

Editor's Note

Welcome to our very first 2016 edition of the Ricardian West. Although the newsletter is somewhat belated, we can assure you that we have all been very busy behind the scenes.

The excitement of King Richard III's discovery in a Leicester carpark to the final honours and respect paid in his re-interment at Leicester Cathedral has not left us; even though it has been more than 12

months past. 2015 certainly put a feather in the proverbial Plantagenet cap thanks to CSI: Leicester! What a satisfying resolution to a 530 year old "who-buried-it" mystery. Once more, we saw the White Rose of York line the streets of East Midlands.

For those who would like to put a face to our group, here is a year end (2015) photo kindly taken by Terry Johnson

(who for obvious reasons is not in this group photo).

We are in the process of updating our website, along with a few other surprises in store during the year from Western Australia.

If you happen to be in Perth around the last Saturday of the month or indeed in town at any time, we would love to hear from you to organise a catch-up.



Left to right (standing): Pat Masters, Carole Carson, Yvonne Mulders, Karen Wintle, Louise Carson, Jo-Ann Koh

Left to right (seated): Anita Bentley, Hugh Nankivell, Jenny Gee, Alison Carman

Photographer: Terry Johnson



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2017 Australasian Convention

Expressions of Interest

The next Australasian R3 Convention will be held in Perth, Western Australia.

The convention will be held between:

Friday, 13th October to Sunday 15th October 2017.

All other details are currently being organised.

We are calling for EOI to get an idea of the number attendees to this event.

Our secretary will shortly be circulating a letter to your local branches.

If you have any ques-

tions about the upcoming convention, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Please respond by 31 May 2016.

Further information will be available as we progress.

Medieval Banquet

Did someone say a-feasting?

The West Australian Branch sure do love a jolly good feasting and feasting is exactly what we did!

Our medieval feast brought forth much merriment and conversation on the day and we would like to thank everyone who participated.

Members of the WA branch took this opportunity to put on our Sunday best and sat down to wine and dine for the afternoon. Our lunch spread consisted of many sumptuous dishes fit for a king (and his queen), and spanned a total of 5 hours!

We were entertained for hours on end by Jonathan de Hadley, who is a professional jester by trade (top photo seated on the right).

We ran into a few medieval first world problems such as a non co-operative stove and the lack of readily available hot water but our kitchen helpers made sure that we had the most enjoyable time.

The medieval feast was an all-afternoon affair, held on Saturday, 16th April 2016 at the Kardinya Community Centre off Prescott Drive in Kardinya. A special thanks to the Lions Club Inc for allowing us to host our banquet there.

The weather proved to be quite recalcitrant (cue: hot) and in our regalia more suited to the English climes, we were thankful that modern inventions such as ye olde air-conditioner were put to good use. No smelling salts were called to rescue us on the day.



Did you know?

Eboracum is the Roman name for **York**. Following their departure, the Anglo-Saxon settlers renamed *eboracum* to **Evorwic**/**Eoforwic**, the old English word for wild boar (*eofor*) and town (*wic*). Subsequent Viking invaders could not pronounce its name and hence a new name of **Jorvik** was given. Pronounced "Yorvic" - it was only a small leap to **York**.

Isn't it interesting how a clever play of the old name for York is the White Boar used by King Richard III?

Source: <http://www.viking.no/e/england/>



The magnificent black pall (cover for the coffin) was created by artist Jacquie Binns. What a talented lady! <http://www.jacquiebinns.com>

Sugar craft workshop

Speaking of talent, we would like to give a very special thank you to our WA member Yvonne Mulder for hosting a sugar craft workshop for us before our April 2016 meeting commencement.

Yvonne showed us how each of us could easily make our own White Rose of York out of fondant to adorn our cakes and confectionaries. Incidentally, while the work-in-progress appears that we are creating fried eggs, the final product did resemble a rose.

Who thought our meetings were all work and no play?



WHY NOT
DECORATE YOUR
CAKES AND
DELICACIES WITH
THE WHITE ROSE
OF YORK?



Left to right: Yvonne Mulder, Carole Carson and Terry Johnson

Our Bosworth Banner

WE FLY OUR NEW
BANNER HIGH AND
PROUD IN THE
NAME OF THE
KING.

You may have noticed our white boar standard displayed very proudly on page 2 of our newsletter. This would not have been possible but for Jonathan de Hadley, who kindly gave to us our very own White Boar banner which flew at Bosworth during the reinternment of Richard III. We will take turns to guard this with our very lives!



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Other Announcements and News

Medieval Fayre cancelled

The West Australian Medieval Alliance (WAMA) has announced that the 2016 Medieval Fayre at the Perth Supreme Court Gardens will be cancelled due to some unforeseen developments. The next Fayre will be held in May 2017.

York Medieval Fayre 2016

York is located 97 kilometres inland from Perth, Western Australia. The town was first settled in 1831, and named after Prince Frederick, Duke of York and Albany from the House of Hanover.

This year's Fayre will be held on Sunday, 16 October 2016.

Next meeting

Our meetings are held between 2:15pm—4pm every last Saturday of the month at Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, corner of Abernethy Road and Keane Street in Cloverdale.

Next two meeting dates:

- * Saturday 28 May 2016
- * Saturday 25 June 2016

