



Australia-Britain Society

(NSW Branch)
Inc

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Sir Peter Cosgrove, The Hon John Howard, The Hon Michael Kirby, Professor David Flint, Col Michael Miller and Musicians at the Queen's Jubilee Dinner



Susan and Peter Shilton and Geoffrey and Ann McIntyre at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee dinner



SQNLDR Greg and Maxine Baker-Moss and GPCAPT David Glasson at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee dinner



The Revd Fred and Silvana Nile at the Queen's Jubilee dinner



SH Committee: Malcolm & Lynette Stephens, Barry Todd, Arthur Delbridge



Peter Beattie and Sabina Allman at the Queen's Jubilee dinner

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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 contributions 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.

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH STRUCTURE

Our branch has approximately 200 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.

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.

2021-2122 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:

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

Hon Secretary and Deputy President:

David Adams, LLB

Treasurer and Immediate Past President:

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

Vice President and Sail Training Co-ordinator: (*until December 2021*)

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

Administration and Membership Secretary:

Sue Labordus, OAM, BA

Edward Farrell: Sail Training Co-ordinator (*from January 2022*)

General Committee Members:

Janatha Adams

Catherine Barker, OAM

Philippa Armfield

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*until December 2021*)

Southern Highlands Co-ordinator:

Malcolm Stephens, CB, MA

Treasurer:

Arthur Delbridge, AM BA (Psych) B Comm LFPRIA

Secretary:

Jan Bell

Lyn Stephens, BA

Barry Todd

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“Let us reconcile ourselves to the mysterious rhythm of our destinies, such as they must be in this world of space and time. Let us treasure our joys but not bewail our sorrows. The glory of light cannot exist without its shadows. Life is a whole, and good and ill must be accepted together. The journey has been enjoyable and well worth making - once.”

Churchill: Thoughts and Adventures

Preface

This report reflection on the past financial year, is written in the shadow of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, aged 96, which occurred on 8 September 2022 in Scotland. Whilst the Queen's physical frailty was evident, we all hoped and rejoiced in her ability to be a unique part of this 70-year reign, Platinum Jubilee and beyond, that Her Majesty herself looked forward to and enjoyed, with her added surprise touch of humour and message that she is not only one of us, but undoubtedly history's prime example of a long and dedicated life of service to her peoples of the Commonwealth, and especially Australia where she visited many times since 1954. For many people the Queen has been a fundamental and stabilizing part of the whole of our lives.

Our quality of life is so good that human nature tends to postpone the issue that we all face, of our inevitable life departures and farewelling those whom we love, especially the Queen who has been such a constant unique example for most of our lives. In the history of Civilisation, kindness is a feature that joined us in the Victorian era and the Queen could be described as Elizabeth the Kind, as she personified kindness, compassion and empathy. Hopefully this grief and pain at her death will be replaced by our rejoicing in the greatest of lives, and adopting some of her supreme examples of service, uplifting the human spirit and example to ourselves and beyond. None of this is a newly revealed experience but one of many exhorted to by the accounts of many religions and in the Christian tradition, of by being judged by our actions and doing good works to others whilst we have time. No-one in my life time inspired people of all kinds more than the Queen in leaving the world a better place and recognising and actioning our duty to our fellow man. Her inspiration, inherent interest and empathy, generated such a force for the common good and nurturing affection. The global outpouring of grief, affection, loss and rejoicing in her pre-eminent life, is one history and a new generational radar will not forget. It is felt especially by organisations such as ours. We all rejoice in the cultural links between our two countries, with our common values, heritage, democratic tradition and the Queen's inspirational example. In that context we have written to the King with our added support to his new mantle of office, nurtured by his mother, and rejoicing in once more invoking the prayer and the anthem “God save the King!”

President's Report on Year to 30 June, 2022

Our lives continued this year to be impacted by the management of COVID and its restrictions on social movement. Most venues have experienced difficulty in getting serving personnel to support large gatherings, limiting event size. There has been some return to international travel, but at an increased cost and with isolation periods. Clouding all this as well are destabilising international political interests and some regional wars which could escalate, plus the possibility of a global recession and increased costs on basic foodstuffs and the experience of living. These situations tend to make people more selective in how they allocate spending and setting priorities.

A major event last year was the memorial service to the Prince Philip, with a capacity attendance of 130 people. Letters were received from the Queen to read to guests, plus reflections by our Guests of Honour, the Hon. John and Mrs. Howard, and entertainers from the Australian Opera. The annual service at St. James' King Street

was held on Remembrance Day but no luncheon afterwards, followed by a well-supported Christmas luncheon with John Martin, Concert Pianist, and Simon Ward, cabaret star, repeating their classic concert of Flanders and Swann songs, and there was a thirty-year memorial of films remembering Freddy Mercury and the Queen band. Michael McLaughlin from the Friends of St. Georges' in Victoria sent us a box of special red wines with labels bearing the Jubilee insignia, ABS and St. George's logos, and these were partly used as lucky seat prizes. The calendar year closed with the annual Cambridge style service of the popular Nine Carols and Lessons at St. James' Church.

