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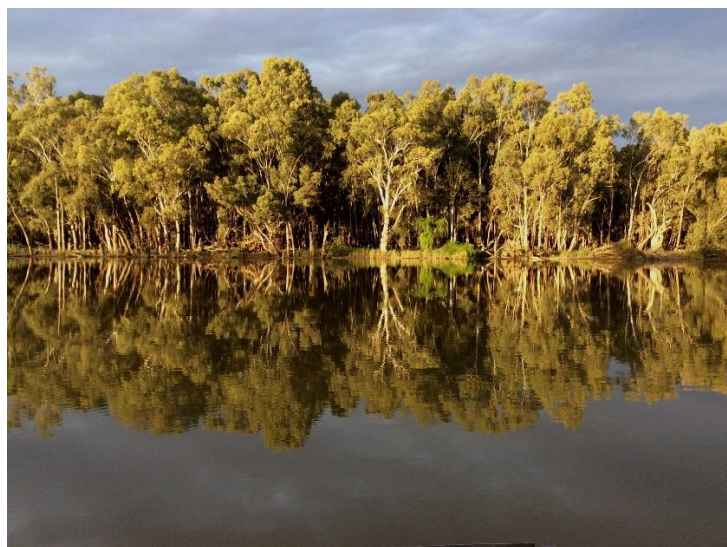
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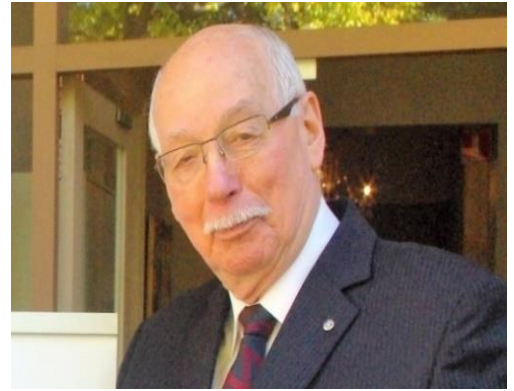
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FROM THE PRESIDENT GRAHAM BECKETT



Dear Friends,

I have long wondered about time so I decided to examine Einstein's Theory of Relativity. To no avail, it appears physics does not have the answer; as we all know late middle age shortens time and that seems to be the only reason that Christmas 2023 seems only last week

I mentioned last year that it was decided to trial changing our Lunches to Tuesdays in the hope of attracting more of our members to attend. Unfortunately, this was not the case and it was decided to return to holding our functions on Wednesdays for the remainder of 2024.

The year has been made more difficult by continuing and rising inflation but in spite of this the Naval, Military & Air Force Club have been very kind to us with their meal costs. Again I have to thank your committee for their hard work during the year in arranging our functions.

The High Tea which was held at Ayers occasion. It had been decided to not members and friends spending time over was a competition for the man with the represented, also a lucky door prize. The



As you know the League supports the that I have been a strong and vocal are others also. The Premiers Department the arts, by awarding a "Ruby Award" in innovation, community involvement and leadership. This year it was awarded to the AdYO for Outstanding Contribution by an Organisation or Group. It was most fitting at our summer luncheon to present Nic Jefferies with our annual donation. He gave us a short talk on where the AdYO is headed and thanked us for our continuing support.

For those of you who do not know Nic (the CEO) he is a musician with wide musical and business experience, he plays a wide variety of instruments and an accomplished singer. He was a successful contestant in "The Voice" and has performed with various Australian artists and with other notables such as Keith Urban and Nicole Kidman.

Her Excellency and Mr Bunten extended an invitation to me as President of the Royal Over-Seas League SA Inc., to a Government House Patronage Garden Reception in November and Patsy and I attended with two of our members, Hans and Frances Gnodtke. It was a perfect afternoon in the grounds and Her Excellency and Mr Bunten moved around and spoke to all the various groups.

Patsy and I were invited to, and attended, the Adelaide Youth Orchestras "Musica Da Camera" at Partridge House, Glenelg. We were fortunate to be able to witness the talent of two of the young chamber quartets, the musicality and virtuosity of these young players is absolutely amazing. I would encourage members and their friends to go along to some of the concerts or rehearsals of these young people.

At our final luncheon for the year our speaker Peter Jarmen's talk following the meal was extremely interesting. As I am not a South Australian, I enjoyed hearing the history of the many magnificent buildings

House in the spring was a lovely relaxed engage a guest speaker but to just have good food in a delightful setting. There best 'spring inspired' tie which was well High Tea fare was delicious.

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on North Terrace. I had a great interest in hearing what Peter had to share as prior to my retirement I lectured at the University of NSW on the age of buildings by their architectural design. Unfortunately, time got away and, although we could have listened to his talk for many hours, we had to curtail it because we had to conclude our lunch.

Our next lunch will be held at the Naval Military & Air Force Club on Wednesday, 26th February, 2025 preceded by the Annual General Meeting. A flyer will be coming out in January together with the Papers for the meeting. Could I please encourage members to make an effort to attend the AGM even if they are unable to stay for the lunch. We are finalising details with our guest speaker, who will be advised to you shortly.

With the end of the year coming faster than expected I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

Graham Beckett

President