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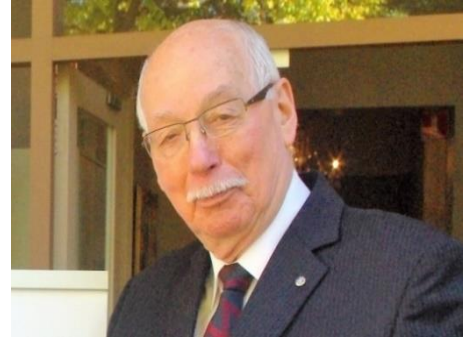
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT GRAHAM BECKETT



Dear Friends,

How often do we make comments out of habit rather than thinking about what we are saying and what the implications of our statement might be. I recently commented on how short the year had been and how much water had flowed under the bridge. A rather trite statement but one with real implications. We are all aware of what is coming down the Murray to us and the implications of that. But have we thought of the implications of it for those in Victoria and NSW and the fact that the water will not flow under the bridge but rather it will lodge there for some indefinite time.

There has of course been an even more dramatic event; the death of the world's longest serving Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II who was our Patron. On behalf of our branch of ROSL I attended Government House and signed the Condolence Book on behalf of us all; I am informed that the Government House books are to be bound into two volumes and are to be forwarded to Buckingham Palace.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September we lunched at the Naval and Military Club and enjoyed a talk by Nick Hughes on Restless Dance Theatre. This is a theatre company which works with people who have some form of disability. He has found from them, that you can expect the unexpected. The theatre gives them the chance to make art on the physical, the social, the emotional, the intellectual and the artistic side. He has learnt what we all must learn; that you value all people for what they are; not for what we might think they are.

Our founder Sir Evelyn Wrench also founded in 1918 the English-Speaking Union with a similar aim to ourselves: international fellowship and peace. Unusually for the time it was open to both men and woman. Each year the SA branch holds a public speaking competition, the Plain English Speaking Award, for students aged 15 – 18 years. This competition runs across the year with finals in August; and this year it was won by a student from University Senior College with second and third places being awarded to students from Prince Alfred College and St Peter's Girls School respectively. The executive feels that this is a worthwhile competition for us to become involved.

The Royal Presidents Dinner was sponsored this year by the Royal Commonwealth Society (SA Branch) and was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at St. Mark's College, North Adelaide. This is an annual event (COVID permitting) and gathers together those South Australian institutions incorporated under Royal Charter. Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson the Governor of South Australia and Mr Rod Bunten attended as the official Guests. Patsy and I attended together with Kathryn Needs and Dr Kym Trigg from the executive. Next year's dinner will be sponsored by ROSL SA Inc. and planning is under way.

Patsy and I recently attended a concert by the Adelaide Youth Orchestra at the Elder Hall, I know I keep on about how good they are but that is because they are and because we support them. Their next concert is at the Town Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November; that is just under two weeks away, please, please make the effort to go and see them you will not be disappointed.

The old order changes, the Governor is having a Garden party to which I as President and others have been invited; I shall report later but I am worried as I seem to have an uncanny ability to attract either torrential rain or excessive heat at this type of function.

Our speaker at the Christmas function will be Ms Catherine Baldwin the Chair of the Adelaide Youth Orchestras. I will be giving her CV at the function but to whet your appetite she has a Bachelor's degree in Music and a Master's in Public Policy and has had an extensive career in both arts and business.

Please join me as I express my deep condolences to Liz Smith one of our executive committee on the recent passing of her husband.

We are very pleased to welcome back past members: Thomas and Marnie Raggatt, Josephine and Vincent Burke and Pam Saint. New members who joined are Simon Kewell, Judith Ferrante, Carmen Asche and Simon Beckett. Welcome to you all, it is great to have you with us.

Our next lunch meeting will be held in February 2023 and a flyer will be forwarded closer to the time

May I take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2023.

*Graham Beckett*

President