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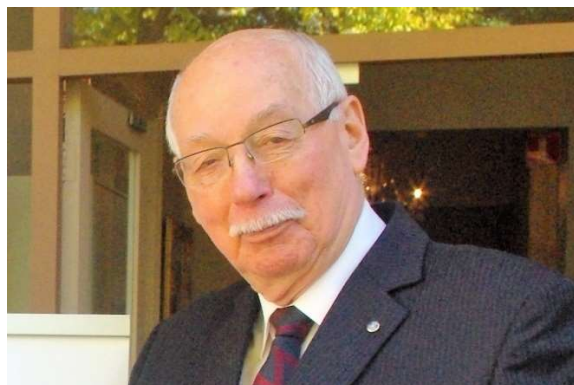
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BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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From the President
Graham Beckett



Dear Members

It was with regret that I and your Committee recently accepted the resignation of our Secretary/Treasurer, Cheryl Willis, due to work and family commitments. During her time in this position Cheryl was both pivotal and tireless in the running and organization of this Branch.

The Committee invited interested persons who feel that they are able to contribute to our Branch, either as Secretary and or Treasurer. I am pleased to say that through the suggestion of one of our members we are now fortunate to have Jan Roberts as Secretary/Treasurer. Jan has a wide range of executive secretarial and treasurer experience and we are fortunate to have her and her experience.

The address by Paul Bulluss at our September luncheon was a great success; he made the point that the used electronic products that we throw out as rubbish is in fact an asset and a raw material. He showed how the intelligent use of the disabled as a work force has done three things, given employment and pride of workmanship to them; helped the environment and converted by reverse manufacture, unwanted material into valuable parts and raw material (copper is \$7,000 a tonne).

His plea is to not throw away old TV and electrical equipment but take it to a Bunnings store where you will find an electronic waste bin or take it to a council transfer station. From there it will be picked up and processed; currently they are processing 11 tonnes a day. We know that his talk was appreciated by the attention paid and by the number of members that stayed behind to ask questions.

At that meeting it was announced that our next meeting would be in February 2020; this has arisen due to the great number of competing events that arise over November and December. These events affect both our members and speakers. We were unable to obtain interesting speakers during this time due to their other commitments so your Committee decided that we would forego a fourth meeting this year rather than meet without an interesting Speaker.

Our next luncheon is by Tony Ashdown on the Legacy to Adelaide of Dr William Wyatt on 18th February at the Naval, Military & Air Force Club, 111 Hutt Street.

I have the pleasure of attending concerts by The Adelaide Youth Orchestras of which this club is a sponsor, with the latest concert featuring concertos for violin, trumpet and viola. Lynda Latu played the Max Bruch Violin concerto brilliantly, Tommy Ng followed with the York Bowen Viola concerto and Will Madden played the Alexander Arutunian Trumpet Concerto. YOU MUST attend these concerts if only to wonder at the talent this city has; you will not be disappointed by the quality and enthusiasm of the players.

As your President I find that that takes me into other Adelaide Associations with Commonwealth backgrounds and Royal Patronage who meet monthly under the banner of the "The Joint Commonwealth Societies Council in South Australia"; matters covered range from proposals to beautify our city to Australia Day Parades.

The President of the ROSL Victorian Branch through his acquaintance with Alexander Downer requested him to invite the new Australian Governor-General to be our Australian Patron. This has occurred and General Hurley has accepted and is now our Australian Patron. General Hurley graduated from Duntroon in 1975 and commenced a very distinguished military career rising to become Chief of the Australian Defence Force. For his service he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. He has also been awarded three Honorary Doctorates and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering. Before his appointment as Governor General he was the Governor of New South Wales from October 2014 to May 2019.

He also advises that Alexander Downer is looking forward to visiting Australian Members over time starting from next year. I have already written directly to Alexander Downer requesting that he address us on his visit

Patsy and I have recently returned from Sydney and the South Coast of NSW where we encountered the effects of the current bushfires. There is a vast pall of smoke hanging over Sydney and the coast and it extends inland as far as Cowra. It cannot be described, it must be experienced; hard to breathe, restricted and shortened vision, homes destroyed and a sense of helplessness. It is going to take a long time to recover, both for us and the wildlife.

Further on the drive home we have seen the effects of the drought, starving stock, grassless farms, dry dams and empty shops in townships. Both the Murray and the Murrumbidgee now are afflicted with blue-green algae making the water unsafe to swim in or drink. We all need to think long and hard on how we can help. On a brighter note the many road trains that we passed were transporting hay to the drought areas.

At our recent Executive Committee meeting the question of widening our activities arose; should we be having theatre and concert outings as well as our luncheons? Your thoughts please.

As you know we support the Adelaide Youth Orchestras; their 2020 programme is now out and is listed below: -

22nd March Brighton Community Concert: tickets \$10.00

29th March Thebarton Community Concert: tickets \$10

5th April Elder Hall- Thieving Magpie Overture; Mozart Clarinet Concerto; Tchaikovsky Symphony No.6 (*Pathetique*)

13th June Elder Hall Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D Major; Mahler Symphony No 1 in D major

21st June Concordia College Chapel – Family Concert

23rd August the Shedley Theatre, Playford Civic Centre

19th September – Adelaide Festival Centre, Verdi Requiem (with choir of 250)

15th November – Adelaide Town Hall –Gala Concert

6th December the Plane Tree Lawn Adelaide Botanic Gardens; The Youth Strings, Bring a picnic, a rug for free al fresco music

All the above can be seen in more detail at <https://www.adyo.com.au/season-2020/>. Please consider coming and see how your support of our young talent is enhancing our lives in Adelaide.

Best wishes from the Committee and I and may you have a wonderful new year.

Graham Beckett

President