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BACKGROUND OF THE SOCIETY

The Society was formed in 1971 under the auspices of Sir Robert Menzies, former 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, Melbourne and Perth.

The Australia-Britain Society Foundation is based in Canberra ACT and holds reserves of around \$260,000 being the proceeds of the former National body of the Society, wound up in 2007/8. 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. 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 approximately 260 members. Most members live in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, North Shore and the Peninsula. Many members are retired and a large group is based in the Southern Highlands around Bowral, Moss Vale and Mittagong.

Function attendances range from 30-150 people, comprising our members and their guests as well as 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 Over-Seas League
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 Navy League of Australia (NSW Division)
The English in Australia Association ("T Club")
The English Speaking Union
Australians for Constitutional Monarchy

By amalgamating some functions with collegiate groups, 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.

2013-14 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President and Treasurer:

Ken Bock, BCom, ANZIIF(fellow), FFin, CPA

Vice President and Sail Training Co-ordinator:

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

Hon. Secretary:

David Adams, LLB

Membership Secretary and Administration Secretary:

Mrs. Sue Labordus, BA

General Committee Member:

Mrs Janatha Adams

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 members to assist periodically 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

The Southern Highlands Committee organises its own regional functions, makes grants from the funds raised and adds to our general reserves. This has worked well for many years and strong communication channels exist with the main branch committee. The Canberra branch of the Australia-Britain Society last year began to exchange programmes with the Southern Highlands group. It is hoped to have exchange of dates with each other as well as supporting Sydney functions.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Southern Highlands Co-ordinator: July 2013-January 2014

Miss Cynthia Parker, OAM

Tragically, Cynthia passed away suddenly in January, 2014. She was a wonderful asset to the Society and will be greatly missed by all.

Southern Highlands Co-ordinator: January-June 2014

Malcolm Stephens, CB, MA

Treasurer:

Mrs. Christa Brown

Secretary:

Mrs. Jan Bell

David Brown

Mrs. Lynette Stephens, BA

Barry Todd

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To start this report on a sombre note, for the purpose of presenting a report on our 2013-2014 activities, I could have merely reproduced my report shown in the 2013 Annual Report and simply changed the monetary amounts shown therein. This is because the situation that has prevailed in our main activities, i.e. the Sydney-based ones, has fundamentally remained unchanged during the year. By this I mean that the reduced support for those activities, quite noticeable in the past couple of years, has continued during the latest year. In fact, the success of those that have been held has, in several cases, resulted from significant support from kindred organisations. In this regard, a notable example was that during 2013/14 for the first time your Society jointly held its annual Queen's Birthday luncheon in conjunction with Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy. This function was highly successful socially as well as financially, and it seems that functions organised in this way are "the way to go" for the future. Miss Lucy Burke, the 2013 PESA winner replicated her winning address at this lunch.

To continue the sombre tone, our membership numbers have again remained static at approximately 260. Your Committee is grateful that the very welcome small inflow of new members is offsetting the departures of existing members leaving for whatever reason.

But on a much brighter note, I commend the Southern Highlands Committee for the enthusiasm shown by them and the members resident in that area in conducting their activities. I have personally attended a small number of their functions and I was most impressed about the conduct of their activities and the range of speakers and variety of function content they arrange. The range of Donations made by the S.H. group during the year is listed in the financial statements in this Annual Report document; the causes supported were all worthy of support.

We were all saddened by the death during the year of their long serving Co-ordinator, Miss Cynthia Parker. She served on the Southern Highlands Committee for many years and showed wise and energetic leadership. My wife and I were privileged to attend her memorial service at Frensham School at which she was the Headmistress for many years prior to her retirement. My thanks to Malcolm Stephens and Jan Bell who now head up the S.H. Committee and are continuing the activities in the area.

The main committee based in Sydney again laboured to provide entertaining services to our members and we also continued to support worthy activities in support of younger people. I thank Richard Tighe for his dedicated work both in organising our Tall Ships sponsorship and in leading the committee that assesses the ultimate recipient of our sponsorship. This 2014 candidate was Mr Sam Redward and he will present a report of his participation in the Tall Ships sailing at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting. A report on the overall conduct of our Tall Ships involvement prepared by Richard Tighe appears in the Annual Report.

