



THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY  
ESTABLISHED 1971

# CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Britain-Australia Society offers corporate membership to companies with commercial interests in Britain and Australia. Membership offers the opportunity to connect with other companies and individuals involved with the many aspects of the relationship between both countries.

*Britain is a partner for Australia in the Asia Pacific region as well as globally. Ours is a remarkably durable relationship, one that I can confidently say has its best days and its greatest opportunities still to come.*

RT. HON WILLIAM HAGUE MP, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY  
APRIL 2018

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## About the Society

During the Second World War British and Australian leaders in diplomacy, the military, industry and government worked closely together in adversity. The Australia Club was founded to formalise the bonds between our countries and create a lasting legacy of communication and co-operation.

Under the guidance of Lord Carrington, the club was reformed within the background of a nascent European Union as The Britain-Australia Society, to reaffirm that this spirit continues to be strong and relevant. As the Australian High Commissioner to the UK recently said, "Britain and Australia share more than just a special relationship, they share DNA". Links based on nostalgia would soon fade but the interweave between these two nations on historic, family, cultural, trade and sporting levels is as strong today as it ever has been and these ties are fed by a vibrant communication and easy familiarity of two equals.

With the contribution of the Royal Patron, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, the Board of Management and Sponsors, the Britain-Australia Society has for more

than forty years, celebrated and leveraged the many and varied connections between Australia and Britain. The Society through exceptional events introduces members to special experiences that might otherwise be impossible to access. Our well-placed contacts and supporters not only help to open doors but also to create a mentoring environment to nurture talented and aspiring youth.

The Society organises many events for members each year ranging from social to formal. We have laughed at the anecdotes of wine experts at a tutored tasting and dined in black-tie with the Captain of HMS Victory on its gun deck, braved the ghosts of the Tower of London at night and taken cocktails on the terrace of the House of Lords.

We also administer several education trusts, including the Britain-Australia Society Education Trust. In 2014 the BASET installed significant memorials in Bath and London to the memory of Admiral Arthur Phillip and is raising a bursary to fund scholarships which will further promote the mutual ties between Britain and Australia.

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HE MIKE RANN CNZM, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UK  
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## Our Aims

The Society promotes and fosters, in the United Kingdom and Australia, the interests of both countries and in particular the mutual understanding of their people.

Today, the Society has 800 members across Britain and with its affiliations it has a significant reach into the community of opinion makers involved in the many aspects of the Britain-Australia relationship.

In pursuit of its aims the Society will initiate, support and sponsor events, talks, seminars, meetings and functions to increase the two way flow of information and understanding between Britain and Australia.

We undertake projects to encourage the people of the United Kingdom and Australia to visit, gain experience and work in each country.

We want to share our network and activity with Corporate Members who can assist in the funding of the Society and receive in return the significant benefits we believe will follow from an association with the Society.

*This big, diverse Australia-Britain agenda reflects a big and burgeoning relationship, happy with its history, but full of contemporary purpose.*

GREG SHERIDAN, JOURNA LIST FOR THE AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER  
8 MARCH 2014

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### Benefits of Corporate Membership

Up to 10 staff members of a corporate member company may take advantage of events at member rates.

Entry to annual ballots for Wimbledon and Lord's tickets

Invitations to our flagship events such as the President's Dinner, Stoke Lodge Garden Party, Speakers Apartments Reception, Admiral Arthur Phillip Commemorations at St Mary Le Bow and Bath, The Reform Club Dinners, and Australian High Commission Receptions.

Invitations to all our events throughout the year.  
The opportunity to co-host events and promote your company to our members and their guests.

Your company logo and brief bio on our Corporate Members page with a link to your web site.

Recognition in the bi-monthly newsletter of the Society.

### Basic Terms

- The annual fee for the Corporate Membership is £650

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## Board Members (2016)

### President

The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington KG GCMG CH MC PC

### Vice Presidents

HE The High Commissioner for Australia (ex-officio)

The Rt Hon The Earl of Buckinghamshire

Sir Christopher Benson DL

The Rt Hon The Viscount Slim OBE DL

Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO

Mr Brian Harris

The Rt Hon The Lord Goodlad KCMG PC

Mr Rohan Courtney OBE

### Honorary Vice Presidents

The Rt Hon The Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke PC

Sylvia, Countess of Limerick CBE

June Mendoza AO OBE RP

Sir John Swire CBE DL

Mr Barry Tuckwell AC OBE

### Board of Management

Mr Peter Benson OAM, Chairman

Mr Richard Robins, Deputy Chairman,  
Chairman Norfolk Branch

Mr Hari Iyer, Company Secretary

Mr Dale Eaton, National Director

Mr Andrew Todd, Deputy Australian High  
Commissioner (ex-officio)

Mr Ken Smith, Agent General for Queensland  
(ex-officio)

Mr John Atkins, Agent General,  
Government of Western Australia (ex-officio)

Mr George Vestey

Ms Julianne Davis

Ms Vivien Matthews

Mr Keith Newton, Chairman West Country Branch

Mr Neil Redcliffe

Mr Edwin Wong

### Our Patron



HRH The Prince Philip  
Duke of Edinburgh, KG KT OM GBE AC QSO

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## Board Members (past)

