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Directors of the National body in Canberra at its annual meeting. Back row left to right David Shannon Perth, Bob Nattey Canberra, Andrew Hilton Melbourne, Richard Nott Sydney, Ian Forrester Queensland. Front row: Malcolm Longstaff, Mrs Marjorie Turbayne, Rick Forster.

Queen's Birthday luncheon NSW Parliament House .Left to right: Professor David Flint, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW Vikram Joshi, NSW winner Plain English Speaking Awards

Sail Training BBQ at Royal Yacht Squadron with current and previous year's awardees, left to right: Margaret Longstaff, Claire Daly, Barbara Tighe, Emily Moss, Sue Labordus, Richard Tighe, Maddy Jacques, Rebecca Kuehn, Andrew Tam, Malcolm Longstaff, Richard Nott.

Spectacular view from the American Club showing the Tall; Ships on Australia Day.

Dinner/Dance at Mandalay Lane Cove.
Tom Jackson, Marilyn Taylor
Lisa and Malcolm Purnell

New Year revellers at the American Club
Rob and Robyn Thomas, Diana and Terry Rich

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BACKGROUND OF THE SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1971 under the auspices of Sir Robert Menzies, then Prime Minister of Australia, to nurture and promote cultural links that both Britain and Australia shared through their common heritage. This was reflected by the British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home establishing a complementary sister society in Britain called the Britain-Australia Society.

The Society in Australia is made up of a Foundation and branches in Sydney, Canberra, the Gold Coast, Melbourne and Perth.

The Australia-Britain Society Foundation is based in Canberra ACT and holds reserves of around $250K being the proceeds of the former National body of the Society being wound up in 2007. The Foundation raises money in its own right directly and from investment earnings as well as contribution from Branches towards specific projects such as the Shakespeare in Schools programme. Members can make direct donations to the Foundation where a tax deduction is available. Branch Presidents are Trustees of the Foundation along with the former National President Mrs Marjorie Turbayne, AO, MBE,. Pooling of donations from branches enables the Foundation to make discrete larger contributions to worthwhile cultural activities that support our British heritage.

The majority of New South Wales members are based in greater Sydney or in the Southern Highlands where there is an active informal sub-branch. Most members are people born in Britain or who have lived there for some years. Conversely in Britain most members are Australians or British people with links to Australia.

The Australia-Britain Society is an independent non-political Australian organisation, whose role is to maintain, encourage and strengthen the numerous cultural links between Australia and Britain in a spirit of friendship. These bonding links are expressed through history, language, literature, education, sport and cultural events. The Society places emphasis on the role of youth in supporting a modern and evolving relationship between Australia and Britain.

The Society's aims are met through a range of events with an emphasis on fellowship and fun, which preserve occasions that both societies honour. These include Australia Day, and the Queen's Birthday as the flagship celebration events. Surplus proceeds enable grants to be made for a diverse series of programmes within the charter of nurturing our common bonds and with a focus on young people.

The committees of the various Society structures comprise a wide range of skills and energies given freely by their members.

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STRUCTURE

Our branch has 348 members. (See the Membership Report for more details). Most members live in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, North Shore and the Peninsula. Many members are retired and a large group are based in the Southern Highlands around Bowral, Moss Vale and Mittagong.

Function attendances range from 30-200 people, mainly members, guests and friends from collegiate societies including:

Anglo-Australasian Lawyers Society
Arthur Phillip Society
BBM (Big Brother Movement)
British Public Schools Alumni
Cook Society
Order of St. John
Royal Commonwealth Society
Royal Society of St George
Scots-Australian Council
Sydney-Portsmouth Sister City Committee
The Society of the Friends of St George's and The Descendants of the Knights of the Garter
The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Association
The Navy League of Australia (NSW Division)
The Scottish Association
The English in Australia Association ("T Club")
The English Speaking Union

By affiliating some functions a better patronage is possible. This enables us to provide entertainment at events and enables friends of various groups with kindred interests to meet periodically. A large number of our members are also members of these various groups and it is expedient for us to share one major event rather than compete for attendances against other societies with a common membership who are unlikely to attend every similar function.

2006-7 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For the benefit of newer members and as a reference point, the Committee membership details are listed. It may be useful for members to know the Committee members' roles and other interests the Committee has outside the Society.

President

Richard Nott
Dip FS(UK), Dip FP, BSc(Hons) (Manchester UK), Grad Dip Insce (Deakin), MCom (Sydney), MBA (Wales UK), ThA(Hons), ANZIIF(fellow), ACII(UK), SF Fin, FCIB(UK), FPNA, FCIS, CAHRI, FCMI(UK)

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President for past six years, and Committee member since 1996. Member since 1977 via Britain-Australia Society London Branch.

Banking, Finance and Insurance working career in Australia and Europe. Based in London for four years. Currently a director of various insurance and venture capital companies in Australia and Bermuda. Treasurer of Sydney Spring Festival of New Music for five years until 2001.

Supervises function programme and represents the Society at various kindred group events.

Vice President and Sail Training Co-ordinator

Commander Richard Tighe, RFD, RD, RANR (Retd)

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Commander Tighe is the longest-serving member of the Committee having served twelve years as Honorary Treasurer before being elected Vice President in 2000.

A retired senior banker, Commander Tighe served for over forty years in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as a seaman Officer and Intelligence Officer, including a nine-year term as Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the former Governor of New South Wales, the late Sir Roden Cutler, from 1970-1979.

His prime function is chairing the Sail Training Selection Committee, co-ordinating the Sail Training programme awards and all the background work which goes in organising these awards. British awardees joining the *Young Endeavour* are provided with hospitality and local contacts by the Society. This is co-ordinated by Commander Tighe in conjunction with the Australian Sail Training Association and the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme. Mrs Barbara Tighe is a wonderful support in this Society work. It is a major task and the focus of the Society's awards programme.

