

## Editor's Note

Thank you to all who responded to our EOI flyer. We are pleased to announce that the Australasian Convention will be held next year **between 13-15 October 2017**.

Please click on the links below to take you to the relevant forms.

- \* [Registration Form](#)
- \* [Preliminary call for Program Items](#)

Louise Carson will be circulating these forms to the various branches via email but in case you might have missed it, we are also publishing these forms on our website <http://www.r3wa.org.au>

Click ye, click ye!



## About Perth

For those of you who have not been to Perth, it is the capital city of Western Australia with an estimated population of just over 2m people. Founded by Captain James Stirling in 1829, the population increased during the Goldrush days in the late 19th century.

Perth became known as the "City of Light" when residents responded by lighting up their homes, and streetlights were left on while American astronaut John Glenn passed overhead on the spacecraft *Friendship 7* on 20 February 1962. This was repeated as Glenn passed overhead on the *Space Shuttle* in 1998.

Known as the most isolated capital city in the world, Perth is geographically closer to East Timor and Jakarta, Indonesia than any other capital city in Australia.

## What to do in Perth

For those of you interested in extending your stay in Perth, here are a number of websites which might give you a few ideas of things to do and places to go:

(please click on the hyperlinks below)

- ◇ [Experience Perth](#)
- ◇ [10 Free things to do in Perth](#)
- ◇ [Weekend notes in Perth](#)
- ◇ [Perth City ideas](#)
- ◇ [Tourism Australia](#)

Before you head to Perth, it is also worth checking in for our local weather with the Australian Bureau of Meteorology at <http://www.bom.gov.au>



## 2017 Convention Logo



The Western Australian Branch is pleased to unveil our Convention logo.

This logo has the letter R interplayed with an image of the black swan which is part of our State's coat of arms.

In 1697, Dutch explorer Willem de Vlamingh sailed into the aptly named "Swaanerivier" after these magnificent birds. The British colony of Western Australia was formerly known as the Swan River Colony.

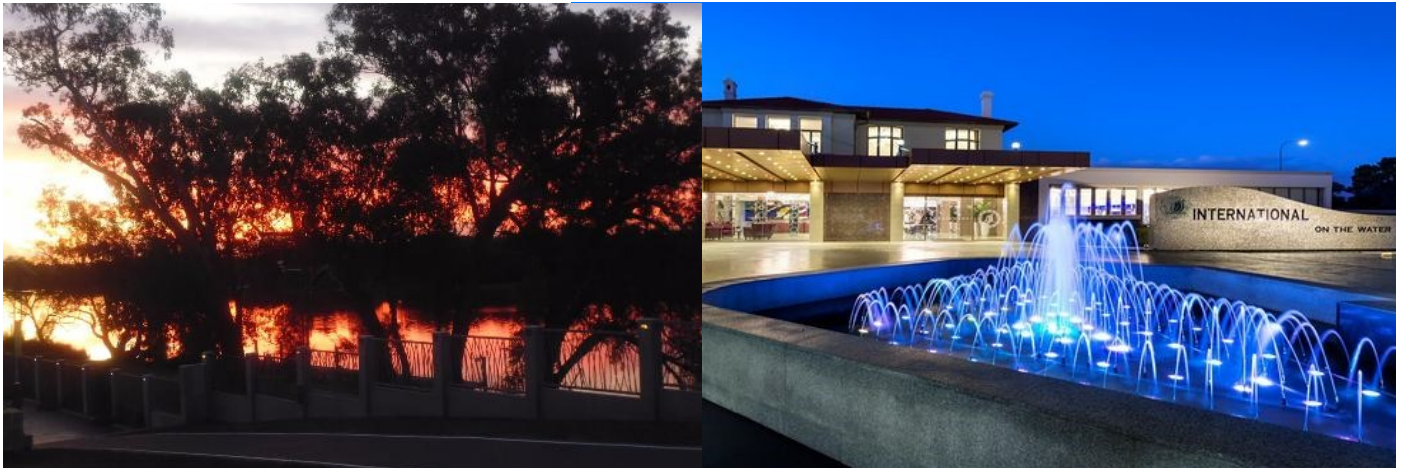
It will not come as much of a surprise to you to see quite a number of black swans featuring in our fauna when you visit Perth.

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## Convention Venue — International on the Water Hotel



Literally 5 minutes from the airport, the International on The Water Hotel is a good venue to hold the 2017 Australasian Convention (and it does not cost an arm and a leg to get there). The hotel is located along the picturesque banks of the Swan River, tucked away from the hustle and bustle traffic off the Great Eastern Highway.

There is plenty of parking, which of course it is free to hotel guests should you choose to hire a car.

Upon arrival, there is a meet-and-greet planned on Friday evening at the Belmont Bar.

We will kick off the Convention on Saturday 14 October 2017, peppered with tea and meal breaks; and ending (or kicking off the night) with a 3-course menu banquet. Anyone travelling with you is of course, welcome to attend the banquet dinner.

We finish off the conference with a Sunday half-day before making our merry farewells.

2017 is not far around the corner, and so you can imagine that the Convention will roll around just as quickly.

We hope you will be able to make the trip, make merry with us and make new friends.



