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1. FUNCTIONS

- a) QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY DINNER Wednesday 25 May 6.15pm-10.30pm Australian Club (Member host R. Nott), 165 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW (Cnr Macquarie and Bent Streets) Members Dining Room, 1st floor Black tie with decorations. Pre-dinner drinks and two-course dinner with drinks, coffee/tea. Cost members \$110 non- members \$120**

Please see the attached flyer. This gala event is being hosted by this Society in conjunction with Australians for Constitutional Monarchy and Friends of St. George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter. A number of other kindred groups including the Cook Society and Royal Over-Seas League will be invited as well. Please send in your attendance slip as soon as you can to secure a place as it is expected to be fully subscribed early.

This event is a unique one in that it will have the attendance of our Patron, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley and Mrs. Linda Hurley, supported by previous Governors: Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, Rear Admiral the Honourable Peter Sinclair and Mrs. Shirley Sinclair. Other attendees will include the British Consul-General, Mr. Nick McInnes, Ms. Kelley Priest, the 2016 Tall Ships awardee, and Ms. Isla Collee, a finalist in the 2015 State Plain English Speaking Awards who will replicate her address.

In view of the special celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday, we have arranged a musical interlude, including Mr. John Martin playing Chopin, and Living Treasures from the Australian Opera, Messrs. John Bolton-Wood and Geoffrey Chard, who will be singing some Gilbert and Sullivan favourites with audience participation!

This year is the 400th anniversary of the death of the Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare, and a suitable toast will be included to his greatness and memory. A raffle will be held with some great prizes to help keep the cost of the evening as close to cost as we can.

Free parking is available under the club, entrance from Bent Street, after 6.00pm. For security purposes you will note that the return flyer does not mention the specific venue being made available by your President's membership.

b) LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS Sunday 21 August 2.00-4.00pm and Saturday 20 August 7.00-9.00 pm Chatswood Concourse Concert Hall. Tickets \$47.00 (includes booking fee)

We have 90 tickets to the Sunday concert and 10 tickets to the Saturday evening concert which will include all the Albert Hall favourites. This price is the same as at the box office, but minus the booking fee. Last year was a sell-out and reports were that it was a grand fun afternoon with plenty of flag-waving, bunting and singing. Our tickets are the best picks after subscribers and are placed over all areas. Please complete the flyer and indicate your seating preference area (e.g. stalls, dress circle, box) and include a stamped addressed return envelope to secure these seats, allocated on a best basis to the first received. Bring some friends along for a great afternoon (I will be the main flag waver in my Mr. Whippy tuxedo). Parking underneath the concert hall is approached from Archer Street and only a five-minute walk from the train and buses nearby. The small margin goes towards Tall Ships and Plain English Speaking Awards.

- c) AGM followed by silver service dinner Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Monday 19 September**
- d) October - Date to be determined. Garden Party Government House, Sydney**
- e) Remembrance Day service St. James King Street, 11.00am on 11 November followed by luncheon at the Macleay Room, Australian Club**
- f) Christmas traditional luncheon at the Union, University and Schools Club on either 5-6-7 December, subject to Vice-Regal calendar**
- g) Australia Day Harbour Cruise 26 January, 2017**
- h) Celebration of Australia Day buffet luncheon Union, University and Schools Club late January 2017**

Please note these events in your diary and more details will be issued closer to the time.

2. RECENT EVENTS

- a) Australia Day Harbour cruise** was well attended and our thanks to the Order of Australia Association for enabling us to join in this event with attendances that enable a quality vessel of size to be hired. General feedback was that it was a great day on the water in beautiful weather and good value. If you are in Sydney next year consider bringing some friends for a great day with wonderful access to all the Harbour activity.
- b) Celebration of Australia Day** was held with a buffet luncheon at the Union, University and Schools Club with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, Her Excellency Mrs. Menna Rawlings, British High Commissioner, and Mr. Nick McInnes, British Consul-General. This was a joint function held with Australians for Constitutional Monarchy and attracted over 100 guests, giving a wonderful relaxed afternoon.

3. NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new members:

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| . Maree Silva | . Trevor Bailey & Sasha Shearman | . Josephine Larson |
| . Mike O'Shea | . Jill Nyquist | . Geoffrey & Ann McIntyre |
| . Sabina Allman | . Peter Reedman | . Murray & Corrinne Mills |

We welcome you to the Society and look forward to meeting with you during the year and onwards.

4. PASSINGS

We regret to advise the death of long-term member and Committee member **Mr. Terry Rich** after a long and recurring illness. Terry had a great interest in the Society and with his wife Diana were active supporters over decades. A memorial will be held for Terry in early May and the condolences of the Society will be conveyed to his family on your behalf.

We also regret to advise the passing of **Dame Leone Kramer, AC DBE**, a life member of our society.

5. SAILING ON THE “TENACIOUS”

“**Tenacious**” is a magnificent sailing vessel currently on a world tour and there are opportunities to join this vessel on several legs of its Australian journey during 2017. Not for the faint-hearted or myself who gets seasick even on HMAS Kuttabul, however if the chance to sail from Sydney/Melbourne or other legs is of interest, please refer to the Jubilee Sailing Trust website: www.jst.org.uk, email: sales@jst.org.uk, phone: +44 2380 426849.

The website lists the full programme, which includes:

Sydney Voyage 6-10 March 2017 \$1,155. This includes a harbour voyage, then through the Heads and up the coast and back to Sydney.

Melbourne to Hobart Wooden Boat Festival 2-11 February 2017: \$3,300.

With continuing best wishes,

Richard Nott