Hon. Secretary

David Adams, LLB

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Practising solicitor. Hon Director various boards and committees, who runs 23 retirement villages throughout New South Wales. David is a member of the Sail Training evaluation committee, and attends to secretarial and legal requirements of the Society.

General Committee Members:

Mrs Janatha Adams

Janatha is a registered nurse who manages her own catering business and assists with Society functions.

David Miller, OAM

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Retired Commonwealth shipping surveyor and Federal Investigator with various Commonwealth departments. Initiated the Mosman Highland Gatherings, the Celtic Australia Day Festival and Games and the Scots-Australian Council in Australia of which he is Deputy Chairman. David was awarded an OAM for services to the North Shore community.

David has initiated new functions for the Society including the Australia Day buffet luncheon and Remembrance Day services. He is evaluating also the potential to establish a sub-branch in the Hunter Valley.

Treasurer

Ken Bock

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Ken Bock is a retired senior manager with AMP where he served throughout Australia and in London. He is an announcer with 2RPH radio, an actor in various suburban Sydney theatre productions, lay assistant of the Epping Anglican church, a member of the investment committee of Anglicare, a member of the supervisory board of the Scripture Union Deposit Fund, an active member of the Masonic movement and Royal Australian Historical Society.

In addition to being our valued Treasurer Ken acts as Master of Ceremonies at our major functions.

Membership Secretary

Terry Rich JP

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Terry Rich has been a member of the Society for many years and has assisted on the Committee at various times. He brings a wealth of experience to the Committee. He is very active in the finance sector, processing housing securities all over greater Sydney. Born in England, Terry arrived in Australia in 1953. He has owned and managed, with his wife Diana, numerous businesses throughout Australia.

Terry is responsible for the Membership Secretary role, managing records of new members and renewals, and monitoring the structure of the Society membership base

Mrs. Maureen Tegerdine

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Maureen was born in Scotland and moved to England at age seven. She raised a family in England and since 1984 set up and managed a charity Crossroads Care that employed careattendants, Maureen came to Australia in 2004 and is becoming an Australian citizen actively involved in charity work. Maureen will be assisting with management of our functions.

Mrs. Betty Eaton

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Betty has been a life member for many years and has lived at Gordon for over fifty years. After the war she was attached to the Royal Navy and involved extensively in repatriating returning prisoners of war from the Far East. Her late husband started OCL, a major global container shipping company, and they lived in London for some years.

Secretariat

Mrs. Sue Labordus, BA

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Sue was born and educated in England, moved to South Africa where she had her own fashion agency business, thence to Australia where she has lived for thirty-four years. Sue has a degree in Modern Languages and has taught French and German on a voluntary basis at the University of the Third Age.

Since January, 2005, Sue has been the Branch programme co-ordinator, which involves receipt and banking of funds, organising printing and despatch of newsletters, flyers and membership renewals. This role has a direct involvement with function planning, table plans and programme organisation.

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The future of the Society depends upon the depth, interest and vitality of the committee to share the service load and offer worthwhile programmes and organisation to its members. New committee members are always needed and appreciated. Vacancies exist for function support, and for general roles to provide for natural succession planning. Additionally, we need periodically members to assist with selling and collating of raffles and organising prizes. Please advise any member of the Committee if you believe you can help at some of these functions in this way or by manning the reception desk at our functions.

Southern Highlands

Southern Highlands is an informal sub-group who organise their own regional functions, makes grants from the funds raised and adds to our general reserves. This has worked well for many years, and whilst licensing regulations may require some formalisation of its structure, the current arrangements work smoothly and strong communication channels exist with the main branch committee.

Southern Highlands Co-ordinator

Miss Cynthia Parker, OAM

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Cynthia was born and educated in England. After holding a Royal Academy of Dancing scholarship for five years, Cynthia followed a career in education. Her teaching career started in the East End of London before joining the staff at Frensham, Mittagong in 1961. After five years at Frensham she returned to England and taught at a co-educational school in the dock area of London. In 1968 Cynthia was invited back to Frensham as Headmistress and remained in that position for twenty-six years until her retirement in 1993. She became a member of the Society and has co-ordinated the Society's activities in the Southern Highlands since the inception of our activities there in in 1995. Cynthia was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to education and to the community.

David Brown

David arrived in Australia in 1990 from New Zealand where his maternal Greek grandparents had emigrated to in the 1840's. David manages a family business supplying processing equipment to the timber based panel industry and specialises in the use of waste materials.

Mrs. Jan Bell

Mrs Bell returned to Australia in 1997 after thirty-three years in Singapore raising a family after a teaching career. In addition to the Society committee, she is actively involved with the Deaf and Blind Children's Society at North Rocks and other groups involving children with disabilities.

Ian Archer

Whilst born in Sydney, Ian spent his first fifty-seven years on the land at Gundagai after being educated at Moss Vale and Sydney. Interests and career work involved breeding sheep, cattle, stock horses and working dogs. A keen horse rider, Ian has had mounts throughout Australia, Europe, China and Tibet! Ian lives at Robertson.

Mark Chiswell, FCPA

Mark's working life has been spent as a practising Accountant and latterly as Finance Manager of Opera Australia. Mark has joined the committee as Treasurer in 2004 to take over the reins from Lionel Mead.

Mrs. Lynette Stephens BA

Lynette has a BA degree in Psychology from Queensland University. Her career in the Commonwealth Public Service led to her being selected as an Australian Exchange Officer to the UK with the British Ministry of Labour. She met and married Englishman Malcolm Stephens, and they lived in Kent for twenty-eight years. They returned on regular visits to Australia, and permanently settled in the Southern Highlands in 2001. Lynette joined the local committee mid-2004.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year was a very active one (see following calendar of events) with over sixteen different functions as well as the Southern Highlands gatherings. This has been a varied range of events to appeal to a wider range of members and friends. The flagship events such as the Queen's Birthday luncheon, Christmas reception and Australia Day luncheon are very popular as well as the low cost casual BBQ events.