We also supported again the Plain English Speaking Awards competition, conducted under the auspices of the English Speaking Union, among secondary schools students. Your Society made available prizes to the six state finalists and a further prize to the ultimate winner.

The 31st August 2104 marked the bi-centenary of the death of Captain (later Admiral) Arthur Phillip, the first Governor of NSW. The event was marked by an excellent programme of events conducted during July 2014 in England by the West Country Branch of the Britain-Australia Society. The highlights of the events were the unveiling of a memorial plaque in Westminster Abbey in the distinguished presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and the unveiling of a memorial sculpture in Bath in the street in which Admiral Phillip lived. The NSW Branch of your Society and the Australia-Britain Foundation joined in making a donation of £1,000 towards the cost of these memorials. There were several other activities held as part of these celebrations all of which were enhanced by the presence of our Patron Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, AD CVO, the Governor of NSW and Sir Nicholas Shehadie. Your Society was represented at the various functions by Administration Secretary, Mrs. Sue Labordus, Immediate Past President Mr. Richard Nott, my wife Lynnette and me.

I should mention that shortly following our Annual General Meeting, Her Excellency will step down from her appointment as Governor of NSW. We at the NSW Branch of the Australia-Britain Society will be saddened by this. Her Excellency has performed her role admirably and she has graced our functions on many occasions when we have been honoured and enlightened by the addresses she has delivered on those occasions. We wish her and Sir Nicholas a long and healthy retirement.

Your Committee, though small in numbers, has laboured intensely in organising our affairs and I thank Mr David and Mrs Janatha Adams for their input. I also thank Mrs. Sue Labordus, our tireless administration secretary for the work she has put in in maintaining the members' register, attending to correspondence, issuing our Newsletters, organising functions and producing the Annual Report. All require dedicated work and she has achieved admirable results in all she has done.

I end by again reminding members of two important aspects of the Society's operations:-

- We need to increase substantially our membership numbers. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to join and participate in our activities.
- Please give serious consideration to joining the Committee and help share in running your Society and the conduct of our various activities.

Kenneth Bock
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the year to 30th June 2014 the following programme of events was held:

- . **Plain English Speaking Awards. NSW finals** at NSW Teachers' Federation
- . **Annual General Meeting and Dinner with Sail Training reports**
- . **Remembrance Day church service at St. James' Church**, and luncheon at the Celebrity Lounge, City Tattersall's Club, Sydney
- . **Christmas Party** at the residence of the British Consul-General at Vaucluse, Sydney.
- . **Australia Day Luncheon** on a "Captain Cook" cruise ship on Sydney Harbour
- . **Queen's Birthday Luncheon** at Parliament House, Sydney with our guest of honour, Her Excellency The Governor

In the Southern Highlands:

The committee members have once again had a successful financial year and presented three major speakers to local members and friends:

- . **"Reminiscences – Australia/Britain"**, a wide-ranging and very enjoyable and amusing talk by Richard Nott
- . **"Our Lifeline through the Indian Ocean"**, a fascinating strategic review by Commodore John Matthew
- . **"Music for a While"**, a Tribute Concert for Cynthia Parker at the Mittagong Playhouse performed by John Forbes and Shirley Thompson.

Useful surpluses were made on each event, which made it possible for increased donations to national and local good causes, including the Bell Shakespeare Company and the National Braille Music Camp at Frensham.

SAIL TRAINING REPORT

The Tall Ships Award Program, which is the Society's major sponsorship, is part of the Australia Britain Tall Ships Exchange Program under the auspices of the Australian Sail Training Association. The Exchange Program is administered by the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme who also provide exchange berths for young Britons coming to Australia. The Exchange Program is supported in the United Kingdom by the Association of Sail Training Organisations and the Jubilee Sailing Trust. We acknowledge the contribution to the program made by all of these organisations.

