



January Birthday boys celebrating

RCS members at the QCC Launch, and the January Mozart Concert



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February 2024 – April 2024 Newsletter



RCS Council members at the launch of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy November 2023

PATRON

South Australian Patron: the Governor of South Australia

Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC

DIARY DATES

Rediscovering Adelaide	Tour of the Port Adelaide Precinct Thursday 22 February
Commonwealth Week:	Monday 11 to Friday 15 March
Commonwealth Lunch	Friday 15th March at St Mark’s College
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 24th March at Public Schools Club
Rediscovering Adelaide	Tour of Government House 21 March 10.30
Open Garden	Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 April
Wine tour	April 16-18
Rediscovering Adelaide	Tour of the Army Museum and lunch at Goodwood Hotel Wednesday May 1
Asia Regional Meeting	6th –9th June

For further details regarding the above functions please contact Libby 0412 820 121 or Julie 8357 9547

2024 Subscriptions are due on 1st January 2024

Please pay the Treasurer as soon as possible
The subscription to the RCS entitles all members to offer to be a member of the RCS Council, vote at the Annual General Meeting and other Special meetings, quarterly newsletters and to attend the 2024 Commonwealth Lunch at no cost and the Christmas reception in December and sponsored concerts at a subsidised cost.

Single membership \$50
Double membership \$75

Bank details are as follows

BSB 105 148
Bank SA
Account number 5540 20140

**The Royal Commonwealth Society
(South Australian Branch) Incorporated**

We, being members of the above Society entitled to vote.

Hereby nominate.....

For the Position of	Vie President	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Secretary/Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councillor	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated this.....day of.....2024

Signature of Proposer

Signature of Seconder

I hereby agree to accept such position if elected thereto.

Signature of Nominee

RCS Council

The officers of the Society shall consist of the President, up to two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and up to six Councillors (Clause 12.1).

Any one who wishes to be nominated for the Council at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 24 March 2024, please contact either the President, Libby Ellis or the Secretary Julie Gameau.

Photos in this newsletter have been supplied by Julie Gameau .
Some of the Cleland Photos were submitted to the RCS by the Official photographer.at the launch of the QCCT

BOOKING SHEET FOR the March Lunch to celebrate the Commonwealth

I am pleased to attend the South Australian Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society’s 2024 March lunch to celebrate the Commonwealth at St Mark’s College Ballroom, 46 Pennington Street Adelaide on Friday 15th March 2024 at 12 mid day for 12.30pm

Name.....RCS member

Guests.....

Dietary requirements.....

RCS financial member at no cost

Guests \$45

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Please return slip to Royal Commonwealth Society
PO Box 7013, 252 Halifax Street, Adelaide 5000
RSVP by Friday 1 March 2024

MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER

- Annual General Meeting Sunday 24 March at 2.30pm at the Public Schools Club
- Re Discovering Adelaide Tour of Port Adelaide Precinct Feruary22
- Commonwealth Lunch Friday March 15 at St Mark’s College, 46 Pennington Street Adelaide



Libby Ellis, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society (South Australian Branch) Inc

invites financial members of the RCS and friends to the

LUNCH TO CELEBRATE THE COMMONWEALTH

FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2024

12.00 for 12.30pm

St Mark’s College Ballroom Pennington Street Adelaide

Guest speaker Matthew Neuhaus

**RCS Financial Members no cost
guests \$45**

**RSVP by March 1st RSVP slip at end of newsletter
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Further inquiries please phone the President, Libby Ellis 0412 820 121 or Julie Gameau 0407 203 035

At a recent Council meeting it was resolved that the annual premier event for the South Australian Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society should be a function during Commonwealth Week to celebrate the Commonwealth

In recent years the Christmas function has been at no cost or nearly no cost to financial RCS members and so it was resolved that the Commonwealth function be at no cost or subsidised and the Christmas function would have a cost to attend the reception.

President's report

Happy New year to all our members and friends.

QCC and CLELAND

After several false starts and aborted Royal visits, Her Excellency Frances Adamson officially launched Cleland as a full member of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy in November. As the QCC was designed as a memorial to Her Late Majesty, this was probably the last official function associated with the project anywhere across the Commonwealth.

