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## ANNUAL REPORT 2015





Dame Marie Bashir and Sir Nicholas Shehadie with Sail Training winners



H.E.The Governor with RADM and Mrs. Swan at the Queens's Birthday dinner



Alix Cameron receiving Francis Chichester book from H.E the Governor



Country Buffet at David & Janatha Adams' property, Mittagong



Dame Marie Bashir with Mrs. Valerie Grogan

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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 share 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 \$270,000 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 committee nominees 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 250 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.

# 2014-15 YEAR IN REVIEW

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### **President:**

**Richard Nott AM**, Dip FP, Dip FS, BSc(Hons), Grad Dip Insce, MBA, MCom, MIRM, ThA(Hons), ANZIIF (Fellow), FCII, SF Fin, FCIB, FIPA, FCIS, FGIA, CAHRI, FCMI

### **Hon Secretary and Deputy President:**

**David Adams, LLB**

### **Treasurer and Immediate Past President:**

**Kenneth Bock**, BCom, ANZIIF (Fellow), F Fin, CPA

### **Vice President and Sail Training Co-ordinator:**

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

### **Administration and Membership Secretary:**

**Mrs. Sue Labordus, BA**

### **General Committee Members:**

**Mrs. Janatha Adams**

**Mrs. Philippa Armfield**

**Terry Rich, JP**

**Mrs. Diana Rich**

**Mrs. Meredith Rundle**

**Mrs. Cynthia Stericker**

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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 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.

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## **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

The Southern Highlands Sub-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 in 2013 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:**

**Malcolm Stephens, CB, MA**

### **Treasurer:**

**Mrs. Christa Brown, MEd Admin**

### **Secretary:**

**Mrs. Jan Bell**

**David Brown**

**Mrs. Lynette Stephens, BA**

**Barry Todd**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I resumed this role in 2014 to enable Ken Bock to maintain his wide range of charitable and public programmes, and as well enable him to remain as our Treasurer and Master of Ceremonies at most of our events. We are fortunate to retain his skills and positive approach towards making these events flow well and I appreciate greatly the professionalism and support Ken continues to provide to the Society.

Richard Tighe continues in his long running role as Sail Training Co-ordinator and over a twenty year period in this role and that of Treasurer he and Mrs. Barbara Tighe have nurtured not only the annual Tall Ships award programmes, but have developed a cadre of past awardees who make up an alumni group that meet periodically under Richard's auspices to look at continuing Sail Training development and experiences. More details are available in the Sail Training report, however it is fitting to rejoice in the twenty-year anniversary of this continuous programme initiated by Rear Admiral Ross Swan and nurtured by Commander Richard Tighe.

The administration of the branch continues under the dedicated professionalism of Mrs. Sue Labordus, who also restrains some of my well known excesses. She maintains the member records, receipt and disbursement of functions, expenses and grants. This is a key role to enable the society to function well and within the needs of a not for profit organisation. There is considerable follow-up in this role due to member ageing, some change in their interests and focus. Sue carries this with good heart, often with replies to events out of closure date and requiring multiple handling and chasing for payments. I continue to encourage members to reply to events early to cut down on daily visits to the mailbox and the re-writing of table plans due to late responses.

I thank all of the committee for their help and assistance during the year and the fellowship they engender by adding positive problem solving and innovative ideas to widen the scope of our services.

Details of the financials show a reduction in net revenue from functions, however the data has been amended in 2015 to show as expenses costs that were previously omitted where they were subsidised by the committee and members. This is mainly in the area of raffle prize costs and subsidies where costs of functions have exceeded estimates. These subsidies are now included in the function cost and matched by an increase in donations. This gives a truer account of how pricing of functions have been kept low to members by these donations from the committee.

Our aim is to provide a variety of events to members at fresh venues where possible at the lowest rates and keep margins above costs at a nominal amount (usually \$5-10). This does provide some estimating difficulty where drinks (the main cost variable) are based on consumption and future programmes will need to increase prices or preferably where possible, include a soft drink/coffee package and let members buy their own alcohol.

Another change to the reading of the financials is the advent into events that require some up-front expenditure to be recouped from function sales at a later date. The accounts show a shift from a cash basis to an accrual process. (An example of this is the sale of theatre tickets where the bulk of them were acquired in 2015 but sales will be reflected in 2016). Our aim is not to take open-ended risks on pre-purchase unless there is confidence of eventual sale. In regard to theatre tickets any unsold tickets before

the event will be exchanged for a future programme so there should not be a loss, as it provides an added service and by a bulk purchase we can offer prices the same as the general box office and receive a discount of \$7 a ticket. The only risk is that members do not attend these functions.

