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Mannkal's Mission

We are a private, not-for-profit organisation. We promote free enterprise, limited government and individual initiative for the benefit of all Australians.

Our flagship activity is our Leadership Development Program, which provides scholarships for Western Australian university students to attend conferences and volunteer at think tanks, both domestically and internationally.

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 Advisory Council 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

I was recently discussing the current 'state of the nation' with a person who I regard highly. I respectfully submit his comments;

"The extraordinary thing about the democratic system is that nobody actually seems to run it. In places like Russia, China and North Korea, there is no doubt about who is in charge. In the democratic world we seem to be pushed along an incoherent path, this way and that, in accordance with which pressure group happens to get the upper hand at a given time, quite often in opposite directions to where reality dictates we should be going. It is remarkable that in spite of this we are doing as well as we are."

— Sir Arvi Pabo, AC

Let us translate this into "good news".

There may be three forms of Democratic Government, listed by my priorities:

1. Strong Government in favour of Constitutional limits to the role of government;
2. Dysfunctional Government, with no clear philosophy, other than vote-seeking;
3. Strong Government in favour of unlimited government powers.

If Australia has settled for the second option, we can rejoice as it is better than the third alternative, so we are free to get on with our lives and prosper.

Capitalism breathes through loopholes, they say.

There still remains the threats from politically correct intimidation. So what can each of us do about our diminishing freedoms?

Here are two things:-

1. Discourage your university from teaching the myth that 'all cultures are equal'. They are certainly not equal in preparing people to be productive in a modern technological society. Some cultures are successful and they need to be maximised. One is called Western Civilisation (not generally taught in Australian universities, at all). Other cultures are more suited to primitive civilisations and they should be minimised;
2. Become activists. University freedoms have been minimised by activism of the left, having been more successful than libertarian activism (Public Choice Theory explains why this is the case; those receiving the concentrated benefits work harder for their cause). Effective free market activism is the antidote to today's diminishing freedoms.

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So, let me encourage any Libertarian Activists, to take our lives into our own hands and play a part in shaping the direction of our own society in which we wish to live.

Meanwhile, all of us, here at Mannkal, derive pleasure in creating these small opportunities for students as we see this as the beginning of their great achievements.

I recall the words of one of my favourite poets, Nan (Nanushka) Witcomb; whose short poem captures this spirit;

*There comes a time
when we
can no longer blame
the past
for our present misfortunes,
and we discover
that we are responsible
for our own lives –
they call it
'growing up' –*

We hope that Mannkal, through our Leadership Development Program, will reinforce this sense of responsibility and unrelenting curiosity as you continue on in life's relay race.

Ron Manners

**Chairman
Mannkal Economic Education Foundation**

Tom Switzer: The Crisis of Australian Universities



Tom Switzer, Executive Director of The Center for Independent Studies in Sydney, joined Mannkal at its annual Emerging Leaders' Showcase on 7th March, 2018 at the University Club of Western Australia. Tom delivered a powerful keynote speech titled "The Crisis of Australian Universities" - read it in full here:

"Let me now dedicate the rest of my remarks to the crisis in Australian universities....

John Henry Newman, the 19th century theologian and one of the founders of one the great universities of the world, Dublin University College...

Here's what he said about the purpose of the university:

A university training is the great ordinary means to a great but ordinary end.

It aims at raising the intellectual tone of society.

It is the education, which gives a man a clear, conscious view of their own opinions and judgements.

A truth in developing them...

An eloquence in expressing them.

And a force in urging them.

A sound university education teaches us to see things as they are, to go right to the point...

"Traditionally, universities have cultivated and promoted the Enlightenment values of rational enquiry and the pursuit of truth, of freedom of speech and thought, and of reasoned and civil debate – values that are crucial to the good health and proper functioning of liberal democratic societies.

However, there is a growing sense – a growing dismay reflected in the words of Michael Chaney – that universities are no longer playing their traditional role.

Consider the 'Unlearn' marketing campaign launched by the University of Sydney last year; it promoted how students would be "taught how to unlearn...and, challenge the established, demolish social norms and build new ones in their place."

Sydney University students were even being "urged to 'unlearn' the purpose of business".

Here's from the press release of a media release issued by the Sydney University's school of business school in October 2017:

"Universities must help students and the

community more generally to "unlearn" the traditional profit-oriented purposes of business", and change "the popular view that the role of business is to maximise shareholder value".



The remarks made by the Dean of the Business School, no less, about the School's "business not as usual" approach...

Then there is the threat posed by identity politics.

Late last year the Institute of Public Affairs report, *The Rise of Identity Politics: An audit of History Teaching at Australian Universities in 2017*, made these two key findings:

1. That the most common subjects taught in history departments relate to identity politics (such as gender, race, Indigenous issues, the environment, and sexuality): they were far more commonly offered in almost all Australian universities; and

2. That only small proportion of courses – 241 of 746 university history subjects nation-wide – taught some aspect of the 'Essential Core Topics in the History



of Western Civilisation' such as the history of Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, World War II, US History, and British history.

To repeat: This is a long way from the purpose of university education as expressed by John Henry Newman – and little wonder that people are now commonly speaking of our universities being in crisis.

So, what might be done to restore the role of modern universities as bastions of the enlightened values of liberal democracy?

First, keep doing what you are doing at Mannkal and programs such as the Outward Bound program: it is a fantastic initiative that is not dissimilar to the CIS Liberty and Society program, which Mannkal has generously helped support – allowing us to run weekend events in Perth in recent times.

Liberty and Society brings a group of university students together for an intensive weekend to introduce the principles of classical liberalism, free-market economics and sound cultural conservatism. And so does Mannkal.

So keep fighting the good fight.

Meanwhile, highlight the responsibilities of the governors of the universities to protect intellectual freedom.

University Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors and Senates, and the administrator they employ, are obligated to defend the key principles of the enlightenment that are the intellectual foundations of modern western civilisation.

Like the board of the ABC, they are also the stewards of billions of dollars of taxpayer funding, paid by millions of people who vote for centre-right parties, and

who deserve to have their views and values respected by and reflected in the organisations their taxes fund.

One way that the federal government might fulfil its obligations to taxpayers and exercise its overall responsibility for ensuring the intellectual health of the universities, is to use the leverage it has through funding, and exert some pressure on universities to commit to the protection of intellectual freedom.

This could take the form of Australian universities signing up to a charter of intellectual freedom.

This could be based on what is recognised to be the international best practice ideas on intellectual freedom, which are contained in the University of Chicago's Stone Committee Report of 2015 on freedom of thought and expression at the university.

I would recommend the words of the Stone committee as a worthy credo for all Australian universities:

Because the University is committed to free and open inquiry in all matters, it guarantees all members of the University community the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn.

Concerns about civility and mutual respect can never be used as a justification for closing off discussion of ideas, however offensive or disagreeable those ideas may be to some members of our community.

If Australian universities are to remain worthy of the name, and worth the support of all taxpayers and HECS debtors, these words – rather than diatribes on male privilege or white racism – ought to be handed out to all students – and staff – during the first week of semester each year.

This would represent a first step towards restoring universities into places – in the words of Michael Chaney – that are “open to new ideas and tolerant of diverse views and opinions” and “hospitable to the ideals of freedom, tolerance, and debate”.

Tom Switzer is the Executive Director of The Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney.

This speech was delivered at Mannkal's Emerging Leaders event at the University of Western Australia Club on Wednesday, 8th March 2018.

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.

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

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 Tuffili, 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 end-of-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 and instructions on how to apply, visit www.mannkal.org

Our Alumni: 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

Faluso Tade [2016]



Faluso Tade is a graduate of Curtin University, holding a Bachelor of Commerce (Property and Finance) as well as a Master of Applied Economics. After graduating, Faluso was awarded a Mannkal Scholarship to intern with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Berlin. Faluso interned with the German liberal think tank from January to March 2017.

Having already made plans to settle in Germany, Faluso gained employment as a Business Success Manager with Kaueferportal, an international company specialising in online marketing and supply chain management. Faluso is also looking to further develop his work in international investment in developing countries.

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.



Campaigning for freedom in Berlin

Our Alumni: Where Are They Now?