GLENTHORNE

We have had a number of meetings with the Rangers and senior national Parks personnel from the Dept of Environment and Water and the plans to develop a memorial to the war horses with a statue and a grove of trees in the area around the old WW1 munitions huts is progressing.

REDISCOVERING ADELAIDE

Our visits to Adelaide icons continue to be an excellent way of our members getting together to celebrate Adelaide's wonderfully diverse history.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our end of year event was again held in Judy and Harry Clarke's lovely garden. Judy is opening her garden this year as part of the 'Open garden scheme' in April. Any funds raised will go toward the commissioning of the War Horse statue so please come along and support this event in April.



Libby Ellis OAM,
President

CONCERTO RHAPSODY

These concerts are one of the sponsorships of the RCS and so financial members are given the opportunity to attend these wonderful concerts at a subsidised price. 18 RCS members attended the concert at St John's.

Two Mozart concertos were highlights of the **CONCERTO RHAPSODY 2024** concert series presented in late January by the **Adelaide Hills Chamber Players** and strongly supported by the SA Branch of the **Royal Commonwealth Society**. Soloists, Helen Ayres [Violin], Stephen King [Viola] and Emma Gregan [Horn] led the way with Mozart, and Bryan Griffiths conducted the chamber orchestra in a performance of the ever-popular *Appalachian Spring* by American composer, Aaron Copland. Enthusiastic appreciation was expressed by three virtually full houses at Goolwa [Centenary Hall], Aldgate [Village Well] and Adelaide [St Johns, Halifax St].

Brian Chatterton

Branch Council Members

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Please contact the above members for any information regarding the activities and news of the Royal Commonwealth Society (South Australian Branch)

The Ode

We of the Royal Commonwealth Society shall continue to foster goodwill and affection between peoples of the Commonwealth, so that all may live together in peace, sympathy and understanding

Card of thanks from Anglicare

Sincere thanks for your generous donation of food and gifts to Anglicare SA's 2023 Christmas Appeal.

Anglicare SA seeks to help families who are struggling. We want to make the festive season a time of hope for all people in Adelaide, and to bring a brighter New year to those in need.

The response we received this past Christmas surpassed our expectations and we were truly overwhelmed by the generosity of South Australians. Not only were we able to provide more Christmas hampers than we originally allocated, but our emergency assistance sites have been able to start the year with stocked pantries.

From all of us at Anglicare SA—Thank you

Objects of the Royal Commonwealth Society

The objects of the society are to promote the increase and diffusion of knowledge respecting the people and Countries of the Commonwealth, to maintain the best traditions of the Commonwealth and to foster unity of thought and action to matters of common interest

MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

The following Countries are members of the Commonwealth

United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Malaysia, Nigeria, Cyprus, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Malta, Zambia, Singapore, Guyana, Botswana, Lesotho, Nauru, Mauritius, Swaziland, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji Islands, Bangladesh, The Bahamas, Grenada, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Dominica, St Lucia, Kiribati, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Vanuatu, Belize, Antigua & Barbuda, St Christopher & Nevis, Brunei, Namibia, Cameroon, Mozambique, Rwanda, Maldives, The Gambia . Togo and Gabon

These diverse nations representing one quarter of the world's population over every continent, include Republics, National Monarchies and a number of Nations that recognise King Charles 111 as their own Head of State

THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY (SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH)

Members are all invited to attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Sunday 24th March 2024 at 2.30pm

at The Public Schools' Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide

Come and hear what the society has done for the last 12 months and the plans for the next 12 months.

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the meeting

Apologies and further details, please contact the

President: Libby Ellis 0412 820 121 or

Secretary: Julie Gameau 0407 203 035

Proposed AGENDA

- Open meeting and welcome
- Minutes of the AGM held on 19 March 2023
- Receive and adopt a report from the President
- To receive and adopt the audited Statement of Accounts
- To elect Officers and Council members
- To appoint an Auditor
- Constitutional change further information will be posted to all financial members
- Any Other Business

OPEN GARDEN

The RCS is fortunate that Judy and Harry Clarke are opening their beautiful garden to the public in the South Australia Open Gardens Scheme. The profits from this event will be donated to the RCS Warhorse Memorial project.

