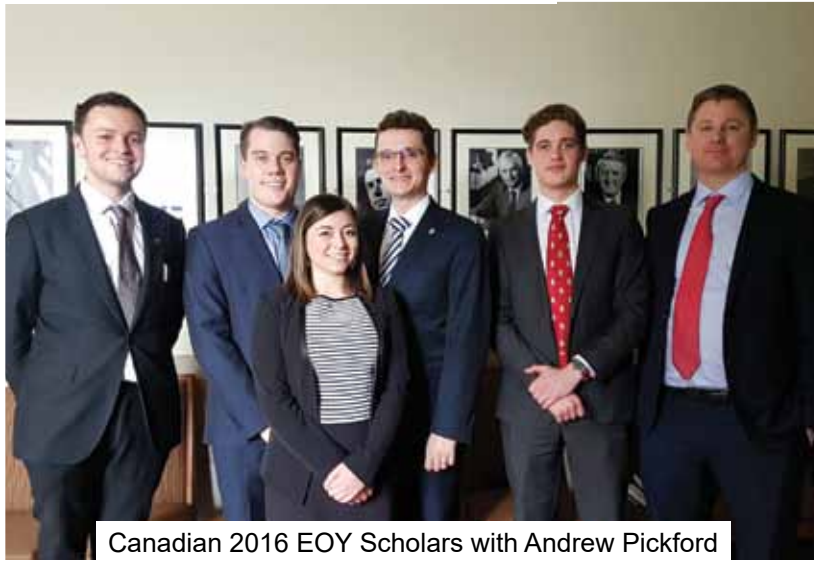
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Scholarships



Our 2018 Asia Liberty Forum Scholars with the CIPS team



Canadian 2016 EOY Scholars with Andrew Pickford



2016 EOY Scholars at the pre-departure briefing



2017 EOY FEE Scholar, Tej Patel, at lunch with Lawrence E. Reed

Scholarships

Mannkal Scholars Abroad

Centre for Policy Studies – London



Joshua Adamson - BComm, Economics and Finance (Curtin)



As my internship with the CPS comes to a close, its certainly hard to believe eight weeks have flown by.

Working with other CPS interns, the majority of my time has been spent conducting an analysis of the UK government's spending on implementing new medical technologies, which has involved its fair share of number crunching! I've also enjoyed looking into Labour's proposed policies on tax and rent controls, and researching US financial regulations which were enacted post-GFC.

My final blog focuses on the blind acceptance of Keynesian economics as truth by modern policymakers, how this has damaged their economies, and how enacting policies based in classical theory has had positive economic effects throughout modern history. The inspiration for the blog came from a conference I had previously attended thanks to Mannkal. Held in Canberra, the History of Economic Thought conference was where I met classical economist Steve Kates from RMIT University. Steve has been a great contact to have to broaden my horizons in relation to

economic theory, and spurred my interest in supply side economics.

With my time in London drawing to a close, its been great reflecting on what has been a truly life changing experience.

I'll be extending a massive thank to CPS for their guidance in what has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Thank you also to Ron Manners and Mannkal for their time and support both before and during the internship. I know this is just the beginning of a longer journey for myself and many other scholars, advocating for free markets and liberty back home.



With the Iron Lady

Menzies Research Centre - Sydney



Rachel Hollick - BComm Double Major, Economics Honours (UWA)



Over the course of my internship, I have had the honour of meeting some of the most incredibly talented people, who have made significant contributions to society in the areas of public policy and politics more generally, including several members of Parliament, two former Prime Ministers and of course my wonderful colleagues at Menzies

Of particular in my last week, I had the pleasure to meet Simon Breheny, the Director of Policy at the Institute of Public Affairs, to whom I had posed a question on the panel of Q&A. In his response, Simon spoke of the principle of individual responsibility, how it should be up to politicians to regulate their own behaviour not any code set by Parliament. I thought this clearly articulated response beneficial not only for myself but for others

in the audience, who due to their distrust in politicians, may believe that regulation is the only way to ensure good conduct.