Tej Patel [2017]



Tej Patel is a former Mannkal Scholar from Curtin University. In May 2017, Tej was selected to attend the prestigious Mont Pelerin Society Conference in Seoul, along with six other Mannkal Scholars. Tej subsequently travelled to Atlanta, Georgia to intern with FEE. Through his internship, Tej assisted with FEE's online content and strategic marketing.

As Tej graduated just before embarking on his Mannkal journey, he returned to Perth to commence his career in investment banking. Tej is now a hedge fund analyst with Fiftyone Capital, an innovative start-up equity fund.



Out for lunch with FEE President, Lawrence E. Reed

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 Relations intern, and the



At the Cato Institute

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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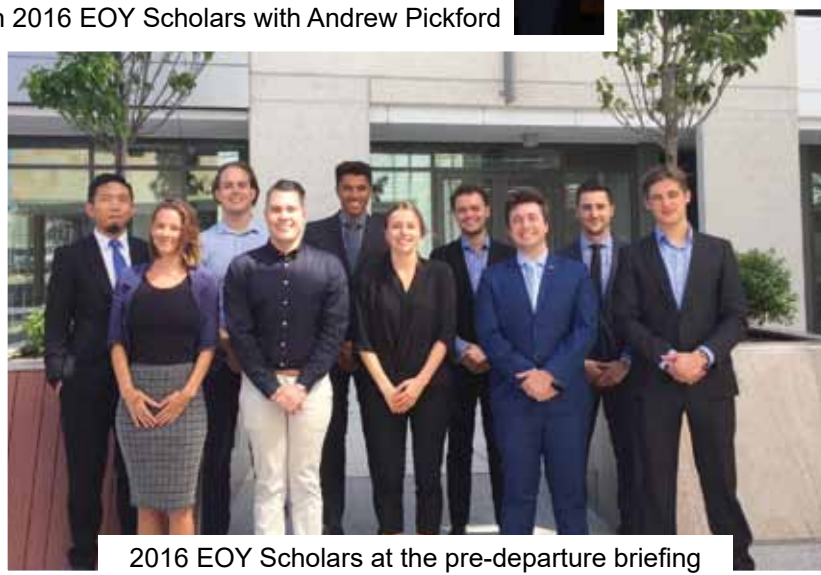
Scholarships



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 W. Reed

Scholarships

Mannkal Scholars Abroad

Mannkal internships at our partner host think tanks run twice a year: in the mid-year and end-of-year university breaks. Our Scholars write weekly blogs which you can read on our website and by the end of their internships they also write a professional report detailing their experiences – you can read them all on the following pages!



Our 2017 End-of-Year Scholars

Centre for Policy Studies – London

Joshua Adamson – BComm, Economics and Finance (Curtin)



Britain's first female Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher concisely summarised the fantasy that is socialism in 1976, when she stated: *"The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money."*

It seemed fitting, given the recent surge in popularity of the UK's quasi-socialist Labour Party, that I was offered the incredible opportunity to intern at the Centre for Policy Studies in London, opened by Margaret Thatcher herself in 1974. The UK, much like Australia and many other nations, today faces an abundance of economic and political issues which all stem from the same problem – impediments to the free market.

The gravity of the political situation in the UK should concern all those which advocate for free markets and liberty. The Corbyn and McDonnell led Labour Party are proposing various reforms which threaten the long-term prosperity of the nation ranging from changes for employment and labour laws to the re-nationalisation of several key British industries. Corbyn's policies threaten to undo the successful free market

reforms enacted under the Thatcher government during the 1980's which saved the UK from an economic catastrophe.

Such a backdrop for my internship provided a challenging, thought provoking, but most of all, intellectually rewarding experience which enabled me to grow professionally and academically. During the placement at the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), I was incredibly fortunate to work directly with the Head of Economic Research, Daniel Mahoney. Working with Daniel provided me with an invaluable insight into the issues which the UK economy faces today, and it was extremely exciting to have the opportunity to be directly



With the Iron Lady



Walking past Westminster everyday on the way to work

involved in most of his projects.

His largest venture during my time at the CPS was publishing a paper detailing the monetary cost to taxpayers of Labour's proposal to renationalise the British rail, energy, postal and water industries. The report was well received in the British media and political spheres, drawing coverage across major newspapers and TV programmes in the UK. The renationalisation report was also quoted by Theresa May during Prime Minister's Question Time. Obviously, Daniel was the mastermind behind the report – but it was very exciting to see some of the research I had performed included in the final publication.

Part of my role at the CPS also involved writing several blogs, which all appeared on the CPS website. The topics of my articles ranged between everything from the state of the UK's electricity market, to the dire circumstances the Italian

economy is faced with before their 2018 general election. I also had the opportunity to write for CapX, a free market news site founded by the CPS to make the case for popular capitalism. My article analysed the cost of the Olympics for the taxpayers of host nations, and I was very excited to see my piece republished on the Foundation for Economic Education's website.

Living and working in the financial services capital of Europe provided me with the opportunity to frequent many events and seminars outside of working at the CPS. I was very fortunate to attend several Q&A's at Westminster Abbey, just a short walk from the CPS office. I also went to numerous events at the London School of Economics, which included notable speakers from the IMF, as well as the former Minister for Finance in the Netherlands. Each event was extremely fascinating and allowed me to gain an unparalleled insight into the issues the UK and wider EU face surrounding Brexit. Being so close to Europe and other major cities within Britain also meant travel was a breeze – I was very lucky to enjoy weekends in Liverpool and the Netherlands while in London during my internship.

I would like to extend a massive thankyou to all the staff at CPS for their guidance in what has been an enriching and incredibly rewarding experience. In just two months, I have gained an in-depth understanding of the ins and outs of the UK's economy, and have had the opportunity to apply the free market economics I've been exposed to because of Mannkal to prevalent issues facing society. Many thanks must be extended to Ron Manners and all the staff at Mannkal for their time and continued support both before, during, and after my internship. The opportunities that Mannkal can provide students truly changes lives, and I know this is just the beginning of an incredible journey for myself and many other scholars, advocating for free markets and liberty back home.

Institute of Economic Affairs – London

James Walsh – BComm, Economics and Finance (UWA)



Now that my internship experience has come to a close, I can't help but reminisce on the unforgettable memories of my time in London. Thanks to Ron Manners and the team at Mannkal, I spent the last two months interning at the Institute

of Economic Affairs (IEA), based in Westminster. Although the weather was consistently hovering around freezing and the days were short and dark, my time at the IEA (IEA) was incredible. I was able to work alongside some of the most talented economic minds of our time and was given the opportunity to conduct research into a variety of economic issues, furthering my knowledge of free market ideas. My

research mostly consisted of comparing the British National Health Service with Medicare, pinpointing the key structural flaws inherent in both systems. While they both have a lot of room for improvement, my analysis looked into various quality indicators and identified where both systems can maximise health care outcomes. I also worked closely alongside Policy Advisor Sam Collins, with research into both the financial services and energy sectors.

My internship experience at the IEA was incredibly unique; no one-day was the same. I had the opportunity to involve myself with the organisation and set up of various events and was able to converse with politicians, economists and philosophers. In particular, the IEA hosted social evenings for young parliamentary researchers which I thoroughly enjoyed attending. It was great to socialise with other like-minded graduates who are embarking on a career in politics and learn more about the challenges and benefits of working in



Sightseeing at Blenheim Castle

Westminster. It was quite encouraging to see that such a large proportion of young politicians subscribe to the free market movement and will be interesting to see what the future of Britain will hold with these talented young people taking the reins.

Although my days interning at the IEA were never the same, neither was my time spent outside of the office. Some of my fondest memories of the internship include exploring London with fellow Mannkal Scholars Josh and Olivia after work, immersing ourselves into a mega-city so rich in culture and style. Our adventures took us to blues clubs in Brixton, old-fashioned pubs in The City and the trendy theatre district of Piccadilly. Weekends were spent strolling through Hyde Park, visiting some of the many free museums or taking day trips to historic cities like Oxford. I was also determined to make the most of having Europe on my doorstep - so I spent

one weekend in Dublin, Ireland. It was quite surreal to fly out early Saturday morning and spend the weekend roaming the streets of Temple Bar, reading the Book of Kells at Trinity College and paying a visit to the Guinness factory! I then flew back very early Monday morning to be in the office for 9:30am. Absolutely none of these life-changing experiences would have been possible without the generous support of Ron Manners and the hard work of the team at Mannkal.

