



# Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc

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## **1. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- a) **Queen's Birthday and Diamond Jubilee Celebration Luncheon Thursday, 14 June 2012 at the Sir Stamford Hotel, Elizabeth Room, 93 Macquarie Street (Corner Albert Street, near Circular Quay station) at 12.00 noon for 12.30. Details in the attached flyer.**

This year, our celebration of the Monarch's birthday will be a particularly special one as it is also Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year. The venue is a new one for the Australia-Britain Society: the dining room of the Sir Stamford Hotel is delightfully appointed and will be an attractive venue at which to welcome our Guests of Honour, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie. The winner of the PESA award for 2011, Fanulla Sapountzis, has been invited to replicate her prize-winning speech in the NSW final. As we expect a full house, we should appreciate your bookings as soon as possible.

- b) **PESA NSW final: Friday 27 July 9.30am-12.30pm at NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Corner Reservoir/Mary Streets, Surry Hills, Sydney. Public transport to Central station / parking at Goulburn Street carpark**

As before, the Plain English Speaking Awards final is open to all our members and is free of charge. This is a competition for Year 11 and 12 students and the state winner, together with all finalists, will be presented with cheques from the Australia-Britain Society. The winner will go on to compete in the National final later in the year, and will also replicate his or her winning speech at the Queen's Birthday lunch in 2013. Why not consider coming along, as this always proves to be a very entertaining event.

- c) **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The AGM for 2012 has been set down for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The venue is yet to be determined, but do diarise the date now and attend so as to hear what your Society has been doing for the 2011/2012 year.

#### **d) REMEMBRANCE DAY 2012**

This year, the 11<sup>th</sup> November falls on a Sunday. Your Committee has decided that it should maintain the tradition of holding a Society function for the occasion and once again be involved with St. James, King Street, for a Church service and afterwards hold a luncheon.

Nevertheless, it may well be that it will not suit some members to have the occasion on a Sunday. If that is so, we would like to know if this is the case, so please phone me on 9871 6869 so we can assess members' opinions and form a view as to whether the function should go ahead or not.

### **2. NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome **John and Lesley Mitchell** as new members to our Society, and look forward to seeing them at our functions.

### **3. OTHER MATTERS**

#### **Wills and Legacies:**

Recently, the Society benefited by receiving a legacy from the estate of a late member, who had included such a gift in his will. This legacy has been a wonderful boost to the Society's grants scheme for young Australians, and was much appreciated. In addition, we have recently had an enquiry from a law firm acting for a member who was in the process of updating their will as to the appropriate wording for a clause to include in it.

I invite you to consider this in relation to your own personal arrangements. Should you be amenable to adding a clause to your will, the appropriate wording to provide to your lawyer is:-

“a) I give ..... dollars (\$.....) to the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Incorporated, ABN 75 368 639 375.

b) If at my death the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Incorporated has ceased to exist or has amalgamated with another organisation or has changed its name this gift shall not fail but shall be construed as a gift to any such replacement entity or such entity which my executors consider most nearly fulfils the objects that I intend to benefit.

c) I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or Secretary for the time being of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Incorporated or any replacement thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.”

With best wishes,

*Ken Bock,*  
President