It is these inspiring people, such as Simon and the many others whom I have met, that society would not celebrate for their contributions. After all, were it not for the continued efforts of people such as Nick Cater and the members of Menzies, adherents to ideological causes such as Tony Abbott, and numerous other individuals, our society would not be what it is today. The case for liberal economics may well have been lost and the people subjected to the tyranny of identity politics. As in the words of John Curran, "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance." These people have done exactly that, exercising vigilance over the freedoms we enjoy, for which we should be eternally grateful.

Foundation for Economic Education - Atlanta



Tej Patel - BComm Double Major, Economics Honours (Curtin)



From my first day to my last at FEE, it has been nothing short of inspiring and amazing. I have met some of the most dedicated and friendly individuals who are always pursuing their pathway to educate and inspire students and individuals around the world. FEE is vital and a critical free market think tank which is at the core of the libertarian movement.

In my last week, I had lunch with the President of FEE, Lawrence Reed who talked about some of his unique experiences throughout his career. I learnt in one fascinating discussion we had that Larry was once a travelling journalist and stayed a week with an African rebel group during a civil war.

I also met with Jason Kelly during the week who is FEE's data manager. We talked about various strategies FEE uses to reach over a million people each week.

Overall the last eight weeks have been the journey of a lifetime, travelling for countless hours to a new working environment with a welcoming and inclusive



Infiltrating the fake news media

team, FEE will be remembered as the place where my ups and downs didn't matter, but the culture and dedication to pursuing free market and libertarian ideas stood strong.

I look forward to returning to sunny old Perth, to help develop and implement my learnings throughout this journey.

I would like to thank Ron Manners and the Mannkal team for allowing me to grow as an individual in pursuit of liberty. I can't wait to come back with a fresh perspective on the world around us.

Institute of Economic Affairs – London



James Walsh - BComm, Economics and Finance (UWA)



It is quite surreal how quickly the time has gone. It feels like one minute I was saying goodbye to family and friends in Perth and the next I am about to finish a seven-week internship at the Institute of Economic Affairs.

The past week has consisted of finishing up various research projects and submitting a final draft for my extended blog post. In particular, I have continued my research into the role of financial services in the UK in a post-Brexit world. It has been incredibly interesting to learn that the top 1.3 per cent of earners in Britain pay 30.4 per cent of all income tax.

Moreover, I have spent considerable time finalising a project that I have been working on with Head of Education Sophie Sandor. It has been quite a lengthy process, but we have been linking High School exam specifications with IEA publications.

Although it has been a quiet week for public events at the IEA, we have had a number of internal events that I have helped coordinate. These have included hosting

'goodbye' events for outgoing staff and general team meetings. It has been a great experience the past two months working with Operations Manager Jamie Legg in organising and facilitating a diverse array of events!

Although it is my last week here at the IEA, the memories and friendships built here will last a lifetime. I would like to once again thank Ron Manners and the Mannkal team for this incredible opportunity – my time in London has been exceptional.



Sightseeing at Blenheim Palace

Australian Taxpayers' Alliance - Sydney

Kyle Williams - BA, Global Politics and Counter-terrorism (Murdoch)



In my final week at the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance, I maintained the busy pace that embodies this great organisation.

I sat in front of the Select Committee Inquiry into Electricity Supply, Demand and Prices in NSW with Satya Marar, Director of Policy at the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance. Beyond being an experience in and of itself, being involved in the presentation of a submission that I had contributed to and seeing its reception has left me with a great feeling of achievement.

I wish to take this opportunity to write on what I did, but also what I have taken away from my experience at the Australian Taxpayers Alliance.

The obvious answer would be the practical skills that I have gained during my time. I gained experience compiling research for parliamentary inquiries, campaigning, article writing and interviews. All of this will be invaluable for the future.

Therefore, the biggest clarity I believe I have gained from my internship has not been skills, but how they



With Senator James Patterson and MP Tim Wilson should be utilised: to utilise my abilities to serve others, and the importance of voices in public discourse that can call poor policy and bad intentions to account where they can be found.