- ◆ 2 Seaforth Avenue, Hazelwood Park
- ◆ Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April 10.00am to 4.30pm
- ◆ Admission \$10 concession \$8

Three Gums is pretty and flowery garden, crammed with colourful roses and perennials, with a box hedge lining the path leading to the door of the home

On the boundaries, hedges and trees create a backdrop to a series of large clipped domes of rosemary interspersed with frothy clumps of seaside daisy which cascade over and soften the stone walls that retain the slight slope of the land. Crepe myrtles, roses, westringia, russelia and perennials add bright splashes of colour.

Three massive old river red gums tower over the side garden and here a path winds through a mix of natives and hardy climate compatible plants, past a tiny pond and sitting area.

There will be plant sales and morning and afternoon tea will be served to the visitors.

RCS members if you can assist with the catering or potted plants please contact Julie Gameau

We look forward to seeing RCS Members and their friends at this garden.

The website for the Royal Commonwealth Society in London is www.royalcwsociety.org

Find more information about The Royal Commonwealth Society and the Commonwealth.

www.royalcwsociety.org www.thecommonwealth.org
www.thercssa.com.au

THE RCS SA WINE TOUR

An extensive wine tour of the Barossa Valley, the Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale for international, national and state members of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Three days is not enough to get to know one of these regions, let alone three. However, you will experience a contrast between each of the regions as well as the winemakers you meet, the vineyards you see and the wines you taste

This is not your typical tour it has been specially curated for The Royal Commonwealth Society.

Three days visiting Langmeil, Artisans Barossa, Penfold's Magill Estate, KI by Geoff Hardy, Bird in Hand, Ox Hardy, Bec Hardy, The Cube by D'Arenberg.

An experienced bus driver will take us to these regions beginning in the Barossa where we will see the oldest Shiraz vines in the world owned by a family with 6 generations of wine heritage, day 2 to the Adelaide Hills with the winding roads, small towns and magnificent scenery and then day 3 with the culmination of the famous D'Arenberg Cube, an architectural marvel conceived by the Osborn family, representing innovation and modernity. It's bold, contemporary structure serving as a hub for wine experiences, blending art, technology and design.

This is a tour not to be missed!!

For further details please contact Libby or Julie

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) 2024 TO BE HELD IN SAMOA

Samoa, a proud member of the Commonwealth, is honoured to announce that it will host the 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in October 2024 on the theme "One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Commonwealth". Samoa, the first Small Island Developing State from the Blue Pacific to host CHOGM, will bring a unique perspective to the table. CHOGM 2024 promises to be a landmark event, uniting Commonwealth nations in their pursuit of resilience, sustainability, and a shared future. The fa'asamoa, or Samoan way of life, exemplifies collective responsibility, encapsulating values such as respect, dignity, love, protection, and service. This ethos aligns with the principles of the Commonwealth Charter, uniting the Commonwealth Aiga (family) of 56 nations, representing one-third of the global population. These nations, diverse in size and development status, share common beliefs and values, where every member's contribution is significant.

THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH CANOPY CLELAND NATIONAL PARK RECOGNISED 20 NOVEMBER 2023

The Royal Commonwealth Society, SA Branch, along with Professor Chris Daniels, were instrumental in firstly, getting Cleland National Park recognised as a worthy inclusion, and secondly making it happen! Eight years hard work came to its conclusion with RCS Council Members attending an afternoon reception, held at Mt Lofty Summit in the presence of Her Excellency, Frances Adamson AC, Mr Rod Bunton, Miss Sophie Bunton, and numerous other invited guests.

It was a warm, clear day, and the view was sensational. In the absence of much shade, the speeches were kept to a minimum, prior to afternoon tea being served, and photo opportunities were made the most of! The sound of the wind in the trees, and the ever present bird song made a very appropriate background to what is, without doubt, one of the RCS greatest achievements to date.

The following is taken directly from the Cleland Website, and while the RCS are not mentioned, we can all quietly reflect on a job well done!

20 November 2023 Cleland National Park was added to the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) - a network of forest conservation projects throughout the Commonwealth of Nations' 56 member countries.

Cleland Wildlife Park sits within the national park. The national park is just the third QCC inclusion in Australia, alongside Bulburin National Park in Queensland and the ancient rainforests of K'gari (Fraser Island), since the program started in 2015.

The aim of the initiative is to combine knowledge on how best to preserve forests, while providing accreditation to sustainable forestry schemes within the Commonwealth.

