

Adelaide Branch
Richard III Society



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Meetings

Our next meeting is our AGM Saturday . Don't forget to bring along your collection of..... to share. If you wish to nominate for any of the positions on the committee please let me know asap.

November's meeting is everyone picking something to do with 15th century lifestyle & culture to talk briefly about, no more than 5 minutes.

December is Christmas lunch with 12.30pm start. Don't forget your favourite Christmas song, carol, memory, book, item.....etc to share between main course and dessert.

Minutes of the 2017 AGM held 7/10/2017 at NCW house South Tce Adelaide.

Present were S Walladge, D Haynes, R McEvoy, J Forster, J Carr (+ Ella), L Cortez, M Collings, V Walden, K Jones, L & C Gill.

Apologies were R Overy, D Mitchell, C Mac, K Jacobs, A Cooper.

Meeting was opened by D Haynes and Greetings to the Overseas Branches letter from Dr P Stone & executive committee was read.

Presentation of reports.

Chairwoman's report 2017 D Haynes

Minutes of the previous AGM were read & accepted. Moved V Walden, seconded J Carr.

Since last year's AGM we have held our monthly meetings with varying attendances. There have been interesting and different topics for discussion each month. September's meeting was a highlight with speaker Sue Garforth talking about the Princes in the Tower. Our secretary will talk about these further in her report.

In June an invitation was extended to our club to attend the Queen Adelaide room at the Adelaide Town Hall to celebrate the life of King William IV. It was a very pleasant evening.

Thank you to the committee and members for your attendance over the last 12 months. Thank you also to our Treasurer Kevin for his monthly reports and a huge thank you to our Secretary Sue for all the research, printing and emails which help keep us well informed.

Moved D Haynes, seconded M Collings, accepted.

Secretary's report 2017 S Walladge

This year we averaged 10 members per meeting. As Secretary I receive various newsletters from Worcester, NSW, WA , USA, NZ, Victoria, UK Ricardian Recorder and official Richard III Society information. These are all forwarded to our members with email addresses or printed out to go in our library. Our newsletter is sent out (to remind everyone) the week before our meeting on the first Saturday of the month. Subs are paid to the UK usually in October and the yearly report is done around Christmas/New Year.

At our AGM 2016 reports were read including greetings from the UK Executive Committee. Di, Sue and Kevin remained respectively Chairwoman, Secretary and Treasurer and Lisa, Judith and Rilla joined the committee. Afterwards we had afternoon tea with a birthday cake for Richard III and wine for a birthday toast. This was followed by a DVD on Medieval life- Marriage.

November and April meetings were our short talks on Elsewhere in the 15th century- covering tsunamis in NZ changing Maori culture, the Condottieri, medieval medicine, Matthew Corvinus, witchcraft, Margaret of Austria, Vlad the Impaler, tapestries, hunter apprenticeships, navigators and explorers, Prague Astronomical clock, and Scottish migrants in England. As usual a wide and interesting range of topics.

December is always a social lunch to celebrate Christmas. In February Anne Cooper gave an interesting talk on medieval medicine. Being a Doctor herself she added her own insights to the topic.

March was the quiz, making use of the quizzes put together by Margaret Collings over the past 30 odd years our branch has been in existence. I made sure I used some early ones which older members would have forgotten by now. Much hilarity resulted with a frequent comment "I knew that but I'd forgotten"

Last year we had had to cancel our winery picnic due to extremely hot weather so this year we moved it to May and you guessed it- it rained. It was to have been in part of the parklands surrounding Adelaide but we moved back indoors to our usual venue and a good chat and catch up with each other whilst enjoying an indoor picnic.

June and August meetings were also short talks by members but the topic – the latter half of the 15th century and dealing with important people, places and events. Also included authors and writers on Richard III. This meant we heard about Anne Neville, Fotheringhay Treaty of 1482, Robert Stillington, Elizabeth Woodville, Henry VI, Henry Stafford Duke of Buckingham, Richard III's Parliament 1483, Josephine Tey, Edward V, Battle of Towton, Henry Percy, Tewkesbury Abbey, Katherine Valois and the Founding of the Richard III Society.

