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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018

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1. COMING EVENTS

a) **Australia Day Harbour Cruise: Friday 26 January 2018. Cost: \$90.00 pp**

Details are supplied on the attached flyer. Please return this as soon as you can as the mail is slow and we need to confirm seats well in advance. We have sixty seats allocated and if they are filled early, we may be able to source additional seating.

Whilst the Circular Quay departure vessels are more easily accessed for some people, these Captain Cook vessels charge \$125.00 versus our \$90.00 charge as we do not include a drinks package and most member feedback suggests couples do not wish to spend \$70.00 on drinks during the day when a \$10.00 soft drink option may be more financially practicable. The King Street wharf vessel is surrounded by glass with lounge areas and external seating to view the Harbour events. Also, the desserts of lamingtons and pavlova we believe are better than on Quay vessels. Overall we believe this option is a superior one for members and friends. The departure site can be accessed from Wynyard via the Barangaroo exit and a short walk to King Street.

Richard Nott and Sue Labordus will be at the berthing departure area issuing boarding tickets and our tables will be identified with flags on them. These are very popular events and the ship is usually booked out so there is no option to bring along additional guests without notice and pay on the day. This is a casual gentle cruise around the harbour to take in all the events and a good buffet luncheon. Bring along your friends and please book early remembering mail is notoriously slow. Also if paying by direct bank deposit, please remember to add your name as set out on the flyer so we know who has paid.

b) **Luncheon Tuesday 6th February 2018. Guest Speaker Hilary Kay from the BBC Antiques Roadshow. Cost: \$115.00 members, \$120.00 guests. Noon onwards at the Union, University and Schools Club (UUSC), 25 Bent Street Sydney. Dress: jacket and tie.**

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A flyer is attached for details and bookings. We are delighted to have Hilary Kay with us to talk about how the Antiques Roadshow is run, the process behind items being selected for evaluation and other interesting anecdotes about this popular show. Hilary will not be evaluating items at the lunch but will answer your questions on aspects of the show. This event is being held in conjunction with collegiate groups and we suggest you book early as seats will be allocated on a first-received basis. Please note the cut-off date for bookings and allow for slow mail as the UUSC needs time to cover catering and we need time to arrange table plans and seating plus the event programme. Entertainment will be an added cap to the afternoon led by concert pianist Glen Amer and a mystery guest singer. His Excellency the Governor will be represented by Colonel Michael Miller and Mrs. Miller.

c) Queen's Birthday Dinner 21 May, 2018 in conjunction with St. George's Day Dinner Australian Club, 165 Macquarie Street, Sydney from 6.00pm. Black tie and decorations

This annual gala event has been combined with a celebration for St. George's Day usually celebrated on 23rd April but deferred due to the difficulty in conflicts with Easter and Anzac Day celebrations. This date is as well subject to His Excellency the Governor's availability. Last year we reduced numbers to around 120 people to give easier access in the members' main dining room, which was welcomed. There will be special guests and entertainment. Further details will follow.

2. NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to **Murray Henstock** who has joined our Society. Murray is well known to many members through his long association with the Tall Ships Award evaluation process and we are delighted he is now returning to the fold as a member.

3. PASSINGS

We regret to note the death of long-term member and supporter **Robert Longstaff**. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

4. OFFICE ACCESS

The secretariat under Sue Labordus' control is now operating as normal. Please contact Sue if you have any queries or questions about the Society or events planned. Please note that we require your name on bank lodged bookings for events as we cannot otherwise tell who has made the deposit. Also, please send back the flyer so we can track details for meal and seating requests.

With continuing best wishes,

Richard Nott