Grants made are usually based on operating surpluses to preserve our reserves and in recent years we have restricted these to two core programmes: Tall Ships awards and the Plain English Speaking Awards. The latter is a constant grant of \$850 whilst Tall Ships is impacted by rising costs but within our planned budgets. The latter part of this year involved a request for us to be the financial sponsor for a plaque in St. James' church King Street Sydney to the memory of Governor Lachlan Macquarie. This cost of \$3,600 was covered by a \$2,000 grant from our Foundation and the balance provided fully by the Southern Highlands, our committee and families. This is a unique event and the church will install an acknowledgement of our support. Member attendances at functions enable these altruistic endeavours to be made and we encourage donations for these type of periodic opportunities, particularly from members where annual membership fees have hardly changed in decades. This transaction will be reflected in the 2016 accounts, whereby the donations were largely received in 2015 but the grant not made until 2016.

This year we introduced a President's luncheon at the Australian Club and aim to hold two of these a year, in a private room at this exclusive venue, with a range of interesting guest speakers. The facility rooms only hold 50 guests. If attendances reflect a larger room need, we will consider using the Union Club occasionally to provide venue variety but close to transport.

The Queen's Birthday dinner at the Australian Club was the first time we have held an evening black tie function for over a decade. This event was a collegiate one with members of the Constitutional Monarchy, Cook Society, Friends of St. George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter. It was a *sell-out* 150 people event where members met our new Patron His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley and Mrs. Hurley. As well, it was a fitting tribute to Professor the Hon Dame Marie Bashir and Sir Nicholas Shehadie via a musical tribute sponsored by Mr. George Wang and the committee. The recent Tall Ships awardees attended and made short addresses. This was a great opportunity to showcase to members the value of this programme. The financial outcome showed only a break-even result due to the raffle proceeds not covering the Vice-Regal and other special guests. The general view and feedback is that this event should be repeated in 2016 to provide a fitting celebrative honour to Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are mindful of costs to members where entertainment is provided and an extensive drinks programme, however the aim is to run this event at a low surplus.

The Christmas party this year has changed to a city-based luncheon close to transport and at a cost of round \$45 for a two-course luncheon, starter soft drinks and coffee. This venue is a test run to avoid members travelling at night.

For some years we have considered holding a garden party at Government House. This was deferred due to the high costs of labour and preferred availability. This is being resurrected in 2016 with the hope that we can access during a week-afternoon and at reasonable costs.

Our ageing membership is remaining stable due to new joiners, however the bulk of life members do not attend functions, and with many on fixed incomes and memberships of similar groups, we need to continue to offer value-added events and not to overload our member attendance appetite. Raffle proceeds help offset costs however these are restricted to only a few events due to small attendances. Our normal member-market of early retirees is impacted by the growing demands for grandparent support and the

lack of ability to attend our events as well. Please bring along guests to functions and hopefully they will be encouraged to join. The key in the situation of declining membership and attendances means we need to affiliate more closely with kindred groups where we can offer joint events.

Thank you again for remaining loyal members and supporting the events as well as the precepts we uphold. The Committee continues to look at innovative events and these will hopefully include gaining access to interesting overseas guests. Without the committee and your support we cannot achieve much. I am pleased to be a part of the committee again and renew old friendships.

*Richard Nott*  
President

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the following programme of events was held:

- . **Plain English Speaking Awards. NSW finals** at NSW Teachers' Federation
- . **Luncheon to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Admiral Arthur Phillip** at New South Wales Parliament House
- . **Annual General Meeting and Dinner** at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
- . **Country Buffet Luncheon** at the Mittagong property of David and Janatha Adams
- . **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 Vacluse, Sydney.
- . **Australia Day Luncheon** and visit to Tobruk sheep station in conjunction with the Order of Australia Association
- . **Opera Gala Concert at Chatswood Concert Hall** with Willoughby Symphony Orchestra and celebrity opera soloists
- . **President' luncheon at Australian Club** with guest speaker the Hon Justice Michael Pembroke
- . **Queen's Birthday Dinner** at the Australian Club Sydney with Guests of Honour His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley and Mrs. Hurley, Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir and Sir Nicholas Shehadie.

### **In the Southern Highlands:**

This has been another successful year. Three varied speakers were enjoyed by local members and friends.