The disappointing features of such a wide range of functions is the heavy committee and secretariat work load, on largely a volunteer basis, but in some cases only achieving low member patronage despite running the events at prices that barely cover our costs . We have relied on raffles to provide income to cover the grants we make because membership fees are low and really only cover administration costs.

We aim to persevere with new and varied functions with entertainment to attract new younger members, otherwise we become merely an ageing family of friends and if that happens the Society sadly will eventually disappear. In 2008, we will have to increase function charges slightly to give us some operating margin, otherwise we will necessarily have no alternative but to curtail making grants. Next year we will also introduce a Christmas mid-year luncheon or dinner and another Hunter Valley bus trip. Some events such as the Remembrance Day service may have to be cancelled due to lack of member patronage. The Queen's Birthday luncheon competes with other groups who have common members to this Society. As a result we have changed the date to June in 2008 and celebrate the Queen's Official Birthday so as not to conflict with St. George's Day which falls on 23 April, and so hopefully we will gain better attendances. Please try and support the functions if you can so we can keep up this valuable work in promoting youth links with Britain.

A reading of the financial report prepared by Ken Bock, shows that this year we did not generate enough net income to keep up the current level of grants. Also, donations are lower due to fewer contributions by the committee.

The National body gave us $10,000 last year to use as a new specific grant and this showed a windfall result for 2006. In 2008 year half of these funds will be applied to a new grant of $5,000 to Glen Donnelly, a virtuoso viola player who has won a place at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Glen will reciprocate this grant with free concerts for the society members in due course.

It is pleasing to see twenty-two new members join the society and we welcome their attendance in 2007 and onwards.

The National body is being wound up and the directors including the Presidents of all the Society's State and Territory Branches continue as Trustees of the Foundation and will focus on tax-deductible fundraising from individuals and corporations. This should in turn enable branches to contribute to the Foundation to provide a larger collective grant and save local workloads.

The NSW Branch Committee is a numerically small but happy one who all contribute to making the Society work and I thank them for their support. The Tall Ships awards have built a group of young collegiate winners and I thank Commander Richard Tighe and Mrs Barbara Tighe for their dedication and hospitality to these wonderful young people who are all now members of the Society on an initial honorary basis. My thanks as well to Sue Labordus in her dedication to running the secretariat and her efficiency in co-ordinating a large programme of events.

Some administrative work has been done during the year to comply with the various licensing authorities and Ken Bock and David Adams have assisted in getting this done. Apart from needing to renew our bank authorities in 2008, the Society is in a strong compliant situation.

There are many societies in Sydney facing similar challenges to ourselves - an ageing membership and limited ability to support many functions. It is logical that some of these groups may in due course consider merging so as to keep administrative and subscription costs low and still provide a flexible programme of interest to members. We have a sound infrastructure and capital reserves to enable us to cater for similar group needs in due course.

I am proud of what this Society does to pursue its aims to foster our links with Britain. The range of grants we make is a worthwhile role for us and we are also able to meet with friends at functions we enjoy. Please give the committee feedback on changes you would like to the Society. Fresh blood on the committee is always encouraged. If you have some spare time please join us as formal meetings are only around four to five times a year.

The 2007-8 calendar is a full one as well, with an additional concert in December to celebrate the 150th birthday of Sir Edward Elgar. Thanks to Lesley and Ozzie Pitts for reminding us of this special occasion.

It is a pleasure to have been your President for another year and I have offered myself for re-election, however I ask other members to give serious thought to joining our Committee and bring fresh ideas and style to our activities and planning. Thanks again to the committee for their wonderful support and to those members who have been loyal supporters of our various events.

Continuing best wishes,

Richard Nott
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the year to 30th June, 2007 the following programme of events was held:

. ***Victoriana!*** **Black tie dinner** and variety programme at St Paul's College, Sydney University

. **Plain English Speaking Awards. NSW finals** at NSW Powerhouse Museum

. **Mad Hatters Trivia Night Chatswood** with the Deaf and Blind Childrens' Association

. **Spring Dinner/Dance at Mandalay Reception Centre Lane Cove**

. **Annual General Meeting and Cocktail Party**

. **Buffet dinner at Royal Yacht Squadron Kirribilli**

. **Girton College Cambridge Choir with Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra** at St Mary's Church Waverley.

. **Remembrance Day church service at St. James' Church, King Street** and luncheon at Parliament House with Air Commodore Stan Clark DFC as guest of honour.

. **Christmas Party** at the residence of the British Consul-General at Vaucluse, Sydney.

. **New Year's Eve party** at the American Club Sydney

. **Australia Day Buffet Luncheon** at the American Club, Macquarie Street, Sydney

. **BBQ Oaks Hotel Neutral Bay**

. **Sir Roger Carrick, former British High Commissioner** dinner/audio visual discussion on the life and contribution of Captain Arthur Phillip, our first Governor.

. **Queen's Birthday Luncheon** at NSW Parliament House Sydney with our guest of honour Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of New South Wales

. **Luncheon aboard the Young Endeavour at Fleet Base, Woolloomooloo.** Hosted by the Royal Australian Navy with the Maritime Commander, Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas and our 2007 awardees Claire Daly and Rebecca Kuehn.

. **BBQ Royal Yacht Squadron Kirribilli**

In the Southern Highlands:

. **Marist Brothers La Valla - Motorcade and luncheon, Mittagong**

. **CEO Cricket Australia, James Sutherland "The Ashes and Business of Cricket"** at the Bradman Museum, Bowral.