Whilst the internship gave me strong exposure to previously unknown fields of free market economics, my own personal growth and development has noticeably changed. Spending two months in London has made me more independent, given me a new sense of direction and I feel more motivated and energised to pursue long term goals that I previously thought were unattainable. I have met so many incredible people during my internship that have improved both my cultural awareness and interpersonal skills, ranging from top tier economists to hard-working British publicans.

I believe there are pivotal moments and opportunities in an individual's lifetime that allow them to realise a potential they previously were unaware of. This internship has opened my eyes to a world full of opportunity, equipping me with a globalised skill set that I will take into both my future professional career and personal life. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two months in London and would highly recommend this experience to anyone keen on furthering both their personal development and understanding of free market economics. Thanks, must once again be given to Ron Manners for investing in Western Australia and its future leaders.

Foundation for Economic Education – Atlanta

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



My internship experience and my exposure through Mannkal has led me to be the individual I am today. They say ideas change the world, but ideas change more than that, they change the individual who has been introduced to these ideas in a positive way.

This was the cornerstone of my internship at the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) in Atlanta, Georgia.

I was fortunate to be placed at FEE who, given my strong interest in technology and specifically blockchain technology, FEE presented me with the opportunity to incorporate the fundamental workings of blockchain with economic policy to decrease regulation.

The Foundation for Economic Education is one of the oldest libertarian and free-market think tank in America, with its birth in 1946 by founder Leonard Reed who was a successful business owner, a strong advocate for the business community, a military personnel and passionate libertarian.



Infiltrating the fake news media

The most inspiring part of working at FEE every day was being surrounded by individuals with the same ideologies who are beyond committed to a common cause. One would assume that given similar ideological views, the daily discussions would take the same view, however, each discussion had multiple angles on a similar ideology. This led to stimulating and challenging ideas which are showcased through the content FEE publishes to over 1,000,000 individuals around the world.

My daily work at FEE involved editing and packaging



With the one and only - Milton Friedman

articles for the content team. I also worked on data analytics to measure the social media engagement with articles posted on Facebook for the last year, which involved collating the number of likes, shares and comments to help develop strategies to increase these metrics efficiently. This allowed me to learn important skills but also allowed me to read each article and understand their tones and structure. A unique article I came across was "As a Video Editor, this interview Reel Appalled me" by Jaye Davidson.

This article talked about how the media can edit an interview to push their own agenda forward. This was very prominent in the interview between Cathy Newman from Channel 4 and Jordan B Peterson. During the interview, Cathy Newman kept restating what Jordan B Peterson was saying to make it seem as if Jordan Peterson's view is offensive, hostile or absurd. This does not show the true meaning of Jordan's statements and in fact is a technique which is used to confuse the viewer but also for the journalist to integrate their own opinions within the interview.

During my internship, I spent one week in Canada which was an educational, insightful and amazing opportunity.

The Taxpayers' Alliance – London

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



"Freedom is impossible without faith in free people."

- Max Roser

Looking back at how far I have come, it amazes me that just a short three months ago I was saying goodbye to my family and friends in Perth for a once-in-a-lifetime internship at the British Taxpayers' Alliance in London. Leaving

home for 11 weeks would not be easy but I knew that this is what I had been working towards for a long time. My experience surpassed all my expectations.

Everywhere I went, I was inspired by the hard work and

I was there with the other North American scholars for the enrichment program. The main aim of this program is to expose Mannkal scholars to free-market think tanks, politicians and the Manning conference to understand the libertarian and free market landscape in Canada.

On the first day we visited the Institute for liberal studies which included a round-table discussion with the executive director Matt Bufton who talked about supply management within the dairy industry.

The following few days led us to the prestigious MacDonald-Laurier institute where we had a discussion with Brian Lee Crowley who is the Managing Director of this think tank. The key takeaway was the high dependence on Canada to trade with the United States of America (75%-80% of all their trade is with America).

The most incredible day of this enrichment program was when we had the chance to visit the Canadian parliament which is beautiful with its Gothic architecture. We had the chance to have lunch at the parliamentary restaurant with Dan Albas MP who is the shadow minister for small business and his district in Central Okanagan.

My internship experience exposed me to new ideas, inspiring messages and remarkable individuals who are at the peak of the libertarian and free market group. I would never have had this opportunity without Mannkals strong global network, and the commitment everyone must make to progress a freer society.

This experience has changed my view on the world and I am better prepared for the future, without this experience, I would not have known how important it is to safeguard liberty and how ideas can change the world for the better.

I would like to thank Ron Manners and the team at Mannkal for making this experience possible, I will continue learning and cherish this experience when I look back from a better, freer society.



dedication of those advocating tirelessly for individual and economic freedoms. From the World Taxpayers' Associations' Regional Conference in Bangkok where many groups spoke of the persecution and censorship they face due to their opposition to government policies, to travelling around the UK with the Taxpayers' Alliance team for campaigns and meeting with local coordinators. It surprised me that this group of volunteers is made up predominately of students, those my age and even younger!

These were often the most passionate and ideologically solid people I encountered. One local coordinator spoke of the challenges he faced while criticising his 'Conservative' council for favouring more spending and increasing council tax. Even while campaigning, I spoke to many people from a wide variety of political affiliations and they felt the same way;



Campaigning with the TA team

that those in politics were not accurately representing them.

I never showed much interest in politics back home in Australia because I prefer to be open minded to new ideas but stick to my values, something most politicians are not well-known for doing. This frustration was shared by my colleagues in the UK, that are experiencing similar states of affairs.

It is often said that "Politics is the art of compromise" but it seems that in the UK, both major parties are in a race to the bottom – with the party that historically stood up for taxpayers compromising its values to the extent that many find it indistinguishable from its opponents.

I cannot say what will happen at the next general election in 2022 but I will say now that the loser will have no-one to blame but themselves. Currently, there is one party that is appealing to a disillusioned electorate by offering them hope and a clear message. The other is being wishy washy and pandering to people who would never consider voting for them in the first place.

Whether left or right, people will vote for a party with a positive vision that is fighting for its values. It is a shame that British politicians have seem to have forgotten that Thatcher was a vote winner because she appealed to ordinary people

who were no longer convinced that state control was in their best interest.

The extent of what people are willing to talk about with a stranger on the street showed me that those not being listened to are often the ones who understand the most. The stories that stuck out in my mind were often the most heartbreaking – the single mother working for minimum wage as a bartender asking why she had to deal with the unnecessary bureaucracy of paying income tax, only to receive what she paid back in tax credits. Could not the government let her keep her money? Or the husband who wishes to take his wife out to dinner but is being burdened with £125+ a month in council tax? I had little to say that would help.

We would often get asked who the Taxpayers' Alliance represents and what our purpose was. This is who I believe we were advocating most ardently for – those who believe that their government should be recognising the natural rights of individuals but is not doing so. If the future of liberty means anything in the country that basically invented it, it means believing that it is not for the minority. Faith in free markets means not only believing that individuals are the best arbiters of their own lives, but that people inherently know this truth.

There are many who I would like to thank for this experience – the team at the World Taxpayers' Associations and the Taxpayers' Alliance, especially my bosses, Troy Lanigan and John O'Connell, and my campaigning partners and closest friends, Chloe Westley and Harry Fone.

Most importantly, the entire team at Mannkal, for teaching me to seek true freedom. This experience would not be possible without their ongoing guidance, support and ability to see potential in me that I surely did not see in myself. My most sincere gratitude is for Ron Manners, who I must especially thank for believing in young people, our futures and our potential to create a society where people can be free and most importantly for teaching us, as he likes to say, 'how to find freedom in an unfree world'.