- . **“My Dearest Gennie”** a very engaging talk about some interesting ancestors by Joanna Vink.
- . **“The Australian Army: Past, Present and Future”** Some interesting insights from Colonel Charles Weller
- . **“The Royal Flying Doctor Service; Behind the Icon”** with some fascinating anecdotes from Clyde Thomson.

Useful surpluses were made at each event and these were all donated to national and local good causes including the Bell Shakespeare Company, the National Braille Music Camp at Frensham, the Royal Flying Doctor Services and a contribution to the plaque to Governor Macquarie.

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## **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 Tall Ships Award Program was inaugurated by the Australia-Britain Society in 1994 during the Presidency of RADM Rothesay Swan AO CBE, to enable young Australians who have excelled during their voyage aboard Young Endeavour to travel to the United Kingdom to gain further development by sailing aboard a British Tall Ship.

As well as providing Award winners with the opportunity to enhance their personal development, especially in leadership and initiative, the award also dovetails with the Society’s objective of nurturing Australia’s relationship with Great Britain with an emphasis on youth. Since 1994, 29 young Australians have benefited from the experience and a number have gone on to meet further challenges on Tall Ships in different parts of the world.

The winner of the Tall Ships Award 2015 is Lauren Szewczyk, 21, a third year Bachelor of Education student, of Dee Why, NSW. Lauren sailed aboard STS Tenacious on two consecutive voyages, in the

Azores and from the Azores to Milford Haven, UK in April 2015. Lauren's report of her experiences aboard Tenacious is included as part of the Annual Report.

To enable members to hear more about Lauren's experiences at sea, she has been invited to address members at the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on Tuesday 15 September 2015. Lauren will be presented with her Award Certificate at this event.

During 2015, Young Endeavour, Great Britain's Bicentenary gift to Australia, is undertaking a round-the-world voyage and on Anzac Day was at Anzac Cove for the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign. Applications were invited from young people to sail on various sectors of the round-the-world voyage and it is pleasing to report that three of our Tall Ships Award winners were successful in the selection process:

**SAM REDWARD** (2014 winner) sailed the sector from Sydney to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from December 2014 to February 2015.

**CAITLIN STEPHENSON** (2011 winner) sailed the sector from Cadiz, Spain to Canakkale, Turkey and was fortunate to be on board for the Gallipoli centenary events.

**LAUREN SZEWCZYK** (2015 winner) has been selected to sail the sector from Cape Town, South Africa, to Fremantle in November/December 2015.

At the Queen's Birthday Dinner on 27 May 2015, at which the Society's Patron, His Excellency, The Governor, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Rtd) and Mrs Hurley were Guests of Honour, Sam Redward, Caitlin Stephenson and Lauren Szewczyk, together with our 2000 Award winner, Alix Cameron, were presented to His Excellency and Mrs Hurley. His Excellency, in his address to members and guests, highlighted the value he placed on sail training for personal and leadership development of young people and presented a book to Alix Cameron in recognition of her support of the Tall Ships Award Program over fifteen years and mentoring of the younger Awardees.

The Australia-Britain Society remains strongly committed to the Tall Ships Award Program and is encouraged that Award winners from previous years continue to support the Society and the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme after their return.

The ongoing viability of the 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

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## **REPORT ON SAILING EXPERIENCES ABOARD THE “TENACIOUS”** *by* LAUREN SZEWCZYK

From a hot Sydney morning, dressed to impress, a positive attitude and trying to shake off the nerves, the morning that had the opportunity to change my life. To rushing to the airport heading on my next adventure only to be stopped by that ever-important phone call from Richard letting me know that I’d been selected for the 2015 Award.

And then everything changed.

An adventure holiday in New Zealand - intensified by the news, and a smile that didn’t leave my face. Then returning to Sydney, walking into University, handing in my course deferral papers and walking out unsure of what 2015 would bring me.

It would be impossible to fit every experience, memory and emotion into such a short report or summarise how grateful I am to the Australia-Britain Society for providing me with such an individual and unique experience.

I had the pleasure of meeting the Barque tall ship Tenacious in Ponta Delgada in the Azores islands of Portugal. Tenacious stood out around the other ships within the marina and I was lucky enough to call her home for the next 4 weeks. As I walked onto the ship I was immediately greeted by the permanent crew, who introduced me to other staff crew as we walked around the ship. Once all the voyage crew had been officially signed on as active members of the ship we were given the opportunity to truly enjoy one of the best sunsets that the Azores had to offer, and for my first northern hemisphere sunset, the Azores did it well. As the crew slowly got to know each other I learnt the degree of differences each person had, the crew ranged from 16 to 80 years of age with a ranging degree of ability, mobility and disability. These differences were barely noticed because I had grown up in a diverse environment through school, work and family life.