. **"Witness for the Prosecution",** a production by the local Southern Highland theatre group matinee performance at Mittagong followed by drinks, nibbles and dinner at a local Italian restaurant

GRANTS MADE

The level of awards made is largely determined by the operating surplus from functions during the year, so as to preserve the society's capital and provide for some asset growth. Functions are held at a nominal surplus to give members value and provide a varied entertainment calendar at a low cost. If we can attract more corporate or private donations these grants can be increased.

This year grants totalled $6,679 and were made to support our main programme of Sail Training (see separate report), the Plain English Speaking NSW awards and contributing to the annual grant made by National Office to the Bell Shakespeare Company's Actors at Work programme that introduces Shakespeare and the theatre to thousands of primary and secondary school students throughout Australia, including those in regional and outback locations. The Southern Highlands strongly supported this Shakespeare programme.

The Plain English Speaking Awards comprise $100 to each NSW State finalist and a further $250 to the NSW State winner, in all $850. In itself this is a small contribution, but it is part of a collegiate award in conjunction with the BBM (Big Brother Movement), The English-Speaking Union and the Sydney Morning Herald. This award enables the NSW State winner to compete nationally and the Australian winner to compete in the global awards programme in London. Our members are invited to attend the State finals at which our awards are made. It is a marvellous morning hearing young potential leaders arguing a sound case in such a spirited and decisive way using the English language at its best. In an age of truncated speech and communication via SMS and email messages, these presentations are a delight to attend.

This collegiate approach has been expanded via the Foundation of the Society which is harnessing funds to the Bell Shakespeare Company's education programme referred to above. This enables a collective grant at a worthwhile National level to assist this programme to succeed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2006-2007

During the year we welcomed 22 new members. A warm welcome is extended to them and we trust that they enjoy their association with the Society. We lost 18 members during the year due to death or resignation because of age and inability to attend functions.

Renewals is a continual problem for us and at January this year 30% of members had not renewed requiring constant chasing of annual fees. As at writing this report around 50% of members have not paid their subscriptions. A lot of our members are life members not paying subscriptions and this makes our reliance on annual membership renewals more acute. The fees have not increased for many years to encourage early renewals. Chasing up members for renewals is very time-consuming and disappointing. Please renew to remain on the membership list. Rates for 2007-8 are

General (under 65)	$ 35.00
Senior (over 65)	$ 30.00
Family (includes partner)	$ 60.00
Corporate (five years)	$ 500.00

For new members joining after March, the annual payment covers this quarter and the whole of the next year.

Current membership numbers are:

General	34
Senior	86
Family (combined)	92
Life	136
Total	348

If you have changed your address or would like to be re-added to the mailing list, please telephone me on 9880 2408 or 0412 205 809 or email belindarich@bigpond.com. I will be pleased to make these changes. If you have an email address, please send us details as this is a far more cost effective and quicker way of getting notices to members. (It's amazing the number of members who are now computer literate!)

New members are the lifeblood of the Society. Please bring along friends to our functions as that is the best way to encourage them to join. Also, if you know of people interested, ring me and I will send them application forms and copies of our recent newsletters.

Whilst some members are remiss in sending renewals, it is gratifying to see the number of life members and others who send us donations to help keep the society functioning effectively. Thank you all.

Terry Rich
Membership Secretary

SAIL TRAINING REPORT

The winners of the Tall Ships Award for 2007 were Claire Daly, 19, a student of Camden NSW and Rebecca Kuehn, 18, a student of Cardiff NSW. Claire sailed aboard the brig Stavros S. Niarchos, operated by the Tall Ships Youth Trust sailing out of Gran Canaria, whilst Rebecca sailed aboard the schooner Lord Nelson, operated by the Jubilee Sailing Trust from Gran Canaria to Southampton. Both voyages were undertaken in March and April 2007.

It is noteworthy this year that both winners have achieved success in their personal endeavours as well as in sail training. Claire Daly has been accepted as an officer entrant in the RAN and commences training at HMAS Creswell in July, whilst Rebecca Kuehn excelled in the HSC in 2006, gaining first place in the state in one subject and receiving a Premier's Award. She plans to commence studying medicine in 2008.

The Tall Ships award, which is the Society's major sponsorship, is part of the Australia-Britain Tall Ships Exchange programme under the auspices of the Australian Sail Training Association, inaugurated by the Prime Minister in 2001. The award provides the return air fares to London for each of the winners as well as a contribution towards living expenses whilst overseas. In addition, the Society paid the return airfare London to Teneriffe for Claire to join Stavros S. Niarchos in Gran Canaria.

As part of the exchange programme, a young Briton sailed aboard the Young Endeavour for two voyages from Mackay to Townsville in June. Ian Nicholls, 22, a student at Strathclyde University was sponsored by ASTO, UK.

Some thirty members of the Society attended a luncheon aboard the Young Endeavour on 14 May, 2007 at which the Fleet Commander Rear Admiral Davyd Thomas AM, CSC, RAN, presented award certificates to both the Young Australian award winners. We record our thanks to the Executive Director of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, CMDR Steve Moss CSC, RAN (Rtd), and the Commanding Officer, CMDR Chris Galloway, for facilitating the luncheon on board.

The Tall Ships Award underscores the Society's commitment to youth in fostering relations between Great Britain and Australia. A number of our past Award winners have become members of the Society and have offered hospitality to the Young British Exchangees wherever practicable. We thank them for their efforts.

A significant number of our Award winners have been invited back to the ships on which they sailed to serve on later voyages as volunteer crew and watch leaders. This is a testimony to the very high standard of our Award winners and is an indication of their commitment to sail training and its value for ongoing personal development.