Australian Taxpayers' Alliance – Sydney

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



As the inaugural Mannkal Scholar to the Australian Taxpayers Alliance (ATA) I had little idea what to expect from my internship. I left Perth armed simply with a phone call to the person who would be my boss, information about the organisation from its website and a basic guide to Sydney. I also had the joy

of sitting through a tumultuous period for the ATA, as Tim Andrews (founder and Executive Director) prepared to move to the US and the ATA prepared for his departure. I am sure, faced with these circumstances, that most people would be

as apprehensive as I was. But, as it so happened, I had one of the greatest experiences of my life.

My work for the ATA did not focus on one large task or area but covered a broad range of roles confronting a myriad of issues confronting Australians. I went from studying electricity prices in New South Wales and reading the breadth of research on the causes of rising prices and the solutions to the problem, to writing articles, which bore fruit when one was published in the Spectator on the Flat Tax, to campaigning across rural Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory on Vapeforce1 for the legalisation of vaping, and finally seeing the results of my research on electricity prices presented to a NSW Government Inquiry.

This enabled me to develop my skills in a unique fashion.



With Senator James Patterson and MP Tim Wilson

I was able to see firsthand the importance of media in campaigning and learn to attract media attention to issues facing the average Australian. It allowed me to practice finding vital information about them and presenting it for maximum impact. and I have no doubt that my writing improved substantially.

I was also exposed to many issues facing Australians and saw the impacts of shoddy Government regulation and uninformed public debate up close. I have had few experiences as heartbreaking as my time on VapeForce1, where I met smokers trying save their lives struggle due to the ban on vaping. Despite research from Public Health England, the Royal College of Surgeons and US National Academies of Sciences, showing that vaping is far safer then smoking, organisations like the Australian Medical Association have continued to peddle claims that vaping has not been proven to be safer then smoking, lobbying to keep the ban that forces smokers to continue to use a product that kills 50% of its

users.

However, vaping is not the only issue where Australians suffering at the hands of bad legislation and deficient public debate. Privatisation continues to be pushed as a great evil causing higher power prices and blackouts by the Weatherill and Andrews Governments, despite no evidence to suggest it causes prices to go up and significant evidence to suggest it reduces them. As a result, Australians continue to pay higher power bills, but are misled before election time about what the cause of these rising prices are and the solution. Public debate about corporate tax cuts, which flared up while I was in Sydney, was overwhelmingly informed by strawmen such as "trickle-down" economics, as opposed to the sane consideration of how it penalises Australian consumers and workers. This resulted in the absurd applause for Sally MacManus and other figures as they peddled policies and ideas that reduced the wages and employment opportunities for the people applauding.

These experiences demonstrated the need for groups like the ATA. The awful impacts of misguided government policy and intervention, combined with a public debate offering "solutions" that will worsen the lives of ordinary Australians, is a call to arms to defend the values and institutions that create prosperity, such as small government, markets and liberty.

I am thrilled to see this call has been met by the ATA, and proud of my achievements towards this end.

When I started at the Australian Taxpayers Alliance as the inaugural Mannkal Scholar I was unsure of what to expect from the seven weeks to come. Yet when I left it was with a range of new skills, a collection of great experiences and a burning desire to continue fighting for my fellow Australians, and I would like to thank Ron Manners and the Mannkal team for making this incredible experience possible.

New Zealand Initiative – Wellington

John McMahon – BComm, Economics (Curtin)



The Mannkal Scholarship to intern with the New Zealand Initiative (NZI) was seven of the most rewarding weeks of my life. Each day brought new tasks and challenges, offering further opportunities for growth and development. However, opportunities are only rewarded when

combined with commitment and perseverance. Every task offered, whether large or small, I would greet with enthusiasm and finish as soon as possible. By the end of seven weeks, I completed a wide variety of tasks. A few highlights include writing articles, scoping a report, data entry, data interpretation and editorial work.

One memorable task for this internship was assisting

NZI's Chief Economist Dr Eric Crampton with scoping his next project: Freshwater Management in New Zealand. My task was to collate background research with the aim of assessing the potential for implementing a trading system for freshwater



At the top of Mt Victoria

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takes and the discharge of contaminants to water. Initially, this task was restricted to just summarising reports by the New Zealand Land and Water Forum. I then transitioned into researching the application and outcomes of the Nitrogen trading scheme used in Lake Taupo as a potential platform for a national trading scheme.

My scoping role would continue to expand including assessing: regional requirements for water take consents, the authority of each level of government for managing local freshwater, the impact of riparian rights and the Treaty of Waitangi. This research would eventually transition into writing an article published in NZI's fortnightly column on the financial resource website interest.co.nz. The article focused on providing an overview of how Australia's political environment and insufficient monitoring scope handicapped the restoration of the Murray-Darling Basin. Purpose of this article is an independent but relevant tie-in for Dr Crampton's report, outlining the potential pitfalls when implementing a water trading system.

Having always considered language to be my kryptonite, my younger self would have laughed at the thought having articles published. Yet, within seven weeks I was able to accomplish this feat not once, but twice. The opportunity presented itself when I noticed the time penalty each researcher paid when producing articles for the NZI Insights newsletter and realised that taking on the role would provide a tangible efficiency benefit for the researchers. I understood that taking on this role would mean confronting one of my greatest weaknesses, however, the first few weeks with the Initiative gave me the confidence that I would rise to the challenge.

Besides workplace experience, there are additional benefits to a Mannkal internship at NZI. Key among them is the importance of clear communication and networking to the promotion of free-market policy. The first was at a meeting with advisors to the New Zealand National Party. This meeting

would offer NZI a more effective platform to promote free-market policy directly to the opposition ministers. True to their claim as an independent think-tank, I was also able to witness NZI influencing policy decisions with the current Labour Coalition Government. This highlighted the importance that free-market thinking should never be political exclusive among parties.

The second occasion was when the Swiss Ambassador to New Zealand David Vogeisanger invited the entire NZI team to a party at Swiss Ambassador's Residence, due to the strong relationship between the NZI and the Swiss Embassy. This was a great honour but also provided an excellent opportunity to experience another culture firsthand. Through discussions with NZI's CEO Dr Oliver Hartwich, I also gained some insight into how the Swiss political and educational systems can function so efficiently while running counter to the trends in Australia and New Zealand. Understanding the Swiss system has the potential to improve the Australian and New Zealand economies by exposing the strengths and weaknesses of each approach.

Finally, no journey to Wellington would be complete without visiting some of the famous tourist sites. The wondrous natural beauty of Zealandia, Mount Victoria and the Wellington botanic garden remain as one of my favourite memories of Wellington. I also appreciated the exceptional care taken by the Weta workshop, Local Museums, Wellington Zoo and Parliament, to encourage learning using interactive attractions and explaining in detail what occurs behind the scenes.

After returning to Perth with a wealth of new knowledge and experience I feel compelled to seek more of these experiences into the future to continue improving. I would once again like to express my thanks and gratitude to Ron Manners, Mannkal and the New Zealand Initiative for offering me an experience that will assist me for the rest of my life.

Alberta Institute, Calgary

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



Fighting for liberty is hard. It's long and strenuous, but most importantly, it's worth it. This is something I have come to learn after spending the past two months in Alberta at the Alberta Institute.

The need for liberty in Alberta appears greater than ever, with all levels of

government requiring reforms. At the federal level, there is a prime minister spending taxpayers' money on holidays. In the far-left corner, the provincial government is increasing taxes and at the municipal government level, there is a mayor who wants to host the Olympics in exchange for \$4.6 billion dollars of debt.

Also, one of liberty's staunchest allies in the province, the Manning Centre, had stopped researching and campaigning. So it was up to the newly formed Alberta Institute to keep the flame of liberty alive in the province. To do this successfully my boss and I would toil day and night and target all layers and areas of government.

To fight the mayor and the majority of city council, I was asked to make a campaign about how the city should have a referendum on whether they should host the Olympic Games. When I first heard this I thought, "A referendum? Won't that just increase government spending?!"

Then, my boss reassured me of the strategy behind this campaign. He stated that the Calgary City Council currently has the majority support in spending \$4.6 billion on hosting the Winter Olympics in 2026. By making a campaign calling for a referendum you raise awareness of the expense of the Olympics. This most importantly decreases the likelihood of

Calgary hosting the Games.

