

Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc

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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2008

1. COMING EVENTS

a) Talking Heads - Tony Hughes 80 years in music

The Southern Highlands invites members to attend an afternoon at Sturt Craft Centre, Range Road, Mittagong on Sunday 9th November at 3.00pm. Cost \$20.00 covering admission, champagne and canapés. Tony Hughes was Concert Master to Sir John Barbirolli and is Assistant Music Director ABC Music. Tony will be discussing music with local member Cathy Mathews. **Please reply by 4th November** to David Brown, PO Box 108 Mittagong 2575. (Sturt Gallery café is open from 10.00am and for luncheon).

b) Remembrance Day Church Service

Tuesday 11th November, 2008 at 11.00am St.James' Church King Street Sydney NSW. No charge. Collection.

This annual service has been specially constructed for the Society by St.James' and includes stirring hymns such as *Jerusalem, Vow to Thee My Country* and *Eternal Father Strong to Save*. Lessons will be read by British Consul-General, Richard Morris, and our Treasurer, Ken Bock.

c) Remembrance Day Luncheon

Tuesday 11th November, 2008 at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm at the Queen's Club, 137 Elizabeth Street, Sydney (Cnr Market Street) courtesy of our member Mrs. Patricia Bridges, OBE. Cost \$65.00 members, \$70.00 non-members includes drinks and a two-course luncheon. Guest speaker Rear Admiral Rothesay Swan, AO, CBE, RAN (Retd) will reflect on his Naval career and current Naval issues of interest. Dress: lounge suit with decorations. **Please reply by 4th November** to enable us to arrange seating and advise the Queen's Club of firm numbers. Please let us know if you have any seating preferences or specific dietary requirements. Attached is a tear-off reply slip.

d) Melbourne Cup luncheon Tuesday 4th November, 2008

The American Club is holding a big luncheon, cost \$95.00 three-course luncheon plus starter drinks (members \$85.00) includes full coverage of the racing day, Calcutta etc. Let Sue Labordus know if you wish to attend courtesy of my membership.

e) Christmas Party Tuesday 2nd December, 2008

5.30pm-8.00pm at home of British Consul-General Richard Morris and Mrs Alison Morris, 25 Gilliver Avene, Vaucluse. Cost members \$40.00 non-members \$45.00. Limited to 100 places on a first received basis. Includes drinks and finger food, with a raffle and a range of prizes. Dress lounge suit. To assist catering **please reply by 28th November** on the tear-off slip attached.

f) New Year's Eve 31st December, 2008 at American Club

Please advise the Secretariat by 15th December if you wish to attend and pre-pay, as the club closes on Christmas Eve and bookings need to be firmed up before then. Cost \$160.00, for tables of ten \$150.00 a head, covers all drinks and four-course dinner, with jazz band from 7.00pm until 2.00am. Dress smart casual. Fireworks viewing. This event is run at the club charge-out cost.

g) Australia Day 26th January, 2009

Fuller details will be issued closer to the time, however this function will be at the American Club along similar lines as previously and priced at around \$75-80.00 a head for a four-course luncheon, starter drinks and luncheon wines at a half bottle a head, with excellent views of the harbour. Casual dress. Please consider bringing some friends as we have an excellent guest speaker from the Navy who will give a slide presentation on Australia's early settlement. Noon until 3.00pm.

h) Annual Luncheon - Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

NSW Parliament House on Friday 14th November 12.30pm for 1.00pm Cost \$60.00 decorations. Lounge suit. Guest speaker British Consul-General Richard Morris. **Please reply to be received by 7th November** to The Treasurer OBE Association, Box 228 QVB Post Shop, Sydney NSW 1230 (enquiries to the Secretary 0247573994).

i) Lecture - David Vines White, Somerset Herald, College of Arms

David is chairman of the Heraldry Society and will be giving two lectures: 1) Cultural Diversity in English Heraldry, Parliamentary Theatre, Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney; 6.00pm Tuesday 28th October, 2008. 2) Early grants of Arms to Australians, The Metcalf Auditorium, State Library of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney, Saturday 8th November, 2008, 1.00pm. For bookings contact Stephen Szabo, telephone 0431701055 or PO Box 107 Lawson 2783 or email: secretary@heraldryaustralia.org

2. RECENT EVENTS

a) Annual General Meeting

The following members were elected to the Committee for the coming year:

Richard Nott	<i>President</i>
Richard Tighe	<i>Vice President</i>
David Adams	<i>Hon. Secretary</i>
Ken Bock	<i>Treasurer</i>
Terry Rich	
Maureen Tegerdine	
Janatha Adams	
Del Spencer	
David Miller	

The Southern Highlands Management group were confirmed as follows:

Cynthia Parker	<i>Co-ordinator</i>
Malcolm Stephens	<i>Treasurer</i>
Jan Bell	
Lynette Stephens	
David Brown	
Ian Archer	

The Special Resolution to amend the By-Laws to re-define the placement of net assets upon a dissolution (to satisfy taxation requirements) was approved.

A special thanks to our 2007 Tall Ships awardees, Tom Fisher who travelled from Albury, and Tom Carr, who gave audio-visual presentations after the meeting to members.

All members on email should have received a copy of the annual report. Limited printed copies are available upon request to the secretariat.

b) BBQ Royal Yacht Squadron

Our thanks to David and Janatha Adams for hosting this event to 25 members and friends. This was a fabulous casual evening for a \$5.00 cover charge and pay-as-you-go, cook your own BBQ with reserved seating overlooking the harbour. It was an exceptional value evening that members and guests from the English Speaking Union enjoyed, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm at an average cost of \$30.00 for dinner and drinks. Plenty of parking as well at a pre-eminent spot. Do consider coming next year as we can accommodate up to 50 attendees.

c) Picnic North Head

A number of dates were suggested for a November outing and short tour of the Artillery museum. Very few members replied and it has been deferred until next year due to limited interest.

3. NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:- **Barry & Elizabeth Todd**

4. PASSINGS

We regret to report the deaths of our members of many years:

. **Hildegarde Bleakley** . **John Bleakley** . **Joan Burch**

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5. Looking for unavailable CD's?

I found copies of songs by the Luton Girls' Choir and Glasgow Orpheus Choir, unavailable in Australia, by searching the net at: www.amazon.com.uk and placed orders on a Thursday that arrived in the post the following Tuesday! Cost was comparable to local retail prices. No wonder record shops are disappearing (I haven't mastered ipods as yet).

6. Brit-Oz News

Electronic copies of the UK branch activities are held by the secretariat. Send an email or phone to receive a copy.

7. STATISTICS

The Age reports that the number of people in the world living on less than \$US1.00 a day has fallen from 1.8 billion to 1.4 billion but that figure will rise by 100 million this year because of rising food prices.

Herald Sun says Australian pokie players lost a total of \$2.6 billion last year, the equivalent of \$1,941 per player in Victoria.

Thank you for supporting the Society functions that enable us to continue the various grant programmes and hopefully enable you to have an enjoyable outing.

With continuing good wishes,

Richard Nott
President.

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Tear-off slip for Remembrance Day Luncheon 11 November (no need to return for church service only). See body of newsletter for details.

To: Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc., P.O. Box 647, Gordon NSW 2072

I wish to book people to attend the Remembrance Day Luncheon on Tuesday 11th November 2008 at \$65 member / \$70 non-member at the Queen's Club. My cheque for \$, made payable to Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc. is enclosed.

Member/s:.....
(block capitals please)

Contact Nos: Bus: Home: Email:

Non Member/s:

(WE REGRET WE DO NOT HAVE CREDIT CARD OR INTERNET BANKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME)

