

**THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY**

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**To West Country Branch Members of the Britain-Australia Society**

**INVITATION:  
BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY ADMIRAL ARTHUR  
PHILLIP BIRTHDAY SERVICE AND LUNCH,  
BATHAMPTON.  
MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2017**

Dear Members and Friends,

I am pleased to invite you to the 2017 West Country Branch, Britain-Australia Society, Admiral Arthur Phillip Birthday service at St Nicholas Church followed by a reception and lunch at the Bailbrook Hotel, Bathampton on Monday October 9, 2017.

This year marks 230th year since the departure of the first fleet, and the founding of modern Australia by Admiral Phillip, who became the first Governor of what was then the colony of New South Wales, and later, the country of Australia. Phillip returned to England to live at Bath, where he died in 1814, and was buried at St Nicholas, Bathampton.

Our Guest Speaker will be the well known gardener and TV presenter, Mr David Domoney. David was the designer of this year's prize winning Commonwealth War Graves Commission Centenary Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden was designed to honour the fallen, and to celebrate the CWGC's century of gardening excellence and the artisan skills still employed by its staff around the world.

Two stone statues of Royal Naval servicemen stood guard on each side of the garden. It was accessed through an imposing circular arch inspired by a bronze wreath at the largest CWGC cemetery in the world – Tyne Cot in Belgium. Portland stone steps, redolent of the headstones marked each grave, leading to a raised platform from which a view over the garden was afforded. The canopy of multi-stemmed trees at the front provided an area for quiet contemplation. Globe-headed flowers nestled in the floral landscape reminded of fallen soldiers.

Invited guests this year include His Excellency the Hon Alexander Downer AC, Australian High Commissioner, The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Bath, National Society Vice-President, Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO, and the National Society Chairman Peter Benson OAM. Also in attendance will be representatives from the Admiral Arthur Phillip Education Trust which our branch has supported and donated money towards.

To book please download the [online booking form](#).

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I look forward to seeing you at Bathampton.

**Keith Newton**

Chairman, West Country Branch, Britain-Australia Society.

Programme:

10.15 am Tea Coffee - Miller Room, St Nicholas Church Bathampton

11.00 am Commemoration Service, St Nicholas

12.15 pm Reception Drinks hosted by The Mayor Of The City of Bath

1.00 pm Dinner, Bailbrook Hotel and Speeches

3.00 pm Finish