To enable our members to hear more of their experiences at sea, Claire Daly and Rebecca Kuehn, have been invited to address members at a reception following the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26th September at the American Club. They will be happy to answer members' questions after their talks.

The ongoing viability of the Tall Ships programme is dependent upon the Society's fundraising activities throughout the year. With increasing costs of the programme, members are encouraged to support our various fundraising functions.

REPORT ON SAILING ABOARD THE BRIG STAVROS S. NIARCHOS BY CLAIRE DALY

"In true Navy tradition, I will promise you four things; you will get cold, you will get wet, scared and seasick. But I also promise that you will not be alone on this quest. You will share this experience with twenty-three other young people you may or may not have met yet; and at the end of this voyage, you will not only have learned things about yourself, but you will take the memories of those experiences with your new twenty-three friends with you long after leaving us."

This was my introduction to the world of Sail Training when I was addressed on the deck of the Australian sail training ship Young Endeavour by Commander Chris Galloway, RAN Commanding Officer before I was to embark on my first voyage from Sydney to Burnie.

My exposure to a mariner's life had a profound influence on me. I found a place that Claire belonged and could express her real potential. The camaraderie amongst the crew was bonus. Over the proceeding months I had made a number of decisions. I made application to join the Royal Australian Navy and I decided to pursue the scholarship application. After a vigorous but pleasant interview process I was told that my application had been successful.

When I first saw the Stavros S. Niarchos I was amazed by her beauty and size and once onboard could not believe my eyes. There were two decks and down below there were millions of bunks. I realized that I was about to get cosy with quite a lot of new people. Already I knew I was in for a good time.

The atmosphere on that first night was sizzling for me and the new youth crew. We were in a foreign country keeping watch on a magnificent 60-metre square-rigged ship amongst sparingly costumed dancing girls and non-stop music buses that just kept the night going. Little did we know that Drag Queen day was just a glimpse of the annual carnival celebrations.

Thirty-five hours away from home and very sleep deprived, I instantly felt at home with my new ship and was eager to cast off and set sail into the unknown.

One thing I immediately realized was that the sea is a lonely place. You can be surrounded by many people but there is an air of isolation which envelops those aboard. It takes little time for you to get into your own head space and start seriously contemplating the future. I suppose you get a real perspective of just how insignificant you are in the universe with that entire ocean surrounding you. All of a sudden that ship is no longer very large.

That often bandied about expression “teamwork” becomes a reality after a taste of stormy weather. When it comes to sail training. I realized very quickly that unless everyone worked together, our new home would become miniature. One miniature on the deck and the next miniature on the bottom of the ocean. Not a pleasant thought.

My first voyage was full of different characters. The crew consisted of bankers, school children and a few special-need kids. Combining crews from such a diverse background had its own problems. I found that coming from a large family and having had prior experience on the Young Endeavour I was able to help these three groups meld and become one crew. This experience certainly tried and tested my mediating skills. Towards the end of that voyage, the three groups acknowledged their strengths and weaknesses but most importantly their combined achievements were recognised and they became one crew.

The second voyage presented me with a whole new challenge that I could not have envisaged. The crew were older people, the majority coming from the sailing fraternity. They knew plenty about yachts, but little about tall ships .It is quite a challenge for a nineteen-year-old, two voyages, and tall ship sailor to give advice to a fifty-year-plus-old seasoned yachtsman. Some of the practices they were employing were not only dangerous but potentially fatal (loss of limbs being a minimum). Diplomacy in the face of danger and knowing when to stand back was very hard under those circumstances. In the end I was able to show the old sea dog some new tricks and we became very good friends.

By the third voyage, I had a completely new crew and I noticed that I had become not only physically, but mentally exhausted. With the changing of the crews on a weekly basis, I found that you just start to bond with others and start to feel accepted within that group and the next minute they have gone and a new crew has arrived. I started having thoughts of "why bother making friends, as they will soon be gone". However, I thought this through and put myself in the place of the newcomers. They were experiencing something new, many of them for the first time, and although my thoughts were somewhat jumbled, those new people were keen and enthusiastic and ready for the challenge. By the next day, I knew them all by first name and the fun began.

Through this experience, I have forged friendships from the United Kingdom to Canada. My email address book has grown from 20 to over 200. I feel privileged that I can share a bond with these new friends and that makes the mental anguish and frustration I experienced at times, well worthwhile. Some of the highlights of the sailing experience included but are not limited to:

. Experiencing the thrill of shutting down all the engines and sailing under a full press of canvas, knowing that the ropes that you had just heaved and pulled have allowed you to challenge the ocean and prevailing weather.

. "Happy Hour" (No, nothing to do with drinking cheap grog) I have now learned to love the sound of cleaning in the morning. Can I mention that aim does not improve with age?

. The Canary Islands have magnificient sunrises which give way to some unbelievable days. Canary La Palma, Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Gomera, Hierro Fuerteventura, Lanzarote, all of them fantastico.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a special thanks to the Australia-Britain Society, particularly Commander Richard Tighe, Richard Nott, Meredith Rundle, David Adams and Malcolm Longstaff. Rear Admiral Ross Swan, Commander Chris Galloway and Murray Henstock from HMAS Young Endeavour, Chris Colwell from Tall Ships Youth Trust, the permanent and volunteer crews of STS Stavros S.Niarchos and last but not least, the previous scholarship winners and applicants who encouraged and helped me during this journey.

Until our next adventure together, Ahoy mates…Choc

REPORT ON SAILING ABOARD THE STS LORD NELSON
BY REBECCA KUEHN

It was late in the evening in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, when I first saw the STS Lord Nelson, my home-away-from home for the next three weeks. On my first trip in the northern hemisphere. I had emerged in one piece from a memorable Spanish taxi experience, and I stood somewhat dazed on the dock gazing wide-eyed at the large, gentle rocking ship just a few metres in front of me. Although I knew in my head I was looking at a Tall Ship, I still had never seen so many ropes in my life.