Cleland is the final site accepted into the QCC as the program is being discontinued after the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022.

Christine Cundell

Matthew Neuhaus

Matthew Neuhaus was a career diplomat with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) He spent much of his childhood (1960-1974) in the central region of Tanzania where his parents worked as Anglican Missionaries.

Matthew completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Sydney (1976–81). He later completed a Masters of Philosophy in International Relations at the University of Cambridge(1985–86).

In June 2006, he attended the Harvard University Kennedy School Leaders in Development Program, and was a visiting fellow at the University of Cambridge in 1994 and 2015.

He joined the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs in 1982 and has held posts both overseas and in Australia.

His most recent appointment in 2018 was as the Australian Ambassador to the EU.

The South Australian Branch of the RCS has invited Matthew and his wife, Angela, to SA and so come and hear and meet Matthew at the lunch to celebrate the Commonwealth .

RCS Asia-Pacific Regional Conference 2024 at the Royal Commonwealth Society of Malaysia 6th June 2024 to 9th June 2024.

Further details regarding the theme, speakers and sessions will be released later. These conferences are a great opportunity to learn about the interests of other branches and to network with many RCS members from different areas.

Members if you are interested please contact Libby, Judy or Julie

REDISCOVERING ADELAIDE

THE PRECINCT

Port Adelaide Football Club

9 Queen Street, Alberton

Thursday 22 February

Meet at Reception, ground level, at 10.45 am, and David Hutton, (who did play for Port Adelaide, SANFL, not Port Power AFL), will take us on a guided tour of the PAFC Museum. David worked for Port Adelaide, before taking on the Role of CEO of Rowing South Australia at West Lakes. He was “head hunted” back to Alberton three years ago, as “Stakeholder Relations Manager”, when the club undertook a huge redevelopment at Alberton.

The tour includes a 12 minute video of the History of the Club.

Following the tour, lunch has been booked in the restaurant upstairs, overlooking Alberton Oval. The redevelopment of the site is extraordinary, and regardless of who you barrack for, it is well worth the visit.

The cafe will be open for coffee prior to our tour. There is a lift to the cafe. Public transport to Queen Street is not brilliant, but there is plenty of easily accessible parking.

The fee for a guided tour has been waived, because 1) we are booked for lunch and 2) David is a close friend of Christine and Barny Cundell. And yes, his Dad is Deane Hutton of Curiosity Show fame!

Definitely something different for our Rediscovering Adelaide programme of events, and I personally guarantee the Grilled Flathead!

Thank you Christine for organising this interesting tour

RSVP Julie juliegameau@gmail.com

Rediscovering Adelaide continued

TOUR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Thursday March 21 10.30am

Government House, Adelaide is not only the oldest public building in South Australia, but it is also the oldest Government House in Australia.

Initially the two-storey Government House consisted of 12 rooms, including what is now the Queen Elizabeth II Room, the Large Drawing Room, Small Dining Room and three upstairs bedrooms. From 1855 to 1856, Government House was doubled in size with a two-storey addition to the southwest. The Italianate extension included a portico which became the official main entrance, the State Entrance, Small Drawing Room, State Dining Room, Adelaide Room and Ballroom.

In 1901, a commemorative alcove with 10 emblematic stained-glass windows, known as the Federation Windows, was installed in the ballroom. Commissioned by the Right Honourable Hallam Tennyson, the 14th Governor of South Australia, the windows marked the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia for the opening of the first Australian Parliament.

At the conclusion of the tour we will adjourn to the State Library Café for a light lunch

Please RSVP to Julie for admittance to Government House meet at the gates at 10.15am

TOUR OF THE ARMY MUSEUM

Wednesday May 1st

Located at historic Keswick Barracks the Army Museum of SA was established in 1992 when a need to collect, preserve and promote South Australia's military heritage by recognising and valuing contributions of Australian Defence Force members in both war and peace.

Keswick Army Barracks

Gate 4 - Bus Stop 2

Anzac Highway, Keswick

This should be a very interesting and informative tour

At the conclusion of the tour we will adjourn to the Goodwood Hotel Goodwood Road for lunch. Transport to the Hotel will be organised for those who need transport..

Please RSVP juliegameau@gmail.com