July is our Coronation lunch where we toast Richard III, Ricardian branches and groups around the world , remember the medieval rules of the table and enjoy a pleasant lunch with each other. We aim to use medieval recipes but it's not always strictly adhered to.

The September meeting was our best attended as we were lucky to get Sue Garforth who gives talks on historical mysteries at the University of the Third Age. Her topic was the Mystery of the Princes in the Tower. Her talk is aimed more at the person with only a passing interest in the topic. However we found it to be an interesting and thought provoking presentation – giving the background, the main characters and the theories.

So that's our year. Our coming year will be similar, a mixture of topics, presentations and events. We will also celebrate 35 years of the Adelaide Richard III society.

Anne Devrell will be in the UK and attending the Society AGM and will be reading a version of this report. Thank you Anne.

Moved Swalladge, seconded L Gill, accepted

Treasurer's report K Jones

Financial Statement 2016-17

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank balance at July 2016	\$748.96	Rent (2 years)	\$790.00

Membership	\$765.00	Purchases	\$ 28.88
Door & sales	\$549.00	Subs to UK branch	\$692.60
Interest	\$ 0.89	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1471.48</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2063.81</u>		

Total \$592.33 but Bank balance is \$692.33

Moved K Jones, seconded J Forster accepted (with laughter over \$100 difference) Current balance \$897.33

Librarian's report R McEvoy

Compared to last year, 2017 has been a quiet year on the Library front. No more culls but a few additions which have been shown at our meetings. But not all have made it on to the library catalogue due to my travels this year. However this will be rectified before long!!

As you are aware Sue has put a lot of time and effort compiling folders of all sorts of interesting Ricardian topics. Take the time to borrow one or two and enjoy browsing over a cup of tea or coffee.

A project for our 2018 librarian will be to catalogue all those amazing folders that Sue has done. They are worth recording as part of our library.

If you haven't checked out our library I strongly suggest you do so. We have acquired a wonderful selection of fiction and non fiction books. Also the talks that have been given over the years are very entertaining and well worth a read. They can also be used for anyone wanting to give a talk but don't know where to start. Copies of our catalogue are available from me.

Moved R McEvoy, seconded Cortez. Accepted

All reports having been accepted the present committee stands down and all positions declared vacant.

After some discussion as D Haynes did not wish to continue as Chairwoman, R McEvoy is nominated to be Chairwoman. Motion from J Forster that R McEvoy becomes Chairwoman but needs to become full member as per constitution. Seconded by L Cortez. R McEvoy agrees to be Chairwoman and to become full member.

Secretary and Treasurer position are unchanged from previous year. S Walladge Secretary and K Jones Treasurer. Librarian position to be shared between S Walladge & R McEvoy. Committee members J Carr and L Cortez.

General Business

New books John Ashdown Hill 3 of his:- The Mythology of Richard III, The Dublin King, The Secret Queen

Jeannette Lucraft Katherine Swynford-the history of a Medieval mistress.

Newsletters- Dickon Independent, Ricardian Recorder, Affinity NSW, Adelaide newsletter

Buy Mike Pitts Digging for Richard, especially after current outcry over its accuracy.

J Carr talking at Noarlunga's U3A.- doing King in the carpark

L Cortez- re registered domain name but moving website to Australian site.

R McEvoy- chutney- green tomato pickle- recipe wanted. Ditto jubilee cake made by C Mac & K Jacobs.

J Forster on his travels visited St Michael's Mount where there is a painting of Perkin Warbeck's wife

Knight statues given to K Jones.

L Gill reminder for November meeting –illumination workshop so items needed. List to go in newsletter & R McEvoy & S Walladge to organise.

Meeting closed followed by John Ashdown Hill's talkless talks on The Mythology of Richard III and The Dublin King. Thanks to L Cortez for bringing along computer and projector.

Current events

Lisa has organised our facebook page. She included the facebook pages of the other branches as well to look at.

<https://www.facebook.com/RichardIIISA>

<https://www.facebook.com/NSW-Branch-of-the-Richard-III-Society-269971479692592/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Richard3inWA/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RICHARD-III-SOCIETY-114452911904874/>

Reminder about subs. If you are not renewing (especially UK membership) LET ME KNOW asap!