Late August 2006 had been the first time I boarded a Tall Ship as I embarked on an unforgettable voyage on the Young Endeavour. My experience of living and working with twenty-three other young Australians in an isolated sea environment not only left me with many happy and inspirational memories, but greater self-awareness, independence, motivation, and confidence. It's the times when you are soaking wet, perhaps grumpy and hungry on a highly unstable deck, and up at 2.00am trying to grapple with an unco-operative sail in high winds, that not only stick in your mind, but see you realise the value of positive attitude in all circumstances, especially when someone starts happily singing in the pouring rain. Sail Training affords these unique experiences with pleasure in any quantity and variety, leaving no option but to step back on firm ground at the voyage's end with a whole new outlook on the world, and a broader horizon unfolding in front of you. Through Young Endeavour, I had discovered the sheer exhilaration of Tall Ship sailing to be totally addictive, and I was restless to once again be at sea in the midst of all the inevitable adventures and challenges.

It was the youngest, and one of ten women in fifty voyage crew, that I sailed away from Las Palmas to spend twenty-three days sailing 2,245 nautical miles to Southampton, England, on board the Lord Nelson. The STS Lord Nelson and her sister ship Tenacious, are owned and operated by the Jubilee Sailing Trust, the only organisation in the world that enables physically disabled and able bodies people to share the adventure of Tall Ship sailing. The ships are fitted with specialist equipment with everything from wheelchair lifts between decks, tactile markers and an audio compass, to braille around the decks to integrate individuals of

all abilities and ages. In the first few days of getting to know the ship and literally learn the ropes, I had no idea that this voyage would hold so many challenges, unfold considerably more of the world and enable me to learn so much about myself and others through the experiences that lay ahead.

After a few good days into the voyage, everyone had settled into the routine of watches, happy hour, morning briefings, sail exercise and smoko breaks. Instantly recognisable as Australian from the moment I opened my mouth, I soon collected a variety of never-ending nicknames, from “Aussie cobber” to our “Colonial Cousin”, along with shouts of “sheila”, “skippy” and the “Antipodean princess”. I was happy to oblige in answering many questions about Australia, ranging from the apparently huge variety of poisonous reptiles and insects, to explaining exactly what a lamington was. I in turn had my fair share of British culture, as I struggled to remember to say “trousers” instead of “pants” to avoid too many laughs, along with surviving continuous jesting at my accent. My cultural experience extended into the galley, where I tasted many new foods including corned beef hash, fried bread, flapjack and Yorkshire puddings. Maps of Britain were regularly taken out during off-watch times as the voyage crew filled me in on where they lived and where they had travelled, the many personal stories and experiences of England broadening my knowledge considerably.

We sailed to a mystery port that turned out to be the locked harbour of Saint Malo in France, my first glimpse of mainland Europe. I was very excited to see land once more, and found wandering through the small cobbled streets and along the wide walls surrounding the city wonderful and quite beautiful. I had never seen such big ice creams, or such huge tides! Our journey around to Cherbourg was characterised by dense fog, and as a result the watertight doors were closed beneath decks and the foghorn kept making everyone jump before we got used to its frequent blasts. The last night of the voyage was spent anchored off the Isle of Wight, where a happy party broke out to celebrate the trip after everyone completed the task of removing the foretopsail from the rigging for maintenance.

Whilst aboard I participated also in the Leadership at Sea youth programme run by the Jubilee Sailing Trust. Amongst the challenges of the programme was the task of experiencing day-to-day living at sea where physically handicapped, and as a result I spent a day in a wheelchair and another blindfolded, in addition acting as a “buddy” to those physically handicapped. This opened my eyes to a whole new perspective on the world and a deeper understanding of the mixed abilities of the people within it, pulling my patience, motivation and experience into use. As such I found myself taking the helm via the audio compass blindfolded, finding my way on the deck using tactile markers and operating the wheelchair lifts between different parts of the ship. Normal activities such as washing my hands or collecting clean clothes suddenly required much more thoughts, time and energy, as well as a greater consideration of the people around me. The whole experience of being temporarily physically handicapped tested my adaptability, concentration and problem-solving abilities, as well as completely launching me out of my comfort zone to understand, appreciate and gain new insight into the lives of those who do not have full abilities in life.

Working with the few physically handicapped people on the voyage was also an invaluable experience. I really enjoyed the fact that everyone was literally in the same boat and as such we all worked together as a team to get tasks done. Sailing alongside individuals who did have full physical capabilities but nevertheless got stuck in and gave their best regardless of the weather, fatigue, or the fact dinner disagreed with their stomachs as truly inspiring. I learned so much from the wide variety of voyage crew members ranging in years from teens to the eighties, and by sharing such a voyage in a challenging seagoing environment. I developed and improved ability to relate and communicate well with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. The value of participation, respecting and appreciating the needs of others, and the advantage of diplomacy were all lessons I was able to take home from such a life-changing voyage.

I feel honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity to sail on the Lord Nelson, as it is something that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I have learned countless skills to take out into the world with me; from the benefits of being adaptable, patient and flexible, to the realisation that life, like sail training, is not all smooth sailing, but at the same time is as simple as a smile to make the best of everything. I owe more thanks than I can express to the Australia-Britain Society, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, Australian Sail Training Association, Jubilee Sailing Trust and the Association of Sail Training Organisations for such an invaluable experience.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REPORT

In the Southern Highlands life is never dull; there is an infinite variety of entertainment and functions. Therefore the ABS committee has to use imagination to persuade members and friends to attend the three functions offered annually.