The winner of the Tall Ships Award 2014 is Sam Redward, 20, a deckhand of Newport, NSW, who sailed aboard the British Tall Ship *Tenacious* from Gibraltar to Southampton in April 2014, a voyage of 25 days. Sam's report of his experiences aboard *Tenacious* is included as part of the Annual Report.

To enable members to hear more about Sam's experiences at sea, he has been invited to address members at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 30 September 2014 at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Sam will be happy to meet members and answer their questions.

At the Annual General Meeting, Sam will be presented with his certificate by the founder of the Tall Ships Award Program, RADM RC Swan AO CBE, a former President of Australia Britain Society (NSW Branch).

The Australia Britain Society is strongly committed to the Tall Ships Award program as a part of its objective of fostering relations between Great Britain and Australia with an emphasis on youth. It is encouraging that Award Winners from previous years continue to support the Australia-Britain Society and the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme in various ways after their return. It is always good to see representatives from this group at our functions throughout the year and to hear of their ongoing achievements, both in their careers and in their personal development.

The ongoing viability of the Tall Ships Award Program continues to be dependent upon the Society's fund raising activities throughout the year. Members are again encouraged to support our various fund raising functions which will enable us to continue the financial support of our major sponsorship program.

Richard Tighe,

Vice President and Sail Training Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON SAILING EXPERIENCES ABOARD THE “TENACIOUS”

by SAM REDWARD

Introduction

I wake up every morning with the aim of having fun, learning something new and making the most of each day.

On Wednesday December 4, 2013 I woke up with an opportunity that would enable me to do the above on board Jubilee Sailing Trusts tall ship *Tenacious* for 24 epic days! The day and subsequent interview in front of the panel from the Australia-Britain Society and Young Endeavour Youth Scheme would determine whether my dream of being selected would become a reality. I had first heard about the award from Harriet Smith on *Young Endeavour* V15 2012 and a seed was planted in my mind that would captivate me for the next two years.

I think the panel will remember me saying that I felt more comfortable in 10-foot surf than I did when I first walked through those doors and throughout the interview process. After 40 minutes of hard questioning flew by I left the room feeling that I had put my best foot forward but at the same time keen to see if I had made the most of my opportunity. A day later I came back from an afternoon swim and an unknown number came up on my phone. It was Richard Tighe from the Australia-Britain Society congratulating me on being the successful applicant for this year’s tall ships award. I was speechless. Given the caliber of candidates I was up against I was a bit surprised. It took me a week before my feet truly touched the ground again and it wasn’t till I boarded my flight to Heathrow 3 months later that it truly set in.

Before I set off on this journey I set some personal goals, challenges and objectives within myself that I wanted to explore, challenge and push the boundaries of. Everyone whom I spoke with before the trip said that it would change me. I have to be honest that as much as I did believe it would, I had my doubts. The journey that I went on over the 42 days and the 24 days on *Tenacious* whilst I was away certainly changed me as a person and the way I see, interact and view the world.

The Journey

As I flew in and saw the massive rock of Gibraltar for the first time it hit home that I was finally here and about to embark on this awesome trip. A few days later I boarded the gangway and took my first steps on board the incredible Jubilee Sailing Trust ship *Tenacious*, a three masted barque, I was in total awe of her size, character and charisma that surrounded her. I was greeted with a warm welcome by chief mate Richard and my watch leader Peter for the 24-day voyage from Gibraltar to Southampton.

The ship was a hive of activity as the 30 strong crew ranging in ages from 17-83 went about acclimatizing to the ship and ship life whilst getting to know each other. We were quickly put to work helping the crew do the final odds and ends before we would depart Gibraltar. A day later we slipped the lines with a fair wind blowing set sail up the Straits of Gibraltar with Africa to our south and Spain to our north in clear view. The whole crew was full of an electric enthusiasm for what lay ahead of us, keen to explore new places and discover new sights and sounds.