My time in Sydney has left me with a new drive to see change and the skills to achieve it with. I cannot thank Mannkal and the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance enough for the opportunities I have been given, nor can I wait to put them to use here.

Alberta Institute, Calgary

Louis Williams - Masters of Health Administration and Policy (Murdoch)



In my last week, I took advantage of being in a different continent to explore the native flora and fauna. I was able to see animals like Bison, a Mountain Goat (which was the size of a large cow) and a Grey Wolf. For those who may not be familiar with

the Grey Wolf, it has become quite a popular animal in libertarian circles thanks to one environmental activist, Hank Fischer.

Once upon a time this animal was on the endangered species list. Government efforts to reintroduce the species had failed because the local farmers did not want wolves eating their livestock. Hank saw the issue farmers were having and rather than lobbying the government to solve the problem, Hank tackled it himself. He established a fund to compensate farmers for their losses, which allowed those who cared about the carnivores' population numbers to invest in their wellbeing by paying a farmer with a wolf den on their property for any loss of livestock.

Now that our research projects are well underway, my boss and I decided it was time to start working on the website for the Alberta Institute. While working on the site, news hit that several councilors had gone public on their fears related to the cost of hosting the 2026 Winter Olympics. These councilors were lobbying for a

referendum, to allow the city's citizens to have their say before an Olympics bid goes any further.

The Alberta Institute will be running a campaign in support of the idea of a referendum and, luckily, because we had already prepared all the research in advance, the campaign won't take very long to get ready to launch.

Finally, it is with my heavy heart that I will be leaving the Alberta Institute at the end of this week. I have volunteered to continue helping the Alberta Institute for a little longer to finish my research on sock puppets from Perth. I have loved interning here in Calgary and learnt so many skills. I can't thank Mannkal enough for the opportunity.



Utilising Canada's public transport system to the fullest

New Zealand Initiative - Wellington

John McMahon - BComm, Economics (Curtin)



After seven inspirational weeks, my adventures in Wellington are reached their conclusion. In my suitcase: the knowledge, experience, and memories of my time here. As I clear my desk and make for the airport, I look back on my time with the NZI fondly and consider the events of the last week.

Firstly, the saga of making Australian water management digestible for the New Zealand audience is over. My article was published on Interest.co.nz. As someone who always considered language my greatest weakness, the opportunity to have my work published still feels quite surreal. I am satisfied with quality of my work and am proud of myself for having the courage to volunteer. My mission for personal growth in Wellington has been a resounding success.

Despite it being the last week, my productivity had increased. Just yesterday I found myself voluntarily working overtime to write the commentary on the latest publication. I followed this by assisting Dr Bryce Wilkinson in turning his potent appraisal of the New Zealand

Treasury's new wellbeing framework from a press release into an Insights 3 article. I was glad to work with Bryce, even if it meant forgoing the publication of a third article. My objective was to aid and support the team in any capacity required, so I am glad that I was able to provide tangible value to the New Zealand Initiative during my short tenure.



At the top of Mt Victoria

**THE
NEW ZEALAND
INITIATIVE**

The Taxpayers' Alliance - London

Olivia Maso - BComm, Bio-medical Science and Commerce (Notre Dame)



I cannot believe that it is my final week at the Taxpayers' Alliance! I have learned so much over the past 11 weeks, it saddens me that it is coming to an end.

Over the last week, I have kept busy with many activities. The World Taxpayers' Associations guidebook which I have worked on with fellow Mannkal scholar, Nick Marsh at the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation, is being polished up by our supervisors. This has been our main project, alongside many others. I hope that after some more scrutiny, editing and additions, when it is finally ready to be distributed, it can go on to assist many new taxpayer groups flourish and help those already in existence towards further success.

