SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH PATRON: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC (TBC) Governor of South Australia

**PRESIDENT:** Graham Beckett PATRON: HM THE QUEEN Vice-Patron: HRH Princess Alexandra KG GCVO



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Dear Members,

Do you realise that it is only two months until Christmas – what happened to 2021? We have been very fortunate here in South Australia to be COVID free because of the diligence of mask wearing.

Our last lunch was hugely successful and from where I sat everyone appeared to have enjoyed the talk by Simon Beckett. What an interesting subject and an amazing country he showed us. Member Julie Brownell was the winner of the fabulous raffle. The raffle is an initiative of the Executive (\$5/cash per ticket).

We are planning both lunches and outings for 2022, but as yet we have not received a new date for the SAMHRI tour. It will happen; those who had registered will be notified first and if other spaces become available, it will be advertised to members.

You will notice that we no longer have a South Australian Patron. We hope this is purely procedural as I have, as requested by Government House, submitted a new application for the Patronage by the new Governor.

Due to the exciting international travel arrangements flagged in the press, the London Office is anticipating the return of members from Down Under. I have had communications from London effectively advising that they have been 'open for business' from last week. Unfortunately, having recently advised them that we were not yet permitted to travel, twenty four hours later our Federal Government announced the lifting of international travel restrictions.



Please find attached the flyer for our Christmas Luncheon to which I hope you will invite friends to join you. As you are aware, the League is a supporter of the Adelaide Youth Orchestra and a small musical group from them will be attending to play for us during the lunch. Our numbers will be limited to about 30 so please book early to avoid disappointment.

May I take this opportunity from the Executive Committee and myself to wish every member a very Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all at our first function in 2022.

Best wishes, Graham Beckett

President