First week at sea

There is nothing that compares to blue water offshore sailing. Life is simple, carefree and in the moment. The first week of the voyage was a time of learning and exploring all we could about *Tenacious*, about life at sea as well as about each other. It was during this first week I faced one of my biggest but most rewarding challenges of the trip: the age gap between myself and the majority of the *Tenacious* crew. I found it hard to deal with the difference in mentality and energy levels, and at times I found this challenge extremely frustrating, annoying and slow.

Over the course of the trip and with the help of all members (Peter, Arnie, Paul, Julie, Dan and Roy) of the Aft Starboard watch I was a part of, I was able to understand, appreciate and accept the differences in mentality, energy levels and perspective on life that age brings. It was with their help and guidance that they enabled me to find comfort and take pride in my youth, see the advantages to both sides of the coin and the value that this age gap can have within a crew of this nature. The time-shared during our watches taught me something new with each watch and helped bring a greater perspective to the trip, such as hearing about Roy speak about his whaling stories, Peter's maritime stories, Arnie's no-nonsense humor and Paul's perspective on life. It showed me that as a team anything can be accomplished, such as when we were on watch and managed to brace both masts with square sails up to the opposite side on our own which is no mean feat with a full crew let alone just the 6 of us, there were many stories like this along the way that blew my mind of what I thought was possible.



The Bay of Biscay

After 14 days of sailing and motoring along the western coastlines of Spain and Portugal and visiting some amazing places along the way Porto, Vigo, Corunna just to name a few, we reached the Bay of Biscay. Having grown up being constantly surrounded and exposed to the ocean in all forms and on all types of craft and now being a seafarer myself, the Bay of Biscay proved to have a mythical value. A place where a seafarer can truly test oneself and skills against all that mother nature can throw. It has been one of the stretches of ocean that I have heard of and wanted to sail across for many years. Sailing across the Bay of Biscay started a phase in the trip full of many special moments that pushed me to my limits and showed me that boundaries are there to be challenged, broken and jumped over.

It was the early evening we were sailing with a sharp steep 3m swell on our starboard bow and a gusty 30 knots of wind. We needed to do some sail changes to set us up for the night ahead, one of the tasks was to climb the foremast and furl the royal. It's that fight or flight reaction that takes over where you can tackle "fear" or wonder what could have been. The view from up on the yard looking forward as *Tenacious* powered head on in to the ocean whilst we furled the sail was inspirational and enlightening, my confidence within myself grew a lot in that moment and was one of the objectives I had for the trip. The Bay certainly lived up to its name, we encountered all sea and wind conditions from relatively calm wind and sea conditions to 4 meter seas and gusting 40 knot winds that came at the ship from all angles as we tacked our way toward Saint Malo.

After crossing the Bay of Biscay we sailed in to the magnificent walled town of Saint Malo, France where we spent two amazing days. After *Tenacious* was all tied up and all our duties done we were given shore leave and I along with Ben and Josh, two of the younger members of the *Tenacious* crew set about seeing what this town has to offer. It was during the hours that the three of us spent walking around and exploring St Malo along with a night out that the similarities of the youth of both the United Kingdom and Australia share became apparent to me. It was a great chance to relax and have some fun whilst in the company of two great like-minded fiends. Our time in Saint Malo was a real highlight for me.



Culture

The culture aspect of the trip was one that I found most interesting, whether it is comparing, food, lifestyle, music, history or sport, there was always something to talk about, compare and learn. Even basic expressions and sayings that I have grown up with always attracted a laugh or strange look. It was during our time in the port of Muros, Spain that I unleashed Skippy, an inflatable Kangaroo, on the crew. Over the remainder of the trip he would end up all over the ship hanging from different places with different things people had dressed him up in and always brought a smile and a laugh.

I didn't really know what to expect of the British people and the characteristics that make up their personalities, especially with the younger generation. The heritage, history and culture of the United Kingdom are very different to Australia, but the personalities of these people are far more similar to what I had thought. Both nations share an immense grit, determination and drive to succeed, along with a hunger and thirst to push the boundaries and achieve their dreams, while remaining humble and having a joke and laugh along the way. This certainly was the case with the crew on Tenacious, with people from all over the UK along with one token 'Aussie'.