An AGM was held electronically again in October 2021, and our thanks to the members who joined the meeting and for the various committee reports.

This year started with a return of the Commonwealth Day luncheon in March that many members attended at NSW Parliament House. The year highlight was the Platinum Jubilee and Queen's Birthday dinner, again at capacity guest numbers of 130 which included our collegiate friends from the Friends of St. George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, the Cook Society, the Cambridge Society, and Australians for Constitutional Monarchy. The collapse of John Coombs our Irish harpist during the major address by The Hon. Michael Kirby, delayed the evening until the ambulance arrived. Our thanks to Hon Tony Abbott and the other guests for tending to John and the Club for organising the ambulance service. (John recovered by the next day and had trouble remembering what had happened! Whilst this situation has happened only twice in the past twenty years, we will be aiming to get quicker and better control if this should ever happen again). The Hon. John Howard proposed the loyal toast and the evening was supported by a series of revolving slides of past events, including many of the Royal Family, plus entertainment from emerging stars from the Australian opera. Overall, it was a long night ending around 1.00 am and our thanks to the UUSC for its dedicated services especially Alex the Maître d'. Whilst the club did not charge us for the electronic services and room hire, we did make extra payments to cover the delayed event timetable. A special mention is made to the Revd. Andrew Sempell, the now retired Rector of St. James' Church King Street, who has been a regular supporter of this Society events. An original oil painting of the Australian bush was presented to him by MC Ken Bock at the dinner, with our appreciation. The remainder of the specially labelled wines previously donated by Michael McLaughlin, were used as lucky seat prizes. Our sincere thanks for your generosity, Michael. The calendar year closed with the annual Cambridge style service of the popular Nine Carols and Lessons at St. James' Church.

Looking forward, the balance of 2022 has a full programme of event offerings including some events organised by others which in the past have been of interest to members, including the Victoriana night at St. Paul's college, The Gilbert and Sullivan production of Pirates of Penzance at the Shore school auditorium, the Last Night of the Proms at Chatswood Concourse, plus our managed events of this AGM and silver service dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron. An afternoon with Peter Rainey reflecting on the wonder of the past glories of the British cinema has been deferred until the New year as it was deemed to be inappropriate to hold it due to the death of the Queen. The forthcoming Remembrance Day and Christmas luncheons are very popular and details will be sent out in due course. This year we are aiming to secure two of the Australian opera stars to delight us with melodies from the Phantom of the Opera, lucky seat prizes of Michael McLaughlin's Jubilee wines, and several special mementos from the Bradford Mint in the UK. These will be set out in the pending Newsletters.

Some of the venues have been limited in numbers due to the shortage of venue serving personnel as we have found exists in many worldwide service centres, along with rising costs in almost every sector of our normal life. To date we have managed to curtail these direct cost and overheads and are looking as well at other venues such as other major lower-tier clubs where we can hold alternate events, such as the Royal Exchange Club and others in the city. As well we need to consider our member's needs and not overload the programme due to these costs and our members being involved in other similar groups. This is also exacerbated by our inability to secure more members to the Committee and our need to restrict events to what we can handle. Also, in the medium term, with ageing membership and all of these types of organisations facing committee support difficulties, we may have to gradually wind down events further and restrict the grants we make from event surpluses to keep prices as low as we can to members. The primary purpose is for our like-minded members to enjoy themselves and making donations and grants is a secondary role to us being one that aims to perpetuate common interests through a varied event programme.

Hopefully one of the positive by-products of higher interest rates is a return to better earnings on our reserve funds that helps keep event costs under control. Another success measure has been where we manage collegiate events for other similar interested bodies, and secure better recover of costs through bigger attendances and helps the collegiate groups provide these events to its members without incurring programming costs. I thank the Committee for getting us access to guest speakers of interest, and to the range of entertainers to brighten our events, plus give them experience and exposure at reasonable costs to us. In the short term we do need someone to relieve Sue Labordus who, some years ago, in addition to her primary role of managing the Administration of the Society, had to assume the role of managing the Membership role. This additional role consists of monitoring new and renewal memberships, some form of promotional development to increase members through unique and popular events, and some limited advertising. Please contact Sue or any of the Committee if you think you can help. The critical operating roles are occupied by long-serving committee members who are also heavily involved in other social service roles plus actively still working. I mention especially and with appreciation, the late Commander Richard Tighe OAM, RFD, RD, who managed the Tall Ships awards for some decades and was a stalwart support to the society. Luckily Ed Farrell, one of our past Tall Ships awardees has joined the committee to continue this great work and opportunity for young people who have sailed aboard the Young Endeavour.