This reminded me of what Sharni Cutajar, Mannkal's Scholarship Coordinator had mentioned at a Mannkal seminar in relation to the Overton Window. 'Sometimes, it's hard to achieve the option that gives an individual the most freedom so the choice with the lower risk of failure could be a better alternative for a campaign.'



Utilising Canada's public transport system to the fullest

Consider how the city council voting in a meeting not to host the Olympics would be the most inexpensive outcome. This option is unlikely to occur. Making the vote up to Calgary City Council makes it more likely that taxpayers will incur the expense of hosting the Olympics which is estimated at costing \$4.6 billion. Having a referendum is estimated at costing \$2 million, which is a high expense, but nothing compared to the cost of hosting the Games. There is a higher probability of forgoing the \$4.6 billion in debt if the decision to host the Olympics is voted on publicly.

Yet, I did not just swing blows at the local city government but at the provincial government through research. The provincial Albertan government expenditure had increased in

many areas since the New Democratic Party had taken over and so my boss, Peter McCaffrey, tasked me with finding one area of government expenditure that could be reduced.

Inspired by an article I had read from the Institute of Economic Affairs, entitled "Sock Puppets: How the Government Lobbies Itself and Why?", which explores government grants going to lobby groups, I decided to see if there were similar issues apparent in Alberta.

What I found was deeply concerning. Of the 484 registered lobby groups in Alberta, only 31 had received funding, costing the provincial government more than \$150 million. Of these there was a significant outlier with one group. The Alberta Medical Association which received over \$100 million in funding.

The hope for liberty shined bright not just through the Alberta Institute, but also when I went to Ottawa where I met allies of the liberty movement. Guided by Andrew Pickford through his various connections I met one person who inspired me the most during my trip, Matt Buffton from the Institute for Liberal Studies. He explained to me how he made his livelihood spreading liberty, and gave me insight to the "Chretien Consensus", a Canadian policy which overcame geography and party politics to achieve balanced budgets both on the provincial and national level. He also gave me some further readings.

While it was often freezing outside most days, I enjoyed breaking a sweat and fighting for liberty. This experience with Mannkal has provided me with the courage to fight for freedom here in Western Australia, as we too undoubtedly have issues at our federal, state and local levels of government that must be dealt with.

Thank you to Ron, the Mannkal team and those who sponsored me throughout this journey.

Ayn Rand Institute – Los Angeles

Chris MacCarthy – LLB (Notre Dame)



"Do not let your fire go out, spark by irreplaceable spark in the hopeless swamps of the not-not-quiet, the not-yet, and the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your soul perish in lonely frustration for the life you deserved and have never been able to reach.

The world you desire can be won. It exists.. it is real.. it is possible. it's yours."

— Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged

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 incredible

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



With Steve Simpson, Director of Legal Studies at ARI



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.

Through Mannkal, I have been able to meet and get to know so many people in the liberty movement across Australia, the United States and Canada. I have dined with Members of Parliament, Presidents and CEOs of large corporations, intellectuals and people from the arts and media who are all champions of liberty. This experience provided me with incredible networking opportunities that put me in contact with the key movers and shakers whom I needed to develop my ideas for advancing liberty, and that network is still growing long after we bid farewell.

The everyday experiences of my internship were varied and incredibly rewarding. Ayn Rand is one of the most widely read philosophers in history and the Ayn Rand Institute preserves her legacy in its gallery and runs a range of programs throughout the year, including book donations to secondary schools, tertiary education courses, student conferences, cultural outreach and their own summer intern program. The institute has several professors and other academics in philosophy, law and theoretical physics who write, speak and debate in publications, conferences, in online forums and in the news media every week. I was privileged to be able to participate in their research and then attend a conference knowing that I contributed to the ideas that were offered in debate. The skills I learned and depth of understanding that I achieved went way beyond my expectations and the legal fellowship has launched my career in law far beyond what any clerkship could achieve.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Nick Marsh - BComm, Finance and Economics (UWA)



I was fortunate enough to be given the incredible opportunity to intern with the World Taxpayers Association (WTA) and to be hosted by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) in Ottawa. It allowed me to live and work independently in a new country with an organisation

that has an active public presence at the provincial and federal government level.

The main project during my internship was to create a Resource Guide for the WTA. For this project, I worked in collaboration with fellow Mannkal scholar Olivia Maso who was based at The Taxpayers' Alliance in London. The Guide will be a comprehensive reference point for existing WTA member organisations around the world, and will be of

With renewed confidence, I come back to Perth with the ideas, enthusiasm and skills to protect, enhance and advance the cause of liberty!

As a Mannkal Scholar, I have enjoyed the most amazing experiences in some truly incredible places, from ice-skating on the frozen Rideau Canal in Ottawa under a sunny clear blue sky to stunning nights out in the glittering Gaslamp District of San Diego. It's been fantastic! I welcomed the New Year in New York City, explored the nation's capital, Washington DC and enjoyed an oyster bake on New Year's Day in the woods of Arlington, Virginia, hosted by Reuters Chief Photographic Editor and White House press photographer Jim Bourg. I would not have traded this experience for any other. It has been incredible and all due to the generosity and vision of Mr Ron Manners, Ms Gina Rinehart and the Mannkal Ambassadors.

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 economic education program and studied under the Director of Legal Studies at the Ayn Rand Institute. 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..." So, fight for liberty and become a Mannkal Scholar!

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.



At the Australian High Commission in Ottawa

particular use to groups that are in the early stages of being established. It will seek to encourage greater collaboration between groups around the world by highlighting some of



At Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec

the most effective campaigns and operational practices. For this project, I was fortunate to be supervised by Troy Lanigan (WTA President & Chairman, CTF President & CEO) and Christina Berechet (WTA Secretary-General) who both have considerable experience working with taxpayer advocacy groups around the world.

To assist with the project, Olivia and I were provided with the opportunity to attend the WTA Regional Taxpayers Forum in Bangkok. At the conference, we were able to meet representatives from taxpayer advocacy groups, primarily from the Asia region, and also hear a number of insightful presentations. To assist with the project, we conducted interviews with most of the taxpayer groups represented at the conference. These interviews continued once I arrived in Canada, with Olivia and I conducting a number of Skype calls with other groups over the following months. While outlining best practices and efficient systems that organisations should implement is an important aspect of the Guide, I believe that arguably the case studies we've included will be of most interest. Within the WTA network, the CTF set the benchmark in many core areas. As such, while working on the Guide I was able to get a first-hand insight at the CTF of the standards that other groups should be striving to replicate. Although the large majority of my internship was spent working on the WTA Resource

Guide, I was able to assist with a few CTF-specific tasks such as conducting research on the nominations for the Teddy Waste Awards and assist Research Director Jeff Bowes with following up on responses to some Access to Information Requests.

As part of my internship, I had the opportunity to take part in the Ottawa Enrichment Program. During this week, the North American scholars attended the Manning Conference, as well as workshops at the Institute for Liberal Studies, Macdonald-Laurier Institute and the Australian High Commission. The week provided each of us with the opportunity to share what we'd learnt so far during our internships and discuss a range of public policy issues in both Canada and the US. A further topic we discussed, particularly during our visit to the High Commission, was drawing similarities and differences between Australia and Canada, and where future opportunities may lie for strengthening the bilateral trading relationship. The group also used some of our free time to go skating on the Rideau Canal, the largest naturally frozen skating rink in the world.

For most of my internship, I was fortunate to be staying in the historical, inner-city district of Byward Market, which is Ottawa's premier destination for shopping, dining, arts and entertainment. In Ottawa, I was able to spend some of my free time visiting Parliament Hill, National Gallery of Canada, Canadian War Museum, Canadian Museum of History, Canadian Museum of Nature and the Royal Canadian Mint. I was fortunate to spend Christmas with Troy Lanigan and his family in Victoria on Vancouver Island. Further travels during my internship took me to Vancouver, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Montreal and Quebec City.