Reflection

There are certain experiences in life that raise questions, challenge your perspective on the world and evoke change in our every day lives.

This trip was certainly one of those. It has raised as many questions about who I am, how I view life, and what I see in my future, as it has answered. The biggest difference between the person I was when I

embarked on the journey and the person who I am now is that the questions being raised no longer scare or worry me, but excite and encourage me to have even more fun, learn even more and make the absolute most of each and every day. There are moments from the journey I went on that will remain extremely clear in my mind for many years to come. I went through many extreme highs and extreme lows that all added to the experience. I could not have had one without the other, and I truly feel that I put my best foot forward by making the most of the opportunity that I was given. I think that we need to continue to encourage the youth of both Australia and the UK to make the most of the opportunities that we have in every day life. We truly are the lucky countries.

Thank you

I have to say a massive thank you to the following organizations that made this adventure of a lifetime possible!!!! The Australia-Britain Society (N.S.W. Branch), Jubilee Sailing Trust, UK Sail Training, Young Endeavour Youth Scheme and Australian Sail Training Association.

I would also like to thank Captain Darren and his crew from Tenacious, along with Captain Matt his crew and the youth crew from Young Endeavour V15/12. Last but not least I would like to thank the people who have given me the opportunities along with the mentors who have and continue to encourage and guide me through life, I will be forever grateful to you all.

Sam Redward.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year's result was a Deficiency of \$1,557. This compared favourably with the Deficiency of \$4,780 incurred during the previous year, although, obviously, a deficit situation is one that would best be avoided.

The components of this result comprised:-

- \$1,946 Deficiency from Sydney based activities
- \$389 Surplus from Southern Highlands activities

The improved result was achieved as a result of the following factors:-

- A Donation of \$2,000 from the Australia-Britain Foundation for which we are most thankful;
- Reduced expenditure on Sail Training of \$2,418. During 2012/13, we sponsored two candidates in this activity whereas for 2013/2014, only one was sponsored. It should be noted that that additional expenditure last year was intended to be one-off.

Offsetting these savings however were the following:-

- A contribution of \$509 towards the Arthur Phillip memorials which along with \$1,300 from the Australia-Britain Foundation was applied to obtaining 1,000 Pounds that was forwarded to the Britain-Australia Society.
- Reduced income from Bank Interest \$824 reflecting the reduction in interest rates generally.

Overall, your Society remains in a healthy financial situation and it is able to meet its obligations as they fall due. Quite clearly, the static membership numbers and the lower than normal support of functions means that we continue to be restricted in the amounts that can be made available to Sail Training, the PESA competition plus other cultural activities that could be supported.

Ken Bock
Treasurer

BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA

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 are issued to other states in the event that visitors to Sydney are able to join our functions. Branch event diaries can be accessed on the Society website: www.ausbrit.org

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BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY IN THE U.K.

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. Apart from in London, the Britain-Australia Society has branches in Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hampshire and Somerset and if you are in the UK and wish to attend functions, it is suggested you contact the Head Office in the first instance. Their details are:-

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 30TH JUNE, 2014

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AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2014

	2014			2013		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME						
Functions	28,451.14			20,044.20		
Raffles	1,930.00	30,381.14		920.00	20,964.20	
less:- Costs						
Functions	25,762.11			16,507.36		
Raffles	0.00	25,762.11	4,619.03		16,507.36	4,456.84
Members' Subscriptions		3,295.00			3,290.00	
Donations		2,790.00			875.00	
Interest		2,706.51			3,530.60	
Tie Sales		0.00	8,791.51			7,695.60
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>			13,410.54			12,152.44
EXPENDITURE						
Insurance & Returns		1,379.62			1,379.62	
Secretarial Services		4,800.00			4,800.00	
Postage & Stationery		1,254.60			1,254.60	
Printing		1,045.00			1,045.00	
Telephone		220.00			240.00	
Projector purchase SH Committee		399.00	8,593.56		399.00	8,699.22
<u>OPERATING SURPLUS</u>			4,816.98			3,453.22
GRANTS & DONATIONS						
PESA			850.00			850.00
Sail Training & Arthur Phillip			3,324.41			5,233.20
<u>Donations by Sth Highlands C'tee</u>						
Bell Shakespeare		1,000.00			1,000.00	
National Braille Music Camp		500.00			500.00	
New & Used Productions RFDS, }						
St Judes, Wingecarribee Vol'trs }		700.00				
Welby Gdn Centre, Frensham			2,200.00		600.00	2,150.00
			6,374.41			8,233.20
<u>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>			(1,557.43)			(4,779.98)
<u>OVERALL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>			(1,557.43)			(4,779.98)