To plan a motorcade around the Marist Brothers property was one such example. It proved successful. On a perfect morning, late March, cars and occupants assembled on the cricket oval to be greeted by Brother Tony. His route took the motorcade through the vineyards, beside paddocks with cattle, to a wide vista from high ground with historic buildings. Back to the home of the present Community, La Valla, surrounded by lovely gardens, pre-luncheon drinks were outside, followed by luncheon in the beautiful dining room, all served and prepared by the committee members. Brother Tony's talk on the Marist Brothers, established in Mittagong one hundred years ago, was both informative and humorous. Members of the local Historical Society were particularly appreciative of being invited. They, with others even stayed on to tour the graveyard with Brother Tony.

Another diverse group joined members and friends for the October, 2006 function at the Bradman Museum of Cricket. CEO of Cricket Australia, James Sutherland, was guest speaker on "The Ashes and the Business of Cricket". This was a revelation to be made aware of the complexities of the financial, business and international political issues, as well as the sporting demands of a Test Series and World Cricket endeavours. Early in the evening, whilst ABS guests enjoyed drinks and nibbles overlooking the oval, special junior cricket practices were staged. The TV cameras rolled. Then prior to James' presentation in the theatrette, the Captain of Oxley College 1st X1, gave a brief summary of the recent UK tour, and expressed appreciation for the donation given by the Society to the College.

The SH Committee has a policy to support and network with both youth groups and local activities. Our mid-winter function was a group booking for over sixty people to see the Highland Theatre Group present the Agatha Christie play "Witness for the Prosecution". It was an excellent production and much enjoyed. After the show the cast joined members for drinks in the foyer.

The local ABS group has made another donation of $500 to the Bell Shakespeare Company educational programme. We believe this to be one of the best ways to give practical help through great British drama to the students across Australia.

The ABS committee of six, remains unchanged .Each has taken responsibility for an area at every function; administration, clerical, bookings and finance, purchase and serving of drinks, food and catering. We are indebted to additional practical help and support at functions by a few local and regular helpers. We appreciate, also the presence of Richard Nott, NSW President and other State committee members and friends who came from Sydney to join us, and perhaps have supper after functions. Our special vote of thanks

goes to Malcolm Longstaff who has, for a decade, prepared each function advertising flyer, and even in retirement, he promises to continue to do so.

Congratulations to the NSW Committee for the variety of events available to members. We country folk enjoy our trips to various functions. Where possible we are pleased to assist in practical ways as well as to enjoy meeting with other members.

Cynthia Parker,
Southern Highlands Co-Ordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society's audited financial statements for the year to 30th June, 2007 appear in this Annual Report and I thank our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Keith Salt, for his work in auditing this year's financial transactions.

It is of some concern to me to report that from a break-even result for the 2006 year, 2007 saw the Society operating at a disappointing deficit. There are several factors that contributed to this overall result:

a) Although we had a pleasing number of new members join the Society, there was a similar number of resignations for various reasons. As a result membership subscriptions fell by a small amount for this year.

b) Donations fell dramatically. The amount for this year was approximately one third of that for the previous year.

c) Fortunately, some costs fell thus offsetting the items mentioned causing income reduction. This is particularly noticeable as regards Printing and Postage costs resulting from many members opting to receive newsletters via email.

The most significant adverse financial aspect for this year was the considerably reduced level of income from Functions. Revenue from this source fell by just under $5,000. This is of particular concern to your Committee, and the President has elaborated on the subject in his report to you. We aim to keep function costs to a minimum, hoping to rely where possible on raffles to provide a surplus. However, with reduced attendances at several functions, and a clash of dates with the Queen's Birthday luncheon put on by a similar society, overall income was heavily reduced.

I know that nowadays we are all busy, but our wonderful Society needs your support both at functions and in bringing in new and younger members who can keep us vibrant and active. Despite this gloom, reserves are still healthy and will sustain the Society for many years, but overall trends will involve a severe restraint on our grants programme. This will be unfortunate as we become then simply a social club with few altruistic aims beyond having a good time. A better solution is to increase function charges by $5-10 a head to enable our grants programmes to continue. Thank you for your support into 2008.

Ken Bock,
Treasurer.

BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY

Whilst branches operate autonomously within a common charter, there is warm welcome awaiting our members wishing to attend functions held by other branches of the Society. For members travelling interstate, details of the local offices are listed here and the Secretariat can assist in advising forthcoming events in that centre. In reciprocation, the New South Wales newsletters and programme is issued to other states in the event that visitors to Sydney are able to join our functions.

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Members visiting Britain are extended an open invitation to attend functions of our sister society in England and Wales. Members with family working and living in Britain may have an interest in joining the British body.

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 30TH JUNE, 2007

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AUSTRALIA - BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) Inc.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 2007

Notes		2007			2006		
	INCOME	$	$	$	$	$	$
	Functions	38,070.10			43,631.25		
	Raffles	2,015.00	40,085.10		3,681.00	47,312.25	
	less:- Costs						
	Functions	35,983.90			38,826.43		
	Raffles	835.04	36,818.94	3,266.16	1,712.57	40,539.00	6,773.25
	Members' Subscriptions		6,350.00			6,592.50	
	Donations		1,151.40			3,581.65	
	Interest		4,584.67			4,389.74	
	Tie Sales		80.00	12,166.07			14,563.89
	TOTAL INCOME			15,432.23			21,337.14
	EXPENDITURE						
	Insurance & Returns		1,720.32			1,247.32	
	Secretarial Services		3,720.00			3,671.85	
	Postage & Stationery		1,293.34			1,999.28	
	Printing		2,878.71			3,344.94	
	Telephone		240.00			381.40	
	Other		586.75	10,439.12		135.00	10,779.79
	OPERATING SURPLUS			4,993.11			10,557.35
	GRANTS & DONATIONS						
	PESA			850.00		850.00	
	Others			6,840.74		7,886.47	
	Shakespeare in Schools			-			
	Donations By Sth					529.95	
	H'lands Group					800.00	
	Bell Shakespeare		500.00			313.50	
				500.00		500.00	
				8,190.74			10,879.92
	NET OPERATIMG SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			-3,197.63			-322.57
	Grant from Federal Body			0.00			10,000.00
	OVERALL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			-3,197.63			9,677.43

