



# Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc

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## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2012

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### **1. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- a) **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND LUNCHEON: Sunday 11 November. Service at St. James' Church, King Street at 11.00am**

This year, as Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday, the Remembrance Day Service will form part of the normal Sunday Eucharist. All Australia-Britain Society members are welcome and although there is no charge, there will, as usual, be a collection. Decorations are to be worn.

The service will be followed by:

- b) **LUNCHEON AT THE PRINCE ALBERT ROOM, SIR STAMFORD HOTEL AT CIRCULAR QUAY, 93 MACQUARIE STREET. Cost: \$55 Members, \$60 Non-Members**

Our Speaker on this occasion will be Mr. John David Olsen, a new member, who is the Webmaster for the Winston Churchill Centre and who will be regaling us with accounts of Winston Churchill's leadership during WWII. John will be thoroughly entertaining, as he is a fluent and articulate speaker. Book now!

- c) **CHRISTMAS PARTY: Wednesday 28 November 5.30-8.00pm at the home of the British Consul-General, Mr. Richard Morris and Mrs. Alison Morris, 25 Gilliver Avenue, Vaucluse. Cost: \$45.00 Members, \$50.00 Non-Members. Cost includes drinks and finger food**

We hope that as many members will be able to celebrate the start of the festive season at this beautiful home, which Mr. and Mrs. Morris have kindly made available for the Australia-Britain Society.

**d) AUSTRALIA DAY Saturday 26 January 2013 10.15am: Harbour Cruise aboard “Vagabond Spirit”**

A few years ago we celebrated Australia Day by way of a harbour cruise. It was an outstanding success and we were not able to accommodate all members who wished to attend. Subsequent functions have been held on land, mostly at the American Club.

For Australia Day 2013 we are most fortunate and privileged to have had made available to us 40 places on the harbour cruise being conducted by the Order of Australia Association. The Committee had no hesitation in taking up this opportunity because of the success of the previous occasion. The cruise will depart from the East Circular Quay wharf at 10.15am for what promises to be a delightful cruise and an excellent lunch.

*Please respond quickly when you receive the flyer for the function and don't be disappointed.*

**e) BAKEHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY:**

This is an emerging Theatre Company in Sydney, which is producing a stunning new adaption of Charles Dickens' classic novel, “Great Expectations” at the Wharf Theatre precinct, Pier 4/5 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay. Your Committee felt that as 2012 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dickens' birth, together with the fact that this play has both British and Australian connections, it would be of interest to our members. Performances are from 2-17 November at 7.30pm from Tuesday-Saturday and 5.00pm on Sunday 11 November. Tickets are \$25. For bookings, ring 9270-2400 and mention that you are a member of the Australia-Britain Society in order to receive this special price.

## **2. RECENT EVENTS**

**a) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM was a successful event and I received many compliments for the selection of the venue for this year, the Royal Yacht Squadron at Kirribilli. The room for the meeting was most pleasant and the dinner at the conclusion of the meeting was excellent. All who also attended that enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere that prevailed, not to mention the standard of the meal.

Sarah Rowsell's report on her Tall Ships participation presented between the AGM and the meal was well received. She gained much from her experience. Part of this was simulating what the physically handicapped participants experience when they crew on the tall ships. She reported that she now has a full appreciation of what such people need to endure.

The AGM adopted the Annual Report and all the reports (President's, Tall Ships, Treasurer's) therein were adopted unanimously. There was good news and bad news as regards the election of office bearers for the ensuing year. The good news was that the Committee members in office for the 2011-2012 year were all re-elected and I thank them for their continuing contribution to the Society's work. The bad news is that there were *no other nominations* for the Committee from other members. This was disappointing because we do need additional members on the Committee to help plan and carry out our activities. Please think about this and offer to join your Committee.

In this regard, I thank Maureen Tegerdine for her past involvement as a member of the Committee. Maureen has moved away from Sydney and she has found it too difficult to attend Committee meetings. She was a very reliable member and made significant contribution in the running of functions, in particular that all-important activity of running raffles!

In summary, I feel sure that the Committee will resolve to conduct the 2013 AGM at the same venue.

**b) SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS GROUP**

My wife, Lynn, and I, accompanied by Past President Admiral Ross Swan and Mrs Margaret Swan, attended the Southern Highlands group's function on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Frensham School at Mittagong. The Southern Highlands Co-ordinator, Miss Cynthia Parker, led a visit to the school and inspected its many buildings and facilities. Miss Parker served as the School's principal over many years prior to her retirement and her address to the 30 or so people who attended, including some from Canberra as well as the local members, was thoroughly entertaining. Over an excellent lunch, she outlined in delightful detail the history of the school and its ethos and development. In this, she was supported by other past and present staff members who gave useful background and insight into their individual involvement.

All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves at was an out-of-the-ordinary type of function. More attendees from among our Sydney members would have made a great day even better!

**3. NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to **Coral Byrnes** and **Jennifer Hall**, and very much look forward to meeting them at future functions.

With best wishes,

*Ken Bock,*  
President