I'm very grateful for the support provided to me by everyone at the CTF. They were always more than happy to answer any of my questions and provide me with suggestions for events and activities to take part in while I was in Ottawa. Through my discussions with Jeff, Aaron and Renaud in the office I feel that I was able to develop a strong foundational understanding of many of the key public policy issues in Canada, particularly at the federal level. In Ottawa, I was able to make further contacts who I look forward to staying in contact with over the coming years. I'll treasure the memories from my time in Canada.

New Zealand Taxpayers' Union - Wellington

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



The author Walter Bagehot once wrote that "Dullness in matters of government is a good sign, and not a bad one – in particular, dullness in parliamentary government is a test of its excellence, an indication of its success." Bagehot is onto

something here and certainly a boring government is far preferable to an over-excited one for the latter will likely mean an increase in regulation, an erosion of liberties and more of our money being taken away. Bagehot wrote that quote in the 19th century and since then, government has only become larger and more complex as it assumes more power.

This is why, now more than ever, organisations such as the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union (NZTU) are playing





With Porky, the NZTU's mascot

an increasingly important role in holding our government accountable over their spending of hard-earned taxpayers' money, to champion value for money, stand up for taxpayers and expose the reckless and wasteful spending in the highest corridors of power.

Formed in 2013 to scrutinise government spending, the role of NZTU has continued to change overtime. During my internship, it was great to see Jordan Williams, the Executive Director, and Joe Ashcroft, an Economics Researcher, present a submission to the Committee on Finance and Expenditure about how fiscal drag (bracket creep) would hurt taxpayers and how the increasing smoking excise would do little to discourage smokers and instead leave them worse-off.

Yet they have not lost sight of their "bread and butter", exposing Callaghan Innovation for their reckless and wasteful spending on the taxpayers' dime. Callaghan is a small outfit of around 300 staff who give out research and development grants to start-ups and other organisations to innovate. Trawling through their 2015/2016 entertainment expenses revealed a plethora of spending that frankly do not pass the pub test – dinners at exclusive restaurants, lunches at overpriced cafes, \$50 tips and \$1,682 spent on Kathmandu pedometers for staff members. The Callaghan story was the gift which kept on giving – more so when the agency continued to play hardball over their 2016/2017 expenses. How the NZTU is continuing to pursue Callaghan is a message to other government agencies that they cannot rest on their laurels.

My time in Wellington also included gathering the costs of designing and printing the annual reports of government departments. There's nothing "sexy" about annual reports, yet the costs were staggering. While some departments are to be commended for designing them in-house, others pay more than \$30,000 to have them designed externally by a contractor for a report which, in my opinion, had no unique features to it. This may just be a small sum, but when multiple agencies pay around this figure, across many years, it does add up.

Through it all, I have gained an appreciation for New Zealand's freedom of information laws. The government has built up an atmosphere where they seem to encourage you to make a request with easily accessible buttons outlining how you can submit a request, as well as mandating that responses should be made within 20 days. Whilst at a Federal level in Australia there is no cost to make a request, there is an application fee of around \$30 for every application that is made – unlike our counterparts in New Zealand. On top of that, it is hard to find how to submit one on the respective agencies websites.

Whilst in Australia we should be thankful for having a stronger regional media than in New Zealand, organisations like the NZTU will only play an increasing role in holding government to account and exposing the waste and inefficiencies which exist within the public service. Thus, even if a government may come across as "dull", there are still government agencies and unelected bureaucrats who keep the machinery of government running and make decisions which are not beneficial nor in the interest of the taxpayer - this is where NZTU comes in. This is where Australia should learn from our neighbours in reforming our freedom of information laws to encourage people



With fellow Mannkal Scholar, Kyle Williams, in Sydney enroute to NZ

to take an active role in scrutinising their government, in holding to account their government and standing up to their all, a government of the people, by the people, for the people deserves to be transparent to the people and held accountable by the people.

I would like to thank Ron Manners and Mannkal for the opportunity to have interned in NZTU. It has been a great experience and it is my hope that I have helped further the mission of NZTU and liberty whilst over there.

Atlas Network – Washington, DC

Jack Williamson – BComm, Marketing and Management (Curtin)



The opportunity to intern in Washington DC was unlike any other. The 2-month scholarship opens the door to study as a Mannkal Scholar at the Atlas Network over the American winter where the opportunities one comes across are keys to the Mannkal philosophy:

the exploration and exchange of ideas in defence of individual freedom, free markets and free societies.

The Mannkal experience in defending these ideas is also the promotion of life, liberty and happiness. America, the modern champion for freedom, is home to many important stakeholders with professional networking at the intersection of politics and business being unparalleled.

The moments within the Atlas office provided rigorous daily debates, especially with Atlas VP Dr. Tom Palmer. It was incredible to witness author Charles Murray speak in person as well as interact with Alejandro Chafuen, previous Atlas Network President. These dignitaries are certainly intellectual heavyweights in the fight for liberty. But as Institute for Liberal Studies Executive Director Matt Bufton noted “the closer to power, the less intellectual”. Pragmatically, the highest honour of meeting new people came from Veterans on the street. These are men and women who risk life and limb to serve and defend their community and country and are proud and patriotic in supporting military services and I believe this is an area in which the Australian ethos could improve.



At the US Capitol

For the time Mannkal Scholars spent in the Canadian capital of Ottawa, there was plenty to experience, with lunch at Parliament educating the Scholars on modern Canadian issues and at the Manning Networking Conference, I gained insight in everything from Northern Alberta's sovereignty to the increasingly politically correct ludicrousness occurring in Canadian society.

The completion of a Mannkal Internship will allow students to realise their strengthening of transferable skills. The Fellowship I undertook allowed me to improve my capabilities in research and analysis, communication and networking and also provided me with the opportunity to question strongly held perceptions taken from America's 2nd President John Adams. He highlighted what I believe to be the hierarchy of civil duty - service in war and politics, followed by technology and philosophy, and finally commerce and culture that will provide purpose in life.

This view places war as the fundamental driver to understand human nature and is at odds with libertarian philosophy, which promotes cooperation through free trade as the route to peace. Our society will become wealthier through free trade but may also result in the loss of vital manufacturing industries. Realistically, this will affect countries in times of war. This need to quickly mobilise resources in times of conflict may offer an explanation of President Trump's recent decision to support American producers of steel and aluminium.

The return to Perth post Mannkal experience has already been fruitful, with my recent success in a job interview for an organisation facing heavy government regulation. The cost of intervention creates a cruel spending cycle for lower income workers and funds state-sponsored terrorism through black markets and through the ethos I promoted in relation to individual freedom and limited government being sovereign, assisted me in landing the job!

I cannot express enough gratitude for Ron, Andrew, Kate, Sharni and Eva for all they have done for this year's Mannkal Scholars. It was an honour to be presented at the recent Emerging Leaders event and it will be a pleasure to continue collaborating with Mannkal through their Alumni program. Mannkal offers an insightful view of the world not taught at university, one that I endorse for any curious student and future leader of our great State!

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Some of the opportunities on offer...





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 in January 2018

Events

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2017: The Sun Rises in the West II

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"



2017–18: Scholarship Snapshots

Have a look at some of our most memorable Scholarship opportunities! In the last 12 months, we have sent over 200 students on conferences and internships around the world.

Started in 2013 as a joint initiative between the Australian Libertarian Society (ALS) and the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance (ATA), the Friedman Conference has become the "must attend" event for anyone interested in small government, free markets and liberty. It attracts an audience of senior policy makers, academics, business leaders and the best and brightest of Australia's activist community.

Mannkal sponsored 18 Western Australian university students to attend, our biggest group yet! They got to hear from international libertarian superstars such as Grover Norquist (Americans for Tax Reform) and Nick Gillespie (Reason Magazine), plus many of Australia's homegrown liberty crusaders.

A special highlight was the three Mannkal Scholars who won the Dragon's Den competition - congratulations Llew Cross, Cat Slack and Rob McCleod for their fabulous pitch

5th ALS Friedman Conference 13 – 16 May 2017, Sydney



The entire Mannkal contingent

on axing the Luxury Car Tax. The trio received a \$5,000 cash prize to build and execute an Australia-wide campaign.