I had a relaxing break from campaigning over the weekend, an activity I have come to love but which has also occupied most of my previous ones while at the TPA. Our campaign manager and my now good friend, Chloe, invited me along to a meeting of the Australian Liberals Abroad. This consisted of an informal lunch and Julie Bishop joining us later for drinks. Making time in her busy London schedule, she discussed her current activities around Europe and assured us that negotiations are taking place to ensure that Australia is hopefully first on the list for a trade deal with the UK post-Brexit.

The most exciting part of my week was a mid-week escape to Manchester, also with Chloe. She was speaking on a panel as part of a discussion and debate regarding the role of unions. Leading up to the event was an exciting time and it had the opportunity to be a polarising debate, especially in a city such as Manchester which holds the history of the labour movement, but we wanted to come at this from an angle of hope and practicality.

It saddens me that this is my time is coming to an end and I will soon be heading home but thanks to Mannkal, the experiences I have had, the people I have met and friendships I have made will not be soon forgotten.



Campaigning with the TA team

**TaxPayers'
Alliance**

Ayn Rand Institute – Los Angeles

Chris MacCarthy - LLB (Notre Dame)



A Mannkal Scholarship opens the door to an amazing career and develops you professionally, intellectually and personally. It puts you in contact with people at the highest level of society, engages your mind and gives you awesome life experiences. I was extremely privileged to be offered a Mannkal Scholarship and to be selected by Steve Simpson, Director of Legal Studies, to become the 2018 Legal Fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute, which this year celebrates the 75th anniversary of Ayn Rand's famous novel, *The Fountainhead*. The Ayn Rand Institute was the perfect placement for me, with a philosophy and mission that I shared and embraced from day one in exploring and discussing the philosophy of liberty within the context of American law and society.

I did not truly appreciate the importance of the fight for liberty and especially the fight for free speech on university campuses and in society until I joined Mannkal's program and joined ARI. Voices are being silenced on university campuses and in the broader society. Governments are failing our nations as the heavy weight of bureaucracy strangles economies

and people's lives. Now, more than ever, the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation's ethos rings so true: "because ideas matter..."

We need experienced and innovative leaders in our community to achieve true liberty and to this end the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation does amazing work by broadening the horizons and potential of highly motivated, intelligent and innovative young Western Australians. So, fight for liberty and become a Mannkal Scholar!



With Steve Simpson, Director of Legal Studies at ARI

Atlas Network – Washington, DC

Jack Williamson - BComm, Marketing and Management (Curtin)



My final week in the US began 2 hours south in Richmond, visiting old friends as well as making new connections. Richmond is the Capital of Virginia and was also once known as the capital of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Whilst downtown I was grateful to take a photo under the statue of Robert E. Lee, a prominent figure in the Civil War. Lee commanded the Confederate States Army and also dutifully served the U.S. Military for the majority of his life.

The highlight of the week were the back to back days of lectures from Dr Tom Palmer at the Cato Institute. He is an author on libertarian theory and many of his books are distributed through Mannkal. Dr Palmer is an active proponent of liberty throughout the world, establishing and managing think-tank programs through Atlas. His experiences allow for well rounded discourse on liberty.

On the first day Dr Palmer delivered a talk titled 'Foundations of Modern Political Economy', based on the teachings of Frederic Bastiat. Bastiat was a French

economist and is most famous for his concept of the broken window fallacy. On the second Dr Palmer gave us the 'History of Liberty'.

These experiences and farewells to the various historical sites around DC rounded out my time. Time spent in one of the most powerful cities on our planet. Time provided by the humbling opportunity and tireless work of Ron Manners rest of the team. Time spent here at Atlas and time spent focusing the mind on life, liberty and happiness.



In front of the US Capitol

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

Nick Marsh - BComm, Finance and Economics (UWA)



This week brings an end to my time in Ottawa. In so many different ways, I've become accustomed to my daily routine, the CTF office environment and the Canadian way of life. It feels like a long time ago now that I was in Bangkok at the WTA Regional Taxpayers Forum. There are so many great memories that I'll keep from my time in Canada, many of which I've been able to highlight in my weekly blog and that I look forward to reflecting on for years to come. Everyone at the CTF have been a great support for me and have provided opportunities to develop both my personal and professional skills. Outside of the CTF, I've also made further contacts in Ottawa who I look forward to staying in touch with upon my return to Perth.