After a few days of sitting at the marina we were finally setting off and heading towards the sailing that I had been waiting for. Within minutes of leaving the wharf at Ponta Delgada we were surrounded by 360° of water, beautiful crystal blue, icy cold water – which was flaunted by the pod of dolphins that were showing off their abilities and tricks of riding the wake.



Although sailing tall ships was not new to me, Tenacious was. From my experiences on the Young Endeavour, I was sharing learning experiences with a youth crew from the same area coming together just as lost as each other, growing and changing together. Tenacious pulled me into an environment where each person who walked onto the ship with different experiences, stories and knowledge of sailing. Most members on the ship had experiences on Lord Nelson and Tenacious previously and were all able to give me assistance and help wherever needed. From the moment we joined the ship, each watch group undertook watches twice a day, on the helm,

setting sails and keeping watch over the ship. As we sailed the watch groups grew together in a small temporary family, and if it wasn't the watch groups and activities bringing the crew together, it was the highs and lows of sea sickness – looking after each other or simply being there for support. I never would have guessed that a ship full of strangers could feel so much like an unlikely family.

When we weren't on watch, crewmembers were free to explore the ship or take advantage of what she had to offer. If it wasn't the netting on the bowsprit or the main deck I would be atop the main mast whenever I had the chance. The main mast stood 45 meters above the deck and was easily my favorite place, the mast offered height, solidarity and an opportunity to see what the ocean had to offer. Even with the 12 straight days of Open Ocean sailing from the Azores into the Scilly Islands, every day was different. The permanent crew gave us the opportunity to learn aspects of sailing and tricks to further our knowledge of a working ship. Within these 12 days I was taught how to splice rope, tie a wide variety of knots, navigate using a sextant and constellations. With constant questions and inquiries from all the watch members, the permanent crew was always helpful and willing to teach something new, providing an open learning environment. Along with the learning experiences we had the pleasure marine biologists that had joined the ship during the Azores voyage who shared their vast knowledge and expertise of each marine animal we saw.



As the crew grew and learnt together, we became more comfortable around each other. We began to compare our lives, cultures and stories. From comparing sports to beers and constant debates about being Australian and having no love for Fosters beer – giving me the ultimate opportunity to build ties and make friends from all walks of life.

An experience aboard Tenacious, a practically indescribable time, that even with the vast English language would be impossible to do justice. Attached with a thank-you to every single person that made this possible, from the Australia-Britain Society to the crew and everyone aboard the Tenacious voyage.



Thank you



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society's NSW Branch operated at a Deficit of \$5,149 for 2015/16 compared with a Deficit of \$1,557 for 2013/14.

The general reason for this increase in the Deficit is principally to do with the nature of your Society's overall operations in a changing world and this has been addressed by the President in his report on the year's operations.

Specific financial features affecting the year's result were:-

- Both the Sydney and Southern Highlands function income was down from a total of \$4,619 in 2014 to \$2,613 in 2015. The Sydney functions were the major contributor to this reduction – down from \$2,073 in 2014 to \$639 in 2015. The decline in revenue from the Southern Highland activities was less.
- Member Subscriptions declined slightly reflecting the loss of members through death and others not renewing.
- Interest income was down by a small amount reflecting the trend in market interest rates in general.
- Grants to our traditional worthwhile activities i.e. the ESU's schools Plain English Speaking Awards, the Sail Training activities through the UK Jubilee Sailing continued. For 2014/15 the Sail Training costs rose because of the higher air fare necessary to transport the Society's sponsored nominee to Europe. The Donations made by the Southern Highland group, which could be regarded as being equivalent to Grants, remained at a similar level as was the case for 2014.

As has been mentioned in previous years, your Society needs to increase membership thus providing higher Subscription revenue but, more importantly, to generate greater potential support for functions leading, it would be hoped, to higher surpluses for use in expanding our Grants activity.

In the meantime, our cash reserves remain at quite satisfactory levels and your Society is able comfortably to meet its obligations.