An example of how we need new blood in the committee roles is the wind-up of the Southern Highlands sub-committee based in Bowral that for over twenty years provided wonderful regional programmes for local residents, which essentially closed due to an inability to obtain for the committee on-going support and the limited range of guest speakers available. This was of course a sad event and we do express again our gratitude and thanks to the long-term committee and those who have been a part of it over many years in the wonderful Highlands. Life cycles do unfortunately change.

By contrast, our sister Society in London, the Britain-Australia Society, is a vibrant and growing organisation for reasons of difference to us. It has a large young Australian workforce where their interests include business and cocktail type events at a plethora of wonderful venues, good support from Australian companies, and a strong and diverse committee underpinned by a sound and large membership fee income base. Our members share a common membership and a number of our members attended their Jubilee dinner at the Savoy hotel and others, who are also members of the Friends of St. George's, at the Garter ceremony at Windsor this year. If you are visiting London or even regional areas where there are society branches, you are welcome to attend any activities by checking on their website: britain-australia.org.uk, enquiries to: office@britain-australia.org.uk. Before doing so, however, you need to contact this office so that we can confirm your membership status to them. We were delighted to receive visits during the year from the Chairman, Damian Walsh, and National Director, Louise Mulley, who met some of the committee for a brief luncheon to consider how we can become more interactively involved in both London and Australia.

Thank you for being such wonderful supporters of this Society, where over the years we have all been able to develop happy friendships at mutually interesting events. In the past year we have had a small natural attrition due to age and infirmity, but also due to the grand nature of some events and diversity we have gained a small number of new members. My thanks as well to the committee for its collective support. The heavy workloads are the Administration and Treasurer/MC roles and some support from myself so I thank Sue Labordus and Ken Bock for their relentless support and fellowship that makes this Society a lot of fun but one where we also see the time clock of life spans facing many of these types of bodies. I am confident we can face these challenges and go on to good things in the short term.

With the best that there is and more...

Richard Nott, AM

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year's activities resulted in a Deficit of \$3,160 compared with a Deficit of \$238 for 2020/2021. Whilst this is unfortunate, there were some abnormal items of expenditure that contributed substantially to this result.

The following are the main items that should be noted:-

- After resumption of activities following the subsiding of the incidence of COVID restrictions, increased operating expense was incurred, in particular Postage, Stationery & Telephone, which rose from \$296 in 2021 to \$839 for 2022, and the secretarial honorarium paid to the Administration Secretary which was resumed and was paid for the full year.
- The schools' Plain English Speaking competition, which the Society has supported for many years, was held in July of 2021 but for 2022 was brought forward to June. This resulted in two payments each of \$850 during the year. Thus, there was a one-off doubling of this expense item.
- As mentioned in the President's Report, the Southern Highlands Committee was disbanded during the year for the reasons stated. This being the case, the Main Committee approved the holding of a small dinner to thank the S.H. executive for their work over the years. This involved a one-off cost of \$715.
- As part of that closure, the S.H. Committee made donations from their funds to several charities amounting to \$1,500 which was \$500 more than the figure for the previous year.

Offsetting these expense items, there were increases in some income items:-

- Members' Subscriptions resumed after they were suspended during the COVID pandemic given that activities were reduced. This income item increased from \$540 to \$3,515 for 2022.
- There was a small increase in Donations from \$500 to \$850.

As a general comment, many members have availed themselves of the opportunity of paying their subscriptions in advance and, as at 30th June, \$2,810 had been received for future years. However, the Society has not been able to derive full benefits from these advance moneys because we continue to earn very low interest income from our bank deposits. This is, of course, attributable to the low interest rates that prevailed in the financial markets during the 2021/2022 year and as a result, we experienced reduced Interest income during the year. However, since the end of the year, interest rates have started to rise and I hope that this will benefit us during the 2022/23 year.

In summary, the year's results were affected by several one-off expenditure items which will not recur during the 2022/23 year, and I expect that next year's result will benefit accordingly. Of course, actual results will be affected by other factors, in particular, the degree of support for our functions and whether they result in surpluses.

Otherwise, the Society is still blessed with satisfactory liquid resources which enable us to meet our financial obligations when they arise.