I decided to spend my last weekend exploring Quebec City. I enjoyed being able to walk around Old Quebec, within the Fortifications of Quebec National Historic Site. I found 'Le Château Frontenac' to be an incredible building. I wasn't surprised to find out that it's reputedly the world's most photographed building.

During WWII, Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt met at the building to plan D-Day. Also in Quebec City, I visited 'La Citadelle', the Parliament building, Plains of Abraham and the Old Lower Town.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Ron Manners and the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation for providing me with the internship opportunity. It has been an incredible experience!



At the Australian High Commission in Ottawa

New Zealand Taxpayers' Union - Wellington

Ian Tan - BA, Political Science, International Relations and History (UWA)



My last week with the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union saw a flurry of activity as I prepared for my departure.

It has all been about tying up the loose ends this week – contacting local District Health Boards to chase up the last figures on the rate of missed appointments. With all 22 DHB's reporting – bar two – the figures reveal a stark picture. On average, around 7% of appointments are missed nationwide with some DHB's hitting double digits and some doing extraordinarily well with some councils reporting a rate of just north of 2%. While most DHB's don't calculate the cost of missed appointments, one estimation that we received were quite concerning and if extrapolated, the figures are even more damning. The information gathered here will prove useful for NZTU's plans for the coming year.

It has been a great time to have been here in Wellington and to see the value of NZTU's work. I leave here with a greater appreciation for New Zealand's freedom of information laws which allows not just NZTU, but the wider public, to play an important role in making government more transparent – especially as it only

seems to grow larger and encompass more powers. This is a lesson in which Australia must learn and it should start with removing the application fee for FOI requests at a state level. But overall, it has been a great experience and I want to thank Mannkal for this great opportunity.



With Porky, the NZTU's mascot

Do you want to be our next Mannkal Scholar?
Applications are now open for 2018 Mid-Year
Internships – APPLY NOW!



Ed Powley, Ian Tan, Josh Slattery, Nick Marsh and Elizabeth Powley at the Freedom to Choose Conference 2017



2017 EOY Scholar Jack Williamson (second from right) with fellow Atlas interns



2013 EOY Scholars with Ron in the Mannkal library



Anthony Spagnolo, Sharni Cutajar, Tim and Helen Andrews at the Americans for Tax Reform's Gala Dinner in NYC (January 2018)

Events

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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.



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



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

Samuel Griffith Society Conference

The SGS' annual conference is a must for anyone with an interest in Australia's constitution and our parliamentary institutions. The 2018 conference was held in Perth and featured many prominent speakers such as the Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Senator James Paterson, Senator David Leyonhjelm and Peta Credlin.

Mannkal proudly sponsored 19 students to attend the 2-day event and each and every one of them lavished the opportunity to ask pertinent questions about the fragile state of politics in this country.



Mannkal Scholars Micha Gartz and Aditi Chaturvedi with Peta Credlin

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Mannkal and the Institute of Public Affairs Celebrate Western Civilisation

On Friday, 24th November 2017, Mannkal welcomed 100 attendees to its Western Civilisation Conference, *The Sun Rises In The West II*. Held in partnership with the Institute of Public Affairs, it was the second installment of our Western Civilisation conference program. The audience was young and enthusiastic, with university and high school students making up the majority of attendees. Also in attendance were some of Mannkal's dearest supporters, as well as new friends and affiliates. The venue was the spectacular CERl - The Centre for Entrepreneurial Research and Innovation in Nedlands, a new start-up 'incubator' founded by Charlie Bass.