Full UK membership \$75, Senior (over 60) UK membership \$65, Senior family UK Membership \$75, Junior UK Membership \$45, Student (over 18) UK membership \$65, BOAR membership (members of Adelaide branch only) \$35.

If you wish to pay to our bank account directly through internet banking

Bank SA Richard Third Society (Adelaide Branch) Inc BSB 105-120 Account number 027680340

Please include your name in message to recipient so Kevin knows who it's from and/or email me to say you've paid.

Or by mail to me at 5 Spencer St Cowandilla 5033 or Kevin Jones at 11 Ormsby St Windsor Gardens 5087

Bosworth Wreath

The Australian & New Zealand branches of the Richard III Society pay for a wreath to be displayed at St James' church at Sutton Cheney in Leicestershire on the anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth in August each year. Apparently it is fresh flowers and then replaced by an artificial flower wreath for rest of year.

The photo below was taken by Jennifer Eyre Bell. It is believed that Richard attended Mass at the church before the battle of Bosworth on 22 August, 1485.



Anyone interested in the conference August next year?

Years ago a group of us drove across in 2 cars so that could be done again, drive across Friday, drive back Monday. It would mean 3 nights accommodation, shared driving and petrol costs. Ron needs to know with deposit by end of January 2019 so we have time to think about it.

Australasian Conference

I attach details regarding our Australasian Convention next year, and would be obliged if you could forward these to your SA members please.

We hope that there will be some interest among your members and that we will be able to welcome many of them to the Convention.

And of course we are always keen to have interesting presentations, so we hope there will be some volunteers from SA.

(We plan to perform 'How Richard got his hump', which was done at your 2001 convention and which I don't think has been done since. Time for another airing)

Cheers, Ron

Australasian Conference Friday August 9 to Sunday August 11

Hosted by Richard III Society, Victorian Branch Inc.

VENUE: Beau Monde International Hotel

934 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East, Victoria, 3109

Phone (03) 9841 9744

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Email: info@beaumonde.com.au www.beaumonde.com.au

The venue is approx. 41 Km from Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport (depending on which route you take) and is situated on a main bus route, between two retail areas, Jackson Court and Woolworths, both only a short walking distance away.

Luxury Fleet (bookings@luxuryfleet.com.au) can supply passenger + luggage vehicles. Prior bookings are necessary, and if delegates can co-ordinate their arrival times, costs can be shared. Mr Deepak (0431 312 816) has advised that the following prices will be held for us –

3 passengers + suitcases – standard car \$105

4 passengers + suitcases – SUV \$130

7-seater Maxi Taxi - \$135

(The average current taxi fare is \$90)

Contact the venue direct for the R III Convention Rate for accommodation. This will vary from \$150 - \$185 per night with full breakfast. Slightly cheaper if only requiring a continental breakfast.

The hotel should be able to match any discount rates offered by Accommodation Websites.

The venue dining area is now the Red Kitchen Café open to the public during the day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Apart from breakfast, we will have our own service in the Banquet Room. There are 35 rooms available and undercover parking for 60 vehicles.

Full details of the venue can be seen on the Beau Monde website.

We have been able to secure the overall costs for this Convention at the 2011 rate.

\$200 for the Convention, \$90 for the Banquet.

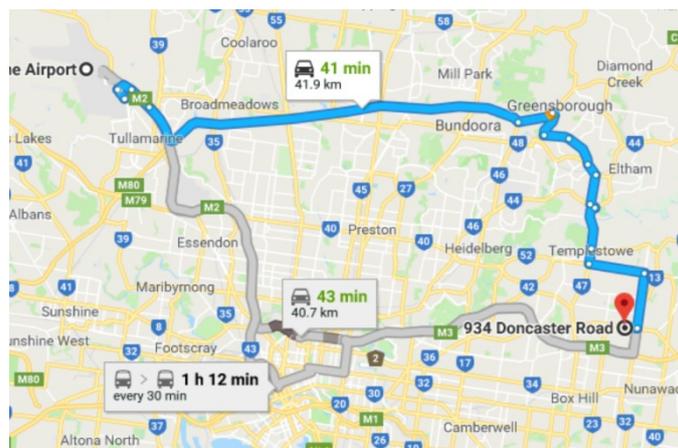
Please advise any dietary requirements with your registration.