Mont Pelerin Society Regional Meeting 7 – 10 May 2017, Seoul



James Walker, Jeremy Kidder (Ayn Rand Institute), Rob McCleod, Cameron Hee, Doug Hall, Peter Boettke (MPS President), Ben McDonald, Sharni Cutajar, Tej Patel, Gustavo Vargas.

Founded in 1947 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 Professor Mark Skousen, recently named as one of the 20 most influential economists in the world.

FEECon

15 – 17 June 2017, Atlanta



The inaugural FEECon took place at the Omni Hotel in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. Hosted by the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), it was a fantastic three-day gathering of freedom lovers from all walks of life.

2017 Mid-Year FEE Scholar, Channele Zubrinich, attended the conference as a crash course in everything FEE-related before she commenced her internship the week after.

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, last year's topic was 'The Deepening Malaise of Australian Universities'.

Speakers included James Allen (UQ), William Coleman (ANU), Elena Douglas (Knowledge Society), Ruth Williams (La Trobe), Peter Drake (ex-VC of ACU), John K. Lodewijks (S P Jain School of Global Management) and John Nethercote (ACU).

Freedom to Choose Conference Friday, 30th June 2017, Fremantle



Professor John K. Lodewijks: 'The Exposed Academic and the Disappearance of Disciplines in the Managerial University'

Liberty & Society Student Conference 4 – 6 August 2017, Perth



Students from all over Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific are eligible to attend the annual Liberty & Society Student Conferences

Liberty and Society is a unique conference program for undergraduates, postgraduates and recent graduates over the age of 18 who live in Australia, New Zealand or the South Pacific. It is hosted by The Centre for Independent Studies.

Formal and informal discussions on economics, political thought, law and social policy take place throughout the weekend, led by the best academics in Australia.

The 2017 conference was held in Perth, and in attendance was Mannkal Scholarship Coordinator, Sharni Cutajar, and 2017 End-of-Year Scholar, Olivia Maso, who both thoroughly enjoyed the intellectual experience.

2017–18: Scholarship Snapshots (continued)

The Samuel Griffith Society's (SGS) annual conference is a must for anyone with an interest in Australia's constitution and the integrity of our parliamentary institutions. The 2018 conference took place at the Novotel Langley hotel, and featured prominent speakers such as The Hon. Tony Abbott MP, Senator James Paterson and Senator David Leyonhjelm.

Mannkal proudly sponsored 19 students to attend the two-day event to learn more about the importance of the rule of law in Australia.

Check 'The Year Ahead: 2018' for details on the 2018 SGS Conference!

Samuel Griffith Society Conference 25 – 27 August, 2017, Perth



Micha Gartz and Aditi Chaturvedi with Ms Peta Credlin

HETSA Conference 25 – 27 September 2017, Canberra



Mannkal Scholars at the HETSA conference

The History of Economic Thought Society of Australia's (HETSA) annual conference takes place in at the Australian National University in Canberra. Organised by Professor William Coleman, it covers different schools of economic thought from a classical liberal perspective.

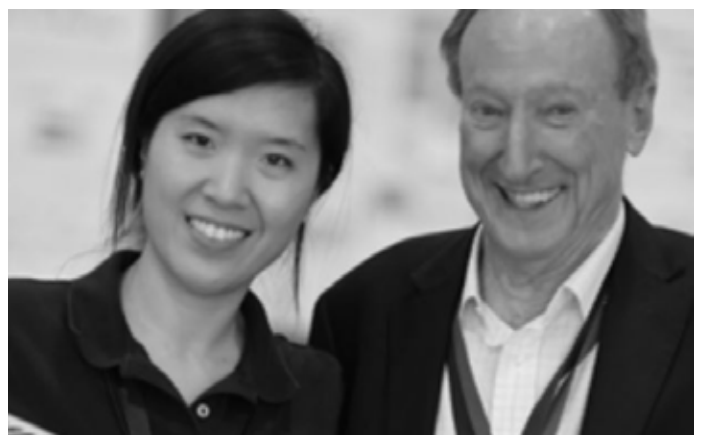
The 2017 Mannkal Scholars to the 30th annual conference were John McMahon (Curtin), Joshua Adamson (Curtin), Alexander Daniel (UWA), Bermond Scoggins (UWA), Rachel Hollick (UWA) and Elizabeth Powley (UWA).

For more than three decades, Atlas Network has been the leading organization for building an international network of free-market think tanks.

The annual Liberty Forum brings together amazing freedom champions from this network to exchange ideas and share strategies. The gala Freedom Dinner serves as a fitting grand finale to this conference, celebrating heroes of the freedom movement and the principles that friends of Atlas Network are advancing worldwide.

Mannkal's Founder and Chairman, Ron Manners, and Executive Director, Andrew Pickford, attended the amazing event in New York, celebrating 2017's wins for freedom worldwide.

Liberty Forum & Freedom Dinner 7 – 8 November 2017, NYC



Atlas Network's Laura Liu with Ron Manners

2017–18: Scholarship Snapshots (continued)

Ottawa Enrichment Program

4 – 11 February 2018, Ottawa



Tej Patel (FEE intern) and Jack Williamson (Atlas Network) at the Library of Parliament, Ottawa.

Each year, all North American-based Mannkal Scholars participate in our specially designed 'Ottawa Enrichment Program' which is led by Mannkal's Executive Director, Andrew Pickford. This year's participants were Jack Williamson (Atlas Network), Tej Patel (FEE), Louis Williams (Alberta Institute), Chris MacCarthy (Ayn Rand Institute) and Nick Marsh (Canadian Taxpayers' Federation).

The week-long program included visits to the Institute of Liberal Studies, the Parliament of Canada and the Australian Embassy. Discussions and seminars were held on topics such as the *Classical Liberal Tradition in Canada* and the Program concluded with the Manning Conference.

Atlas Network's 2018 Asia Liberty Forum in Jakarta, Indonesia, was co-hosted by the Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS).

More than 200 people from 30 countries gathered at the Mandarin Oriental to attend the conference, which featured several thought-provoking sessions examining the trajectory of liberty, property rights, and technology in the Asia region.

Mannkal sponsored four students to attend. The Scholars also had the opportunity to intern at CIPS for the week prior to the event, helping out with the logistics and general organisation of the conference.

Asia Liberty Forum

10 – 11 February 2018, Jakarta



Loic Munso, Harvey Diggens, Christian Bien and Sebastiano Rosati with Atlas Network CEO Brad Lips

Do you want to be our next Mannkal Scholar?

Applications are now open for our

2018 End of Year Internships – APPLY NOW!

Mannkal's Emerging Leaders 2018: Western Australia Unlimited



On March 7th 2018, Mannkal hosted its annual Emerging Leaders Showcase at the University of Western Australia Club. The annual event brought together prominent Western Australian business leaders, politicians and philanthropists.

It was a spectacular night of celebrating our successes in the company of our alumni, supporters, old friends and new faces. Tom Switzer, newly appointed Executive Director of The Centre for Independent Studies was the key note speaker of the evening and gave a riveting presentation on the troublesome development across Australia's universities. The Centre for Independent Studies is a Sydney-based public-policy think tank. Tom is also presenter of *Between the Lines* on ABC's Radio National.

Mannkal welcomed home its seventeen most recent returned scholars from around the world including London, Washington, Ottawa, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Wellington and Sydney. These seventeen students now join 1,300 other scholars to form part of Mannkal's ever-growing Alumni network.

This year's showcase also saw Mannkal unveil its new expansion plans for 2018 with plans to add fifty more host think tanks to its already large offering from across the world. In addition, Mannkal is increasing its educational output within the state, offering a Public Choice economics unit at Notre Dame University in 2018, a first of its kind at any Western Australian university. This new course will expand opportunities for Western Australian students to gain a different perspective on economics without leaving the state. This builds to the already strong relations with Notre Dame University where Mannkal hosts its annual Freedom to Choose conference.

By encouraging young entrepreneurs to think and adapt in unpredictable economic climates, Mannkal invests in a new generation of leaders and highlights the great potential of Western Australia. We look forward to welcoming back our next batch of Scholars next year on Wednesday, 6th March 2019. Save the date!

2018: The Year Ahead

We have got some amazing opportunities coming up in 2018, both here in Australia and overseas!

