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**NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2011**

**05/11**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

a) Many of you will be aware that our Administration Manager, Sue Labordus was hospitalised late in November for the purpose of having a hip replacement. I am delighted to report that her operation has been successful and she is bright and chirpy having, at the time of preparing this report, entered Lady Davidson Private Hospital for the all-important rehabilitation procedures that follow this type of operation. I'm sure that you will join with me in wishing Sue a continued speedy recovery and that she will soon be back at her post helping to run our Society.

While she is recuperating, any phone enquiries can be directed to me on 02 9871 6869 or by email at [kenbock@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kenbock@optusnet.com.au)

b) Our Remembrance Day function was a complete success, both the Service at St. James, King Street and later at lunch at City Tattersalls Club in Pitt Street. Society members Emeritus Professor David Barker AM and Mrs Sue Labordus rendered excellent Old Testament and New Testament readings respectively and I extend my thanks to the Rector of St. James, the Reverend Andrew Sempell for conducting the service and preaching. At the following lunch, Capt Michael Phillips, formerly of the Army Armoured Corps, gave us an excellent address reflecting on the dedication of our armed forces during the various wars' darkest days and the futility of conflict in terms of human development and achievement.

I must observe that despite the success of the function as an event, support from our members was not great. There was a total attendance of 45 people, half of whom were mostly guests from kindred organisations.

c) I am pleased to announce that the winner of the Tall Ships Award 2012 is Sarah Rowsell, 25, of North Rocks. She will sail on two voyages aboard Lord Nelson from the Azores to Southampton during April 2012. Sarah will be presented with her certificate and farewelled at a luncheon aboard the Young Endeavour on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

(See below under “Forthcoming Events”)

We extend our best wishes to Sarah for a successful involvement in the voyages and that she will gain much by way of personal development from her participation.

d) Your Committee continues to meet on a regular basis and I thank the members of the Committee for their dedicated work in planning and organising our various functions. The Committee continues to be aware of the need to provide a variety of activities for our members. Amongst other things we are very keen to organise a trip to meet and have fellowship with our Southern Highlands members. This will be investigated with the S.H. Committee.

KEN BOCK

President

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY**

#### **1. AUSTRALIA DAY 2012**

We have again secured the American Club in Macquarie Street, Sydney, for our 2012 Australia Day celebration. A notice for the gathering accompanies this Newsletter and this gives full details of times, costs etc.

Please organise a party of friends to attend and again make it a happy event.

#### **2. YOUNG ENDEAVOUR LUNCH**

The annual luncheon held aboard Young Endeavour at which the Tall Ships Award winner is presented with a certificate by a senior naval officer will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

This function is always a delightful occasion at a very pleasant location and the crew of the Young Endeavour work very hard to make us welcome.

Full details will follow in a flyer that will be issued early in 2012 *but please diarise the date now and plan to attend.*

### **OTHER**

#### **QUEEN ELIZABETH ACCESSION SERVICE – 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a service at St. James Church, King Street to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne in 1952. The service will commence at 11.00 a.m. and will be a combined civic and ecumenical service.

The Rector of St. James has particularly extended an invitation for members of our Society to be present at the service.

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