Olivia Maso, Louis Williams, Doug Hall, Jethro Neave, Ron Manners and John Chisholm



Group panel: "The Future of Western Civilisation in Australia"



SPEAKERS

John Chisholm

"How Western Civilisation Enabled Silicon Valley"

Dr Bella d'Abrera

"The Origins of Freedom"

Dr Kevin Donnelly AM

"The Culture of Freedom - Western Civilisation and the Next Generation"

Prof Wolfgang Kasper

"Australia between Western and Eastern Civilisations - Now and in the Future"

Rev Peter Kurti

"Reason and Doubt - the Christian Roots of Liberty"

Matthew Lesh

"The Attack on the Enlightenment and Campus Free Speech"

Dr Jennifer Oriel

"The Great Unlearning"



2017: Year in Review

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.

2017's speakers included James Allan (UQ), William Coleman (ANU), Elena Douglas (Knowledge Society), Peter DrakAe (ex-VC of ACU), John Lodewijks (S P Jain School of Global Management), John Nethercote (ACU) and Ruth Williams (La Trobe). Mannkal was proud to sponsor 80 students to attend.

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 in May 2017 it saw 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 was excited to send seven of the brightest WA students along to this amazing event. Our Mannkal scholars heard 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.



Kyle Williams asking a question at Freedom to Choose 2017



Ron giving the vote of thanks at the end of FTC



Mannkal Scholars with Professor Peter Boettke



James Walker, Cameron Hee and Sharni Cutajar

2018: The Year Ahead

6th ALS Friedman Conference

The biggest pro-liberty gathering in the Asia-Pacific region shows no signs of slowing down. Now in its sixth year, it is sure to be a showcase event. Top speakers include Dr Tom Palmer (Atlas Network), Jeffrey Tucker and WA's own the Hon. Aaron Stonehouse. 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.

Applications are now open! Visit www.mannkal.org for more details.



The Mannkal team at the 5th ALS Friedman Conference 2017

Freedom to Choose

The topic of the 2018 FTC conference is *Would a Plucked Goose Still Lay Golden Eggs?* and will be devoted to analysing the so-called wisdom of Australian governments levying surplus or rent taxes in the resource industries.

Held in partnership with the University of Notre Dame, the conference is specifically designed for undergraduate, honours and postgraduate students. Mannkal once again look forward to invited a large student contingent to attend.

Scholarship applications will open in May.



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

Samuel Griffith Conference

A must for every law and economics student, the Samuel Griffiths Society's (SGS) annual conference will be held in Brisbane this year on 3rd – 5th August at The Pullman in Brisbane. The SGS works diligently on emphasising the specific purpose of the Australian Constitution in championing States' rights over the Federal Government.

Further details will be announced as soon as they become available. Mannkal looks forward to sending another batch of bright and passionate students to attend.



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

The parable of red tape and liquor licensing in Australia

Jake Fraser, 2016 EOY Scholar at the Institute of Public Affairs



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, 2016 EOY Scholar at CapX



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.

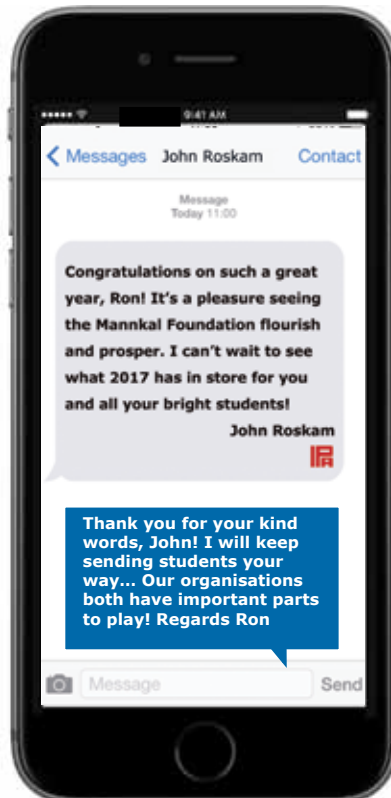
At the same time the job market is becoming permeated by technology. Artificial intelligence is estimated to automate 47 per cent of all jobs by 2034. We seem to be doing what amounts to nothing in the way of preparing for this.

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