Mannkal's Student Seminar series Throughout Semester 1 & 2, 2018



The 2018 Student Seminars kicked off in January and will continue throughout the year on a fortnightly basis. The seminars are free and open to all university students and are considered mandatory for applicants to our Leadership Development Program.

The Seminars usually run for approximately 1-2 hours and take

place at our office in Subiaco. Guest speakers from academia, industry and governments, both nationally and internationally, give presentations on topics such as freedom of speech, property rights, civil vs. common law and many other areas of libertarian philosophy.

Are you a university student interested in the world of ideas? Check our website and Facebook events page for details on our upcoming seminars.

Are you interested in becoming a guest speaker? We are always looking for new talent! Please contact Development Coordinator, Llew Cross at development@mannkal.org to discuss our options.

We look forward to seeing you at our office!

Freedom Fridays & Alumni Drinks Throughout Semester 1 & 2, 2018

2018 will see the return of our popular Freedom Fridays and the commencement of regular Alumni Drinks catch-ups.

Freedom Fridays are open to all liberty-curious individuals and are a casual way of catching up and meeting like-minded people. There will also be ample opportunity to learn more about Mannkal's opportunities, specifically our Leadership Development Program.

Our Alumni Drinks will be by invitation-only for our Alumni and the perfect way to re-connect with your fellow interns and reminisce about the good ol'e days!

For information on dates and locations, please check our Facebook page and eFocus (monthly newsletter, available on our website).



2018: The Year Ahead (continued)

Join us in Sydney from 25-27 May 2018 for the biggest and best pro-liberty event in the Asia Pacific Region, hosted by the Australian Libertarian Society (ALS) and the Australian Taxpayers Alliance (ATA).

Over 300 activists, thought leaders, business representatives, and political influencers will hear from some of the best speakers from not just Australia, but around the world.

The highlight of the conference will be the presentation of the Annual Liberty Awards at the Gala Dinner on Saturday night.

Speakers include Jeffrey Tucker, Dr Tom Palmer and Tom Switzer. See you in Sydney!

5th ALS Friedman Conference 25 – 27 May 2018, Sydney



Mannkal will be sponsoring 25 students to this year's Friedman Conference

Freedom to Choose Conference Friday, 29th June 2018, Fremantle



Mannkal Scholars at the 2017 Freedom to Choose Conference

Freedom to Choose is an annual one-day economics conference that is devoted to appraising the costs and benefits of pursuing free-market policies. Now in its eighth year, this joint venture by Mannkal and The University of Notre Dame is one of our flagship endeavours.

Thus year is devoted to analysing the wisdom of Australian governments levying surplus or rent taxes in the resource industries, with a focus on the plan to impose the resource super profit tax (RSPT) in 2010 as a case study.

Applications to attend the 2018 FTC conference will open soon.

The Asia Institute for Political Economy (AIPE), in partnership The Fund for American Studies (TFAS) and George Mason University (GMU) are hosting a three-week international academic program on political economy and government.

Mannkal is proud to announce that we are sponsoring three students to participate in this fantastic experience: Michaela Gartz (Curtin), Delaney Bruce (UWA) and Loic Munso (Murdoch) were the successful applicants to this opportunity. They will also be interning with the Lion Rock Institute in Hong Kong for one week prior to commencing the AIPE Program. Congratulations!

AIPE Program 7 – 28 July 2018, Hong Kong



Samuel Griffith Society Conference

3 – 5 August 2018, Brisbane



Some of the Mannkal contingent with Ms Peta Credlin

The Society's next Conference will take place in Brisbane, 3rd – 5th August, 2018 and will be held at The Pullman in Brisbane. The society's main aim is to promote discussion of constitutional matters through the articulation of a clear position in support of decentralisation of power through the renewal of our federal structure.

Speakers and topics will be announced soon.

Applications for Mannkal Scholarships will open mid-year - check our website for details.

The Imagine Conference is an annual event brought to you by the Adam Smith Center and Students for Liberty in Singapore. We are an independent organisation dedicated to promoting economics-education in the tradition of Adam Smith. Featuring both local and global thought leaders, our yearly conference explores the big ideas that will shape our future.

The inaugural conference will be exploring the theme of "Future of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Progress" and will feature speakers such as Dr Tom Palmer and Dr Randall Holcombe. Mannkal Scholarship applications will open soon.

ImagineCon

10 – 11 August 2018, Singapore



Mont Pelerin Society Regional Meeting

30 September – 6 October 2018, Spain



Mannkal Scholars James Walker, Cameron Hee and Sharni Cutajar at the 2017 MPS Regional Meeting in Seoul

The Mont Pelerin Society is an the world's leading libertarian organisation composed of economists, philosophers, historians, intellectuals, business leaders. It was founded in 1947 by a group of intellectual masterminds, including Friedrich Hayek, Ludwig von Mises and Milton Friedman.

The 2018 meeting is set to be held on the beautiful island of Gran Canaria, off the coast of North Africa.

Mannkal Scholarship applications will open mid-year. Successful applicants will also have the opportunity to intern at a think tank in Spain prior to the conference. Check our website for more details.

Scholar Article: Why Not A Flat Tax?

Kyle Williams



Progressive taxation has been the default position of both major parties in Australia for decades, to the point where the mere suggestion of reform reeks of political poison. But should the idea of a 'flat tax' really be scary or controversial? In fact, if international experience and best practice shows us anything, it's that flat tax systems have been tried and tested and could deliver immense gains to Australia in the form of economic growth, an actual increase in revenue and most importantly, more disposable income in the pockets of the average worker.

Russia adopted their flat tax of 13 per cent in 2001. Despite concerns that this would favour the richest members of Russian society, the move increased tax collection sevenfold. As Putin would later say, this was invaluable in funding Russia's social programs and therefore the flat tax came at great benefit for the poorest in Russian society. Economic growth saw a strong boost in the years following, with Russia's GDP rising by 5.1 per cent in 2001, 4.7 per cent in 2002 and a massive 7.3 per cent in 2003. The average taxpayer was left with more of their hard-earned money to take home and spend on whatever they wanted. A single reform was all it took to deliver the people of Russia more prosperity, higher living standards and even the ability to better care for the disadvantaged in their society. What's not to love?

Similar benefits were reaped by Hungary, who introduced their flat tax in 2012. This reform raised tax revenue by 7.6 per cent in a year that saw Hungarian GDP declined by 1.6 per cent and put to bed claims that flat taxes reduce tax revenue. Disposable income and consumption quickly rose since the flat tax effectively cut workers' personal income tax burdens. This allowed the Hungarian government to increase revenue through their GST and aided Hungary's recovery from a deep recession. Like Russia, Hungary found itself with greater revenue to fund necessary social programs and increased their disposable income. In the process, they were saved from one of their country's worst downturns.

Bulgaria saw a similar story with their 10 per cent flat tax, introduced in 2008. Despite the usual concerns from leftist economists in Bulgaria, the flat tax increased government revenues – even during the 2009 economic crisis when other taxes raised less revenue. Like the other examples, Bulgaria also saw a large rise in disposable income due

to the resultant economic growth and a reduced tax burden for the average Bulgarian.

These are far from the only countries that have benefited from the flat tax. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were once impoverished Soviet satellite states. Today, all three have sailed into prosperity with key free-market reforms that have included flat taxes. A broader range of countries from across Central and Eastern Europe, including the Czech Republic, Georgia and Serbia have also introduced flat income taxes, and Slovakia had a successful one for a period of time.

Massive benefits in investment and job growth following Trump's American tax cuts show us that Australia too is badly in need of a tax reform conversation that goes beyond class war rhetoric and looks to practical results. Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe show us that a flat tax can deliver the results we are looking for. If nations that have been exposed to years of communist and socialist thinking can embrace a tax system that drives prosperity, increases disposable income and could even generate more revenue for vital programs why can't we?

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Kyle was our 2017 End-of-Year Mannkal Scholar at the Australian Taxpayers' Alliance (ATA) in Sydney.

Kyle had the opportunity to get published in a variety of outlets during his ATA internship. This article originally appeared in The Spectator Australia.

Mannkal Student Opportunities in 2017-18

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 2018**

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

