



## THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

BRISTOL - CORNWALL - DEVON - DORSET - GLOUCESTERSHIRE - SOMERSET - WILTSHIRE

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS – 2020

Dear Branch Members,

The Committee of the Britain-Australian Society, West Country Branch wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a hopefully, a COVID virus free new year for 2021.

We would like to thank Marina, in the National BAS Office, for making the enclosed Australian themed masks, which we pray we will no longer have to use by Spring 2021.

Despite the UK's current issues with the EU, and Australia's issues with China, I am pleased to report that the close relationship between our two great countries continues, and in many ways has become even stronger over the past year. We especially appreciate the efforts of our respective High Commissioners, who are both strong supporters of the Society.

After year of essentially hibernation following our Australia Day in Bath, we are disappointed to have to cancel our Australia Day Service and lunch for 2021. However, we are planning full steam ahead for our ANZAC Day and Admiral Phillip Birthday commemorations later in the year. Details and booking forms will be provided closer to the event date and will be available on our web site, along with news and information on other Branch and National events. Please record the following dates in your dairies:

- Sunday April 25, 2021 ANZAC Day – Westminster Infantry Officers Mess and St Johns in Sutton Veny
- Monday Octobers 11, 2021 AAP Birthday – St Nicholas in Bathampton and Bailbrook House Hotel
- Sunday January 23, 2022 Australia Day – tentatively planned for Bradford-upon-Avon

Our branch membership will be due in the new year, so for those who do not pay by auto pay, can you please follow the renewal and payment instructions on our web site

2021 is an exciting year for Society as it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary our founding. National is organising a major dinner event at the Mansion House in London City, along with range of other activities that I hope many of our West Country members will be able to attend.

Thank you for you continuing support during this difficult time. Please contact Branch Chair, Keith Newton ([keith.g.newton@live.com](mailto:keith.g.newton@live.com)) or our new administrator, Eva Hamilton ([britozwestadmin@britozwest.org.uk](mailto:britozwestadmin@britozwest.org.uk)) with any questions re this note or our branch activities.

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