### ***International on the Water Hotel***

***1 Epsom Avenue, Ascot WA 6104***

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***Email: [reservations@internationalonthewater.com.au](mailto:reservations@internationalonthewater.com.au)***

Booking link:

<http://www.bookings.internationalonthewater.com.au/bookingSearch.html>

Please use the discount code **r3s**

Special room rates available to Convention attendees:

Superior and Twin Room	\$200/night
Superior Review Room	\$225/night

If you are calling to make a booking over the phone, please be advised that our timezone is GMT +8 (no daylight saving is observed in Western Australia).



## Visiting Perth—The Swan Valley, Guildford



The Swan Valley was said to have been sighted by Captain James Stirling in 1827 before he eventually founded the Swan River Colony in 1829.

Agriculture began in the area in 1829, and eventually the area started being used for viticulture, thus becoming one of the oldest wine regions in the country.

The traditional inhabitant-owners of the Swan Valley were the Nyoongar Aboriginal people.

With the influx of European migration during the World Wars, the Swan Valley has grown to be a veritable melting pot of cultures and cuisines.

Home to the following, you are guaranteed to find something to tickle your fancy in a good day's excursion to the Swan Valley:

- Art galleries & craft;
- Boutique bars;
- Breweries;
- Distilleries;
- Historical & heritage;
- Restaurants and most importantly;
- Wineries.

Only 10 minutes from the Perth Domestic Airport, you certainly do not have to travel far to visit.

The Swan Valley is certainly not far away from the hotel so if you would like to extend your stay or take a day trip after the Convention, we would definitely recommend a visit.

Want to know more? Visit <http://www.swanvalley.com.au>



## Costume Workshop



This year's costume workshop was held at Yvonne Mulder's on Saturday 22nd October 2016. Yvonne's dressmaking skills are second to none and we are pleased to be able to start early preparations for the 2017 Australasian Convention next year in Perth. As you can see, there were many choices pondered, pored and decided over with the final unveiling to happen next year.

Have you got your costumes picked out for the Dinner Banquet?

## Book reviews

As the annual tradition of the WA Branch this year was no exception as we had the following book reviews:

### Anita Bentley

"In Search of Owen Glyndwr" by Chris Barber

### Karen Wintle

"Arabella: England's Lost Queen" by Sarah Gristwood

### Pat Masters

"Medieval Secrets and Scandals" by Pitkin Press

"The Hundred Years War 1337-1453" by Anne Curry

### Carole Carson

"The Family of Richard III" by Michael Hicks

### Louise Carson

"Calendar: Humanity's Epic Struggle to Determine a True and Accurate Year" by David Ewing Duncan

### Alison Carman

"Bosworth: Psychology of a Battle" by Michael Jones

### Jo-Ann Koh

"The White Queen of Middleham" by Lesley J Nickell

## YouTube videos

For those of you who are not aware, an Australian filmmaker by the name of Mark Porter has uploaded a 4-part series of short documentaries titled

"Searching for Richard III—One Man's Journey"

These videos are free to view on YouTube.

Episode 1: Bosworth

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgMVLxiG\\_1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgMVLxiG_1s)

Episode 2: Leicester

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAeAW3Til2I>

Episode 3: York

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9GySRYEipU>

Episode 4: The Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTA0W2i1RJs>

The final episode premiered in Kooralbyn, Queensland on Sunday 23 October 2016. Mark has received positive feedback for his film and if you have not already seen these short series, we would recommend you do so.

Thank you to Mark for some amazing insights and we hope to see more of your videos in the future.



## Bits and pieces

### The trial of Richard III

A big thank you to John Posener who stumbled upon this amazing link to the Leicester Mercury Newspaper. On the main homepage on 4 November 2016 was the following article: <http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/8203-richard-iii-trial-in-leicester-set-to-answer-600-year-old-medieval-mystery-8211-live-updates/story-29863423-detail/story.html>

A mock trial was held by the Leicestershire Law Society and the Barrister's Chambers Group 36 at City Hall presided over by retired Leicester Crown Court judge, Simon Hammond, to answer the centuries-old question:

*"Did Richard III murder the princes in the tower?"*

A truly fascinating transcript of what happened that day.



Actor: Kit Harrington  
Full name: Christopher Catesby Harrington

### Honorary Membership of the Society for Kit Harrington

For those of you who follow HBO's Game of Thrones on Foxtel in Australia, you would be no stranger to Kit Harrington, who plays Jon Snow. The Richard III Society UK has awarded Kit with a 3-year honorary membership.

His middle name should give you a clue to his Ricardian links—he is descended from Sir William Catesby (1450-1485) who was one of Richard III's closest friends and adviser—serving as the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Speaker of the House of Commons during the King's reign.

A Tudor agent wrote a lampooning poem at St Paul's Cathedral in July 1484 which made mention of Catesby:

*"The Catte, the Ratte and Lovell our dogge rulyth all England under a Hogge"*

The dog refers to the heraldic symbol of the Lovell family and we all know that the hog reference is the White Boar.



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## Announcements and News

### Fayre-well to the Perth Medieval Fayre

After 10 years, the Western Australian Medieval Alliance has run its course and a decision was made to formally close the WAMA and its events. While their Facebook group remains active, they intend to use their page as a platform to convert it to a local communal noticeboard.

### York Medieval Fayre

Fortunately, the town of York, located 100km east of Perth in the Avon Valley continues to hold its annual Fayre. This year's Fayre was held on 2 October 2016 at Avon Park.

### Meeting times

We held our last meeting for 2016 at the Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, corner of Abernethy Road and Keane Street in Cloverdale.

We will adjourn again for more fun and games next year. The next meeting date to be confirmed on [our website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a fabulous 2017!

