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1. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Southern Highlands presentation at The Henrietta Rose Function Room, Bowral, Friday 30 April 5.30-7.30pm, “From Circus Tent to Flagship Theatre Company” – the history of the Bell Shakespeare Company, by guest speaker, Ruth Anders. Drinks and finger food will precede the talk. Subscription: \$25 per person. Enquiries: Cynthia Parker, tel: (02) 48 711267.

b) Buffet Luncheon aboard the tall ship “Young Endeavour” Thursday 20 May at 12.00-2.00pm at Fleet Base East Garden Island, Woolloomooloo (*Please note changed date*). The price of \$45 includes hot and cold finger food, all drinks including wine, beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee, limited to first forty bookings. Senior naval dignitaries are expected to attend. Dress smart casual.

Do come along and experience what always proves to be a very enjoyable event, and take the opportunity to meet our latest Sail Training winner, Sarah Poulos, together with the crew of the “Young Endeavour”, and Navy administration. Please reply by **14 May and record guests’ names on the back of the cheque. Also, if you require parking, please note down your car numberplate, as this is required by Naval security.**

c) “Last Night of the Proms” and the Sydney Symphony, Friday 11 June 2010, Sydney Opera House Concert Hall

Calling all expats! Calling all music fans! Calling all prom lovers! The Sydney Symphony, in conjunction with the Australia-Britain Society, is able to offer members a 20% group discount on tickets for this popular show, provided more than 20 people book. Prices are: ‘A’ Reserve \$86, ‘B’ \$69, ‘C’ \$59, ‘D’ \$35, less the discount. The arrangement is that if you contact the Secretariat, either by email or telephone to indicate your intention to attend, and which reserve you want, we will let the SSO know how many, then you can call the Box Office individually to claim and pay for your seats. Please let us know as soon as possible, as we are advised that seats are selling fast.

d) VICTORIANA! Friday 16 July 7.00pm-midnight, St Paul's College, Sydney University. Black tie. \$115 per person.

Why not make up a group to come to an evening of rollicking fun at this music hall-style show? Your Society has reserved the best table in the house, which takes 18. Please send your cheques payable to "Australia-Britain Society", with bookings to be received no later than **18th May**.

d) Plain English Speaking Awards NSW final: Friday 30 July 9.30am-12.30pm at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 23-25 Mary Street, Surry Hills, Sydney (no charge for entry).

It is always entertaining to hear talented young Australians from high schools around the state speak in such an articulate way. The winner of the final will be presented with a cheque from the Australia-Britain Society.

e) "The Good Old Days", concert starring Yvonne Kenny, Monday 10 May, Sydney Town Hall at 11am and 2pm. Tickets: \$30, Seniors and pensioners \$25. If you wish to attend this good-value concert, please send your cheque payable to Nostalgia Productions Pty. Ltd, 22 Datchett Street, Balmain East, NSW 2041, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of tickets. It is important to indicate which show you want (or either show, in which case you have a greater chance of better seats) and also whether you cannot climb stairs.

2. RECENT FUNCTIONS

The Queen's Birthday Luncheon, held at NSW Parliament House was attended by 108 people. The guest of honour, our Patron, Her Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, spoke on the subject, "200 Years After Lachlan Macquarie", and our 2009 NSW Plain English Speaking Awards winner, Tim Matthews, replicated his winning address "Speech about Chocolate". (Tim will be going to the UK in May to compete in the international final).

3. NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to **Godfrey Scott-Mitchell**, from Moss Vale, whom we look forward to seeing at future events.

4. VALE

We very much regret to advise the passing of **Gordon McCusker** and **Elizabeth "Betty" Eaton**, and would like to offer our sincere condolences to their families.

With best wishes,

Ken Bock,
President