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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. FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2019



Dear Members and Friends

I am pleased to invite you to the 2019 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 Friday October 11, 2019.

This year marks 232nd 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.



The branch is again proud to host a memorial church service and lunch to commemorate this great achievement and the life of this remarkable man.

The Surgeon on the First Fleet, George Worgan, took with him to Australia a square piano. This piano, now referred to as simply "The First Fleet Piano", is in the possession of the Edith Cowan University (ECU) of Western Australia and has temporarily been returned to the West Country of England, where it is being restored by the Bath district based piano restorer, Lucy Coad.



Guest Speaker, First Fleet Piano Restorer – Lucy Coad

We are delighted that Lucy has agreed to be our guest speaker and tell us about the restoration work on the First Fleet Piano. Lucy's initial training in modern piano technology was via a three year apprenticeship with conservator Tim Hamilton, specialising in the conservation and restoration of historical pianofortes. In response to the growing need to conserve and repair surviving instruments in private and public ownership, Lucy later chose to further specialise in square pianos. This led to the establishment of Lucy Coad Square Piano Conservation and Repair in London in 1985, later moving to the current location between Bristol and Bath.

Lucy will talk about her background as a piano restorer, what makes a square piano different, and the plans for the First Fleet Piano following its restoration.

Invited guests to this year's service and lunch include His Excellency the Hon George Brandis QC, Australian High Commissioner, The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Bath, The National Society Vice-President, Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO, and The National Society Chairman Damien Walsh.

The day will start with tea and coffee at the St Nicholas church hall, Bathampton at 10.30 am followed by the 11.00 am commemorative church service. Guests will then

travel the short distance to the Bailbrook House Hotel for a reception with Mayor of Bath starting at 12.15pm followed by Lunch and Lucy Coed's Presentation. The day will finish around 3.00pm.

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

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Email the completed form to Kath Lilley: (britaus21@gmail.com). Please ensure your form entries are present on the form before sending.

I look forward to seeing you at Bathampton.

Keith Newton

Chairman, West Country Branch, Britain-Australia Society.