### Chairmen

1976 Lord Carrington KG GCMG CH MC PC

1979 Viscount Slim OBE DL

1984 Lord Shackleton KG AC OBE PC FRS

FRGS FRCGS

1988 Sir Peter Gadsden GBE AC JP

1991 Sir Jack Rampton

1994 Sir John Leahy KCMG

1997 The Earl of Limerick

1999 Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO

2001 Mr Brian Harris

2003 Mr Rohan Courtney OBE

2006 Lord Goodlad KCMG BC

2007 Sir Christopher Benson DL

2008 The Rt Hon The Earl of Buckinghamshire

2011 Mr John Allen

### Directors-General

1976 Rear-Admiral JE Scotland

1979 Brigadier JJH Simpson CBE

1981 Air Vice Marshal Anthony Caillard CB

1984 Captain SA Stuart

1995 Mr Peter Brind

1998 Colonel Sir Geoffrey Errington Bt OBE

(until 2009)

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## Our Affiliates

### Associations and Societies

The Cook Society  
London Business School  
– The Australia-New Zealand Club  
The Australia-Britain Society  
Australian Business  
The London School of Economics  
– The Australia-New Zealand Society  
The Australian Women's Club  
The Australian Film Society

### Government Offices

The Australian High Commission  
The Government of New South Wales  
The Government of Queensland  
The Government of South Australia  
The Government of Victoria  
The Government of Western Australia  
Foreign & Commonwealth Office

### Charities and Trusts

The Northcote Trust  
The Menzies Foundation  
The Britain-Australia Society Education Trust  
Friends of the University of Sydney UK Trust  
The Britain Australia Bicentennial Trust  
The Tait Memorial Trust  
The Royal Commonwealth Society

The Society has developed into a leading networking organisation promoting and supporting the strong commercial, cultural, sporting and family connections between both countries.

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## Summary of Recent Events

Reception with Lord Marland, Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council  
Delegation to the CHOGM Business Forum in Malta  
Lunch and visit to Chartwell hosted by Winston Churchill's great-grandson Randolph Churchill  
Briefing with the Chief Economist for the Commonwealth Bank  
Annual VIP Christmas Carol Service at St Mary le Bow  
Annual West Country Branch Australia Day Service and lunch  
Private after-hours visit to a secret, iconic London landmark  
45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Royal Patronage – Reception with HRH Prince Philip in St James's Palace  
Annual ANZAC Day lunch at Sutton Veny  
HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Pageant at Windsor  
Annual Royal Household vs Australian High Commission cricket, private grounds, Windsor Castle  
Reception for the new British High Commissioner to Australia, HE Menna Rawlings CMG  
Annual Garden Party at the High Commissioner's residence, Stoke Lodge  
"Perfectly English" Gin Tasting  
Annual Summer Reception with The Cook Society  
The Bradman Ashes Dinner, Long Room, Lord's Cricket Ground with the Bradman family  
Reception, Speakers Apartments with the Speaker, John Bercow MP, and The Earl of Buckinghamshire  
Barry Humphries at his London Palladium show and private Garrick Club reception  
Reception and presentation of the Britain-Australia Society Award to The Rt Hon William Hague  
President's Dinner hosted by Lord Carrington in Charterhouse  
Admiral Arthur Phillip Memorials Dedication in Westminster Abbey and Bath

The Society has set out on a path of continuing development very much centred on the contemporary relationship between both countries.

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- 01 Australian soprano, Greta Bradman performs, St James's Palace
- 02 HRH The Prince Philip lays wreath, Admiral Phillip Memorial Dedication Service, Westminster Abbey
- 03 HRH The Prince Phillip meeting Society members, St James's Palace
- 04 Bill Muirhead AM, Agent General for South Australia
- 05 Evening with Barry Humphries, the Garrick Club
- 06 Carols service, St Mary le Bow

- 07 The Bradman Ashes 2013 Dinner, Lord's Cricket Ground
- 08 Kevin Skipworth CVO former Agent General for Western Australia, Speakers Apartments
- 09 Britain-Australia Society board members with The Speaker, The Rt Hon John Bercow MP
- 10 Admiral Arthur Phillip Memorial Service, Bath
- 11 Guests in the Speakers Apartments
- 12 Chairman Peter Benson OAM with Greta Bradman



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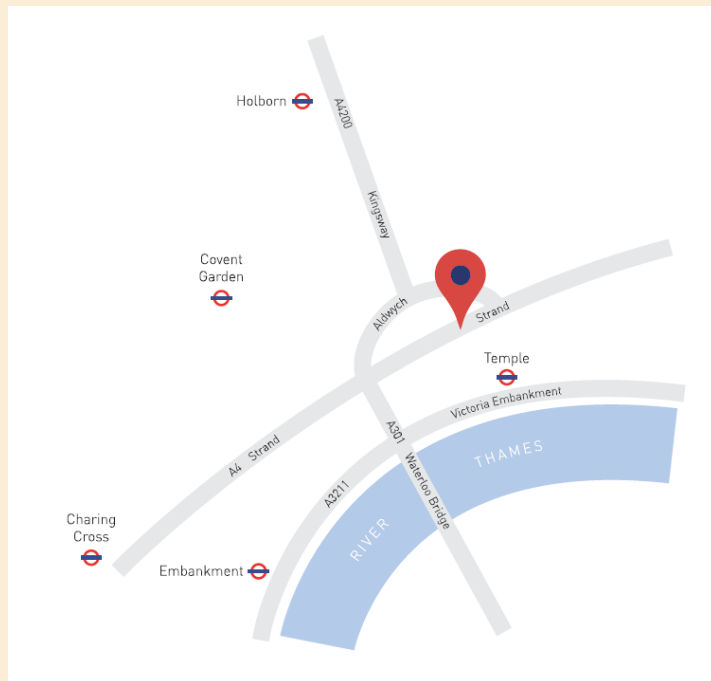
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## Contact us

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Most people in both Australia and Britain don't realise how close the operational, political, intelligence, military, diplomatic, and economic partnership really is.

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