The following schedule is proposed, subject to amendment as necessary. We would like presentations to be no more than 35 minutes maximum, including any question time, with a few minutes break between, but we will endeavour to accommodate longer and shorter. A final program will issue closer to the date.

Prospective presenters are encouraged to complete the accompanying **Presenter Form** asap.

Proposed Schedule –

Friday evening from 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm our **Welcome Party** in the Banquet Room. Canapés will be provided, and drinks at the bar will be at your own cost.



Saturday	Sunday
Presentations from 9.00am – 10.30am	Presentations from 9.00am – 10.30am
Morning Tea	Morning Tea
Presentations from 10.50 – 12.30pm	Presentations from 10.50 – 12.30pm
Lunch	Lunch
Presentations from 1.30 – 3.00pm	Presentations from 1.30 – 3.00pm

Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
Presentations from 3.20 – 5.00pm	Presentations from 3.20 – 4.00pm

Note: we aim to continue the Convention through Sunday afternoon if there are sufficient presentations.

Saturday evening **Banquet** from 6.30pm to 10.30pm in the Banquet Room.

the press release from the society in defence of the Bosworth battlefield site.

The Richard III Society

Promoting research into the life and times of Richard III since 1924

Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO, **Founder:** S Saxon Barton

For immediate release 26 August 2018

The battlefield of Bosworth under threat

The Richard III Society, along with many others such as The Battlefields Trust, is appalled to learn of the planning application by Horiba Mira Ltd to build a testing facility for driverless cars on part of the site of the historic battle of Bosworth where in 1485 King Richard III lost his life and crown. We have written to the relevant planning authority, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, to voice our strong objections on behalf of our worldwide membership.

It is even more disheartening that news of this application was only made public on the 22 August, the very anniversary of the battle, just a week before it is due to be considered by the council's Planning Committee on the 28 August. There are many interested parties whose views should have been sought earlier and it is of considerable concern that so little time has now been allowed for these voices to be heard.

The site of the battle of Bosworth is of vital national and local importance, the land under threat even more so given its proximity to the area now identified as being where King Richard III fought his last stand. Bosworth is one of just 46 battlefields given registered status by Historic England.

The Richard III Society urges Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and all those involved with this planning application to take note of the outpouring of objections from interested parties who care about the integrity of the battlefield and its value to our heritage.

At the very least the Planning Committee should put this application on hold and allow a proper and comprehensive assessment to be made of its impact on the battlefield, its archaeology and its tourism value. To give approval without such consideration and to ignore the many objections received would be a betrayal of our heritage and set a dangerous precedent.

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Further comments:

The Society's Chairman, **Dr Philip Stone**: 'Is this the best place they could find? This is a green-field site, as well as being a place where a king died in battle and where a new dynasty was born. As can be imagined, members of this Society have no love for the Tudors but that doesn't mean we approve of such wanton damage to a heritage site. I ask the Council to think again.'

The historian **Michael K. Jones**, author of *Bosworth 1485, Psychology of a Battle*: 'The battlefield is a site of major historical importance and the encroachment upon it set out in the planning application would be significant, preventing important ongoing archaeological research. In this case, it is in the national interest that protection of our heritage should be paramount.'

For further information contact Dr Philip Stone: e-mail chairman@richardiii.net or telephone 01634 581547

About the Richard III Society

With a worldwide membership and local branches the Society is actively engaged in original research through its own initiatives and through collaboration with other institutions bodies and scholars. Through the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust, a charitable body established by the Society, we publish important academic works and make research grants The Society publishes an annual journal, *The Ricardian*, with original articles on fifteenth century history and a quarterly members' magazine the *Ricardian Bulletin*. www.richardiii.net

From PAM

The Society of Friends of King Richard III is to close after 40 years. The final meeting will be on Friday 12 October in York.

Any money left after paying necessary costs will be donated to Bedern Hall and to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance service.

The last issue of their magazine, Silver Boar, is the September 2018 issue, in the Worcestershire Branch Library.