Kenneth W. Bock OAM
Treasurer

BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA

Whilst branches operate autonomously within a common charter, there is a 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: 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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Telephone 020 7630 1075 Email: office@britain-australia.org.uk
Website: www.britain-australia.org.uk

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**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022**

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AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022

	2022			2021		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>						
Functions	28,646.00			25,256.00		
Raffles	0.00	28,646.00		0.00	25,256.00	
<i>Less:-</i>						
Costs						
Functions	25,024.30			21,555.95		
Raffles	0.00	25,024.30	3,621.70	141.68	21,697.63	3,558.37
Members' Subscriptions		3,515.00			540.00	
Donations		860.00			500.00	
Interest		261.56			521.30	
Tie sales		106.00	4,742.56		53.00	1,614.30
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>			8,364.26			5,172.67
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>						
Insurance & Returns		1,093.01			1,038.29	
Secretarial Services		4,800.00			2,830.00	
Postage, Stationery and Telephone		912.39			368.20	
Other (Incl. Comm Mtg Exps & Floral Tribute)		604.00	7,409.40		175.00	4,411.49
<u>OPERATING SURPLUS</u>			954.86			761.18
<u>GRANTS & DONATIONS</u>						
PESA			1,700.00			
Sail Training			0.00			
St. James' Church, King Street			200.00			
Farewell Dinner - Southern Highlands Group			715.00			
Donations by S/Highlands Committee			1,500.00			1,000.00
			4,115.00			1,000.00
<u>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>			(3,160.14)			(238.82)
<u>OVERALL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>			(3,160.14)			(238.82)

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2022

<u>ASSETS</u>	2022		2021	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
<u>Cash at Bank:-</u>				
N.S.W.	17,621.02		8,680.21	
Southern Highlands	0.00	17,621.02	3,695.85	12,376.06
Petty Cash on Hand	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Pre-Payments	0.00			
Net Advance Payments 2022/23 Functions	34.90	1,034.90		1,000.00
		18,655.92		13,376.06
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>				
Westpac Term Deposit - Sth H'lands		0.00		10,000.00
Westpac Term Deposit - Sydney		55,000.00		50,000.00
		55,000.00		60,000.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		73,655.92		73,376.06
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Subscriptions Received in Advance		2,810.00		
Sundry Creditors		200.00		
Function Contributions Received in Advance		620.00		190.00
		3,630.00		190.00
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		70,025.92		73,186.06
<u>MEMBERS' FUNDS</u>				
Accumulated Funds as at 1st July, 2021		73,186.06		73,424.88
Add/(Subtract) Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(3,160.14)		(238.06)
Members' Funds as at 30th June, 2022		70,025.92		73,186.82

AUSTRALIA-BRITAIN SOCIETY (NSW BRANCH) INC.
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ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS FOR THE YEAR TO 30th JUNE 2022

Function	Income - \$			Expenses \$	Surplus/ (Deficit) \$
	Charge to Members	Net Raffle	Net Income		
Proms/Concert	2,736.00	0.00	2,736.00	2,310.00	426.00
British Consul-General Lunch	4,695.00	0.00	4,695.00	4,377.84	317.16
Christmas Lunch	5,975.00	0.00	5,975.00	5,056.00	919.00
Queen's Birthday Dinner	14,465.00	0.00	14,465.00	12,758.46	1,706.54
<u>Southern Highlands</u>					
Closing Function	775.00	0.00	775.00	522.00	253.00
TOTALS	28,646.00	0.00	28,646.00	25,024.30	3,621.70

DONATIONS BY SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COMMITTEE

RECIPIENT	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Legacy Southern Highlands	250.00	200.00
Mandemar Rural Fire Service	200.00	100.00
National Braille Music Camp	500.00	100.00
OZ Harvest	250.00	200.00
Sir David Martin Foundation	300.00	400.00
	1,500.00	1,000.00

1. STATEMENT BY SOCIETY TREASURER

I, Kenneth William Bock, Hon Treasurer of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc., declare that in my opinion:-

- a) The Financial Statements for the year to 30th June, 2022 give a true and fair view of the financial operations of the Society for the year to 30th June, 2022;
- 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 2nd 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, OAM, B.Com, ANZIIF (Fellow), F.Fin, CPA

Hon. Treasurer

4 August, 2022

2. STATEMENT BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

We have examined and audited the books and the records of the Australia-Britain Society (NSW Branch) Inc., incorporating the Southern Highlands sub-branch group, for the financial year ended 30th June 2022.

It is our opinion that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June, 2022, 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 of the position of the NSW Branch of the Society for the period of that year ended and as at that date.

Further, we consider that 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

4 August, 2022



RADM Ian Crawford and John Love at the Queen's Jubilee dinner



Pianist John Martin and Ken Bock, Master of Ceremonies, at the Queen's Jubilee dinner



Brian Rawlings, Sue Labordus and Prof David Flint at the Queen's Jubilee dinner



Tonia Malfitano, Tom Jackson and Jessica Carr-Walker at the Queen's Jubilee dinner



Peter Reedman at the lunch for Louise Cantillon, British Consul-General



Combined Committee Members at the Southern Highlands farewell dinner in Bowral

