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FROM THE PRESIDENT GRAHAM BECKETT



Dear Friends,

At the beginning of the lunch on Wednesday 1st June, 2022, a toast was made to Her Majesty the Queen in honour of her Platinum Jubilee. We also recognised the centenary of the granting of a Royal Charter to the Over-Seas League conferred by King George V. The Annual General Meeting of the League took place at the conclusion of the lunch.

I was asked to be the guest speaker about the life of Sir John Evelyn Leslie Wrench KCMG an amazing entrepreneur, journalist, publisher and the founder of the now Royal Over-Seas League. The transcript of my talk will be put on our website www.roslsa.org.au for those interested in reading about his very interesting and diverse life. I wonder what he would think of the evolution of the Royal Over-Seas League today.

At the AGM the following were elected:

President: Graham Beckett

Vice-President and Public Officer: David Wotton AM

Secretary: Jan Roberts

Treasurer: Jan Roberts

Committee Members: Dr Kym Trigg, Kathryn Needs, Patsy Beckett also Functions Coordinator

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting I am pleased to advise two members came forward and indicated their willingness to stand for the Committee: Elizabeth Smith and Michael Kent. Michael, who wrote the ROSL South Australian Constitution, has previously been President and on the Committee for many years, he brings with him the history of the League which is most valuable. Elizabeth is keen to assist with the running of the functions we hold.

It is with regret that I and the Committee recently accepted the resignation of David Wotton as Vice President and Public Officer, and Jill Wotton who has been a member of the Committee. I take this opportunity to thank David and Jill for their extensive commitment to both the South Australian Branch and the Executive. At the recent Executive Committee meeting Dr Kym Trigg agreed to be the Public Officer in lieu of David's resignation.

On Sunday, 4th July, 2021 I was fortunate to be present at the Adelaide Youth Orchestra's concert at the Town Hall in the presence of The Governor and Mr Bunten. The programme these young talented musicians presented was absolutely breathtaking – the skill of the musicians and the wide range of their repertoire astounding. We were entertained at first with the Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copland, followed by a new work (only its second performance) by Daniel Schricker 'of sorrow, joy and dancing' one of his first forays into orchestral composition as a 21 year old student. After the interval the audience was greatly entertained with excerpts from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet interspersed with Shakespeare's dialogue merging with the music. Four young students took the acting roles of Lady Capulet, Tybalt/Paris, Romeo, Juliet and the Nurse.

Members will be interested to know that the Royal Over-Seas League in London is celebrating 70 years of its Annual Music Competition which is open to young musicians from all over the world. The first year the

Award was won by a young Australian violinist Robert Cooper, who eventually became the Concert Master of the Royal Opera House. First prize at that time was £10. Now the Gold Medal comes with a prize of £15,000 (A\$26,132.03).

The annual recitals held at Overseas House are a wonderful range of young Commonwealth musicians with their chosen instrument competing for the Gold Medal. HRH Princes Alexandra is Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League and has attended the Annual Music Competition over the years being able to see many young musicians perform and progress on to their chosen musical careers. Members may be interested in watching this year's competition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sK9AHveMyjI> It is almost two hours long and I encourage setting aside the time during this cold Winter time to watch these young musicians whilst enjoying your favourite beverage.

As the South Australian Branch is a sponsor of the Adelaide Youth Orchestra, (ADYO) may I encourage members to consider attending its concerts and workshops if possible. It is quite amazing the ability these young musicians possess.

The ADYO upcoming concerts are listed below for your interest:

Sunday 4 September, 2pm at the Woodville Town Hall

Adelaide Youth Strings | Lachlan Bramble, Conductor

Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra | Kate Mawson, Conductor

'Spring Festival' in the Woodville Town Hall will feature a 60 minute performance of two of AdYO's favourite orchestras.

Saturday 17 September, 5pm at Elder Hall

Adelaide Youth Orchestra | Keith Crellin OAM, Conductor

'Fate, Death, and Saint-Saens' Program:

Samuel Barber - Adagio for Strings

Camille Saint-Saëns - Cello Concerto No. 1 (Soloist Jack Overall)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Symphony No. 4

Bookings: www.adyo.com.au

Attached to this Spring Newsletter is the flyer for the Spring Lunch to be held on Wednesday, 7th September, 2022. Due to the restrictions imposed by COVID this has been a difficult year and has resulted in an overall reduction in income. We have endeavoured to keep costs down but have unfortunately incurred a small trading loss. The current surge in inflation and the resultant increase in staffing and food costs has forced the Naval Military & Air Force Club to raise their costs and consequently our lunch is now \$50/person.

At our March lunch we were privileged hear from Dr Janet Scarfe about the Campbells of Anlaby. At that time it was suggested members may wish to visit Anlaby Homestead. Unfortunately, the cost of hiring a bus to take members and their guests made it very expensive and hence a group tour will not be arranged. Members and their friends are invited to purchase tickets to the Open Weekend of the Gardens to take place on 15th and 16th October 2022 at <https://anlaby.com.au/open-garden/> The address is 829 Anlaby Road Hamilton and directions are:

Five kms from Kapunda you will see the "E20" sign. Slow down and turn left into Anlaby Road.

Take the Thiele Highway from Kapunda towards Eudunda.

Follow Anlaby Road and in about 8 km you will see the gates to Anlaby.

Turn into the driveway and in about 2 kms follow the signs to the parking area.

A reminder for your diary, our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday, 7th December, 2022 at the Naval Military and Air Force Club commencing at 12.30pm where we will once again be entertained by musicians from the Adelaide Youth Orchestra.

Graham Beckett

President