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2014

ASSETS	2014		2013	
<i><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></i>				
<i>Cash at Bank:-</i>				
N.S.W.	11,303.32		11,902.60	
Southern Highlands	3,082.27	14,385.59	2,737.37	14,639.97
Petty Cash on Hand	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Pre-Payments	42.00		0.00	
		1,042.00		1,000.00
		15,427.59		15,639.97
<i><u>INVESTMENTS</u></i>				
Westpac Term Deposit - Sth H'lands		9,000.00		9,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit - Sydney		60,000.00		61,345.05
		69,000.00		70,345.05
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>84,427.59</u>		<u>85,985.02</u>
<i><u>LIABILITIES</u></i>				
<i><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></i>				
Subscriptions paid in advance		0.00		
Sundry Creditors		0.00		
Grants Fund - ex Donation Aust-Brit Foundation		0.00		
		0.00		0.00
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>84,427.59</u>		<u>85,985.02</u>
<i><u>MEMBERS' FUNDS</u></i>				
Accumulated Funds as at 1st July, 2013		85,985.02		90,765.00
Add/(Subtract) Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(1,557.43)		(4,779.98)
Members' Funds as at 30th June, 2014		<u>84,427.59</u>		<u>85,985.02</u>

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC
ABN 75 368 639 375

ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS FOR THE YEAR TO 30th JUNE 2014

Function	Income \$			Expenses \$	Surplus/ (Deficit) \$
	Charge to Members	Net Raffle	Net Income		
AGM	880.00	0.00	880.00	900.00	(20.00)
Remembrance Day	5,480.00	0.00	5,480.00	4,974.75	505.25
Christmas Party Australia	2,210.00	340.00	2,550.00	2,390.00	160.00
Day	3,105.00	0.00	3,105.00	2,970.00	135.00
Queen's Birthday	14,230.00	1,590.00	15,820.00	14,527.36	1,292.64
<u>Southern Highlands Functions</u>					
ABS Reminiscences – R. Nott	808.80		808.80	0.00	808.80
Lifeline thro' the Indian Ocean	650.24		650.24	0.00	650.24
Cynthia Parker Tribute	1,087.10		1,087.10	0.00	1,087.10
TOTALS	28,451.14	1,930.00	30,381.14	25,762.11	4,619.03

1. STATEMENT BY SOCIETY TREASURER

I, Kenneth William Bock, Treasurer of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc declare that in my opinion:-

- a) The Financial Statements for the year to 30th June, 2014 give a true and fair view of the financial operations of the Society for the year to 30th June, 2014;
- b) The Provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 under which the Society was granted a continuing approval as a charitable body, approval no. CFN15054 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 able to meet its debts as and when they fall due.

Kenneth W. Bock B.Comm. ANZIIF (Fellow), F.Fin, CPA
Treasurer
1st August, 2014

2. STATEMENT BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

We have examined and audited the books and the records of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 2014.

It is our opinion that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June, 2014, together with the Balance Sheet as at that same date, are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial results and the position of the Society for that year ended and as at that date.

Further, the accounts and associated records have been properly kept in a manner appropriate to the Society's needs. We believe that the Society can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

STEEL, JAGGER & ASSOCIATES
Certified Practising Accountants

Ian Maxwell Jagger RFD, FCPA, JP
Registered Company Auditor
3rd September 2014

