

# THE ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

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**"OUR LONDON CLUB"**

**The Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL)** is a self-funded Commonwealth organisation, established in England in 1910 by Sir Evelyn Wrench to encourage understanding between nations.

The League has over 18,000 members worldwide, with local branches, chapters or member groups in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland and the UK. There are Honorary Corresponding Secretaries in over 70 countries.

ROSL's flagship is its London Headquarters and Club - Over-Seas House - formed from two private homes previously owned by the Dukes of Rutland and the Vernon family, and situated in the St James area.

Important facilities include:

- World-class visitor accommodation, available to members at reasonable cost
- Seven period rooms available for meetings, private lunch and dinner parties, wedding receptions and cocktail parties. There is no room-hire charge for seated three-course meals
- Usual club based services.

Members and their guests are welcome at a variety of social and cultural events. Details are given on the notice boards near the *Public Relations Department* in Over-Seas House. Included are:

- The annual art competition held in September for professional artists. Exhibitions of selected works are mounted in the Central Lounge throughout the year
- The League holds annual literary lectures and supports the Commonwealth Writer Prize
- The annual music competition. Members are most welcome to attend the music trials held in St Andrew's Hall at Over-Seas House.

Internationally, the League

- Supports joint welfare projects for marginalised young people in Sri Lanka and Namibia
- Holds and supports music prizes in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Membership of the Royal Over-Seas League is open to both men and women who are citizens of Commonwealth countries, or of those countries such as Bahrain, Egypt and others that, since 1910, have had constitutional links with the UK.

The League has reciprocal arrangements with over 100 other clubs around the world.

**The South Australia Branch** of the League publishes a Newsletter, holds bi-monthly luncheon meetings with guest speakers, ad hoc events, conducts outings during the warmer seasons and an Annual Dinner. The Committee for the coming year is elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Assistance is available for international travellers in arranging accommodation, not only at London HQ and Edinburgh but also with reciprocal clubs elsewhere in the world.

New members are always most welcome. In the first instance, please contact the Hon. Branch Secretary:

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