*Kenneth W. Bock*  
Treasurer

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## **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](http://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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**AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.**

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015**

<u>INCOME</u>	2015			2014		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Functions	33,556.57			28,451.14		
Raffles	2,251.50	35,808.07		1,930.00	30,381.14	
less:- Costs						
Functions	32,671.25			25,762.11		
Raffles	523.58	33,194.83	2,613.24	0.00	25,762.11	4,619.03
Members' Subscriptions		3,055.00			3,295.00	
Donations		2,824.98			2,790.00	
Interest		2,539.81			2,706.51	
Tie Sales		0.00	8,419.79			8,791.51
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>			<b>11,033.03</b>			<b>13,410.54</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>						
Insurance & Returns		1,457.91			1,428.67	
Secretarial Services		4,800.00			4,800.00	
Postage & Stationery		650.09			722.69	
Printing		916.67			1,003.20	
Telephone		220.00			240.00	
Other (Projector purchase SH '14)		106.25	8,150.92		399.00	8,593.56
<b><u>OPERATING SURPLUS</u></b>			<b>2,882.11</b>			<b>4,816.98</b>
<b><u>GRANTS &amp; DONATIONS</u></b>						
PESA			850.00			850.00
Sail Training & St James' Church			4,630.69			3,324.41
Donations by Sth Highlands C'tee						
Bell Shakespeare		1,000.00		}	1,000.00	
National Braille Music Camp		500.00		}	500.00	
L Macquarie plaque – St James,		500.00		}		
Royal Flying Doctor & Wingecarribee Vol'trs		550.00	2,550.00	}	2,200.00	2,200.00
			8,030.69			6,374.41
<b><u>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>			<b>(5,148.58)</b>			<b>(1,557.43)</b>
<b><u>OVERALL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>			<b>(5,148.58)</b>			<b>(1,557.43)</b>

## AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.

ABN 75 368 639 375

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015

<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	<b>2015</b>		<b>2014</b>	
<i><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></i>				
<i>Cash at Bank:-</i>				
N.S.W.	17,684.89		11,301.32	
Southern Highlands	1,903.12	19,588.01	3,084.27	14,385.59
Petty Cash on Hand	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Pre-Payments SH	0.00		42.00	
Net Advance				
Payments 2015/16				
Function	1,691.00	2,691.00		1,042.00
		22,279.01		15,427.59
<i><u>INVESTMENTS</u></i>				
Westpac Term Deposit - Sth H'lands		10,000.00		9,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit - Sydney		50,000.00		60,000.00
		60,000.00		69,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>82,279.01</u></b>		<b><u>84,427.59</u></b>
<i><u>LIABILITIES</u></i>				
<i><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></i>				
Subscriptions paid in advance		0.00		
Sundry Creditors		0.00		
Donations received in 2015 for Macquarie Plaque (2016)		3,000.00		
		3,000.00		0.00
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>79,279.01</u></b>		<b><u>84,427.59</u></b>
<i><u>MEMBERS' FUNDS</u></i>				
Accumulated Funds as at 1st July, 2014		84,427.59		85,985.02
Add/(Subtract) Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(5,148.58)		(1,557.43)
Members' Funds as at 30th June, 2015		<b><u>79,279.01</u></b>		<b><u>84,427.59</u></b>

**AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC**

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**ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS FOR THE YEAR TO 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

Function	Income - \$			Expenses \$	Surplus/ (Deficit) \$
	Charge to Members	Net Raffle	Net Income		
Country Buffet Mittagong	4,015.00	405.00	4,420.00	4,956.55	(536.55)
Arthur Phillip Lunch	415.60	0.00	415.60	0.00	415.60
AGM	1,705.00	0.00	1,705.00	1,600.00	105.00
Remembrance Day	2,470.00	0.00	2,470.00	2,238.00	232.00
Christmas Party	1,930.00	248.42	2,178.42	2,032.90	145.52
Australia Day	760.00	0.00	760.00	760.00	0.00
Gala Opera Concert	1,525.00	0.00	1,525.00	1,444.00	81.00
Last Night of the Proms	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
President's Lunch 19th March	3,640.00	0.00	3,640.00	3,475.00	165.00
Queen's Birthday	15,080.00	1,074.50	16,154.50	16,122.80	31.70
<u>Southern Highlands Functions</u>					
My Dearest Gennie	586.23		586.23	42.00	544.23
Aust Army - Chas Weller	733.60		733.60	0.00	733.60
Royal Flying Doctor	696.14		696.14	0.00	696.14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33,556.57</b>	<b>1,727.92</b>	<b>35,284.49</b>	<b>32,671.25</b>	<b>2,613.24</b>

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 give a true and fair view of the financial operations of the Society for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015;
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.Com. ANZIIF (Fellow), F Fin, CPA**

Treasurer  
1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

It is our opinion that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, 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  
18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015



The Southern Highlands Committee



The Hon. Justice Michael Pembroke at the President's Lunch



Warwick Beadle and Janette Ramsay



David and Catherine Barker at the Queen's Birthday dinner