AUSTRALIA - BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) Inc.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 2007

	2007		2006	
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank:-				
N.S.W.	7,083.82		13,666.66	
Southern Highlands	2,250.98	9,334.80	574.35	14,241.01
Petty Cash on Hand	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Function Expenditure in Advance	250.00		600.00	
Raffle Prizes pre-purchased	0.00	1,250.00	390.00	1,990.00
		10,584.80		16,231.01
INVESTMENTS				
HSBC Term Deposit		25,000.00		25,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit (incl Sth H'lands - $5K)		60,656.41		57,731.83
		85,656.41		82,731.83
TOTAL ASSETS		96,241.21		98,962.84
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Subscriptions paid in advance		0.00		
Function subs paid in advance		0.00		
Other - Sundry Creditors		476.00		
		476.00		0.00
NET ASSETS		95,765.21		98,962.84

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) Inc
ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS FOR THE YEAR TO 30th JUNE, 2007

Function	Income - $			Expenses $	Surplus/ (Deficit) $
	Charge to Members	Net Raffle	Net Income		
Victoriana	1,710.00		1,710.00	1,620.00	90.00
Dinner Dance	5,094.50	125.00	5,219.50	5,280.00	(60.50)
AGM	525.00	0.00	525.00	789.00	(264.00)
Remembrance Day	1,780.00	0.00	1,780.00	2,006.40	(226.40)
Christmas Party	2,655.00	205.41	2,860.41	2,116.40	744.01
RSYS - Buffet	2,730.00	0.00	2,730.00	2,310.00	420.00
Australia Day	8,235.00	497.55	8,732.55	7,700.00	1,032.55
New Year's Eve	1,540.00		1,540.00	1,540.00	0.00
Carrick Dinner	2,970.00		2,970.00	3,125.00	(155.00)
Queen's Birthday	5,625.00	352.00	5,977.00	5,397.00	580.00
Oaks Lunch (Deposit)	0.00		0.00	200.00	(200.00)
YEST Lunch	945.00		945.00	967.51	(22.51)
Southern Highlands			0.00		0.00
Theatre Party	1,518.00		1,518.00	1,295.56	222.44
Bradman Museum	1,323.60		1,323.60	711.95	611.65
Marist Brothers	1,419.00		1,419.00	925.08	493.92
TOTALS	38,070.10	1,179.96	39,250.06	35,983.90	3,266.16

1. STATEMENT BY SOCIETY TREASURER

I Kenneth William Bock, BCom, ANZIIF (fellow), FFin, CPA, Treasurer of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc, declare that to the best of my ability, in my opinion:

a) The Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial outcomes of the Society for the year to 30th June, 2006.
b) The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, under which the Society was granted a continuing approval as a charitable body, approved no CFN15054 until 1st May,2008, by the Office of Charities Department of Gaming and Racing on 2nd May,2003, have been complied with.
c) The internal controls exercised by the Society are appropriate and effective.
d) The Society is solvent.

Kenneth W. Bock; BCom, ANZIIF (fellow), FFin, CPA,
Treasurer
5th August 2007

2. STATEMENT BY SOCIETY AUDITOR

I, Keith Salt, ACA, report to the best of my ability and I believe that:

a) The accounts of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) for the year to 30th June, 2007, show a true and fair view of the financial results.
b) The accounts and associated records have been properly kept in accordance with the fundraising law.
c) The Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc is solvent.

Keith Salt, ACA,
Hon Auditor,
September 2007

Presentation/dinner on Captain Arthur Phillip with Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris, Sir Roger Carrick, Her Excellency the Governor Professor Marie Bashir.

Rear Admiral Ross Swan and
Mrs Margaret Swan with Her Excellency

Christmas Party with the British Consul- General: Leigh and Sandra White ,Tim Holmes, Consul-General, Rob and Robyn Thomas

Pat Steele, Michelle Porsen, Bob Walton, Eddy Steele

Aboard Young Endeavour : Richard Tighe, Rebecca Kuehn, Commander Chris Galloway, Claire Daly, Murray Henstock.

Queen’s Birthday luncheon with
Her Excellency and the Cathedral Singers

Australia Day at the American Club: Mrs Lewis, with Malcolm and Lynette Stephens.

Aboard the Young Endeavour: Gordon Beale, Richard Whiley, Wendy Hall, Rita Beale, Richard Nott, Gaye Fisher. in background Steve Moss and Ross Gourlay.

Pat Morath, Malcolm Longstaff, Berenice Brook-Smith

Jean Lever and Sue Labordus

BBQ at the Oaks: Wendy Hackney and Margaret Hartley

Aboard Young Endeavour : Claire Daly,Maddy Jacques,Andrew Tam

Gillian Carne and Ron Lever

Committee at Bradman museum of Cricket:
Cherry Archer, Angus Kennedy ,David Brown, Ian Ardie, James Sutherland, Cynthia Parker, Virginia Baccarini, Jan Bell

Southern Highlands : Christmas gathering with Committee:
Back : Ian Archer, Lionel Mead(now Canberra)
Front:Nan Mead, Malcolm and Lyn Stephens, Cynthia Parker

Past Tall Ships awardee Felicity Cox (top Left hand corner) making further achievements as a member of the Ship